

HAPPENINGS

January 21-28, 2024

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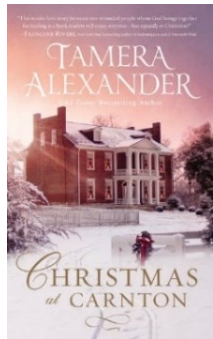
WELCOME GUESTS AND MEMBERS – Welcome to the Lord’s House. God bless you as you hear the Good News today of His unconditional love! Jesus promised wherever two or three are gathered in His name, His presence is there. Jesus is here! We pray and know He will bless you with faith, hope, and love for your daily life through His Word and Spirit! If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to one of our ushers or greeters.

TODAY IS YOUTH SUNDAY

The youth will perform the skit, "Special Assignments" written by Bonnie Nowak!



NIGHT TO SHINE is looking for volunteers! Please email mnnighttoshine18@gmail.com for more information. Shari will send you the volunteer link. We have 200 guests signed up for February 9, 2024!



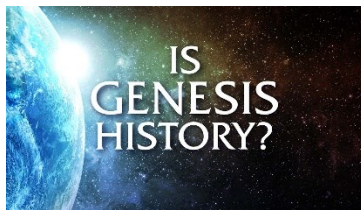
BIBLE BOOKENDERS Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, January 23 at 7:00 pm.** For January Bible Bookenders we will be reading *Christmas at Carnton* by Tamera Alexander. Invite your friends to join us, all are welcome, men, women and teenagers. If you have any questions, please ask Bonnie Nowak, Patricia Harvey or Michele Lein.

BASIC YOUTH GROUP is collecting non-perishable food for the CAP agency food shelf. There is a table in the back for your donations.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

"Is Genesis History" attempts to deal with that one simple question: Is the biblical account of creation and flood meant to be understood as history? And does the world give evidence of recent creation and catastrophic flood? Host Del Tackett tackles these questions head-on and does so in a compelling way." We will meet today with Lesson 1: Genesis as a Book of History | The Doctrine of Revelation... Differing Views: History, Science, and Authority.



SUMMER WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY is on the Book of Ecclesiastes. Stay tuned for dates in June and July. We will be meeting on Wednesday evenings.

JANUARY 28th

CHURCH VOTERS' MEETING



THE HIGH COST OF HEALTH CARE It is reported that our country has one of the highest costs of healthcare in the world. In 2021, U.S. healthcare spending reached \$4.3 trillion, which averages to about \$12,900 per person. Without health insurance, it is likely that most of us could not afford to be cared for and treated if we were to become injured or seriously ill.

When it comes to our spiritual lives, we all are in need of spiritual healthcare. The Preacher of Ecclesiastes stated, "For there is not a just man on earth who does good and does not sin." (Ecclesiastes 7:20) Romans 3:23 also says that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." In our sinful state, we need spiritual healing which can only come from God. However, forgiveness and salvation comes at a great price!

Our spiritual healthcare premium has been paid by the precious, innocent blood of Jesus Christ. "For He (God) made Him (Christ) who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." (2 Corinthians 5:21)

The wonderful news is that God's spiritual healthcare is available to all people everywhere. "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men." (Titus 2:11) We must always remember the great cost of our spiritual healthcare and that we are forever indebted in His service.. "For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." (1 Corinthians 6:20)

Jay Launius – 2023 Maud church, Texas

CAMP OMEGA EVENTS...

OMEGA PLUNGE - February 25, 2024

The plunge will be held at Camp Omega - the first time at this location. Teams can be one person or groups of many; youth groups make great teams! Check it out on the camp's website. <https://campomega.org/event/polar-plunge-2/>



MAN UP! MEN'S RETREAT - March 15 & 16 Men from churches in the LCMS Minnesota South District are invited to attend a 24-hour retreat where faith will be strengthened, and spirits renewed by God's Word. This year's speaker, **Rev. Dr. Rich Carter**, will be speaking on the theme: "My Life Matters?! Freedom in Christ for Service with the Neighbor." Cost includes three meals and lodging. For more information, 507-633-2253 or <https://campomega.org/event/manup/>

TIME OF GRACE connects people to God's grace—his love, glory, and power—so they realize the temporary things of life don't satisfy. However, through Jesus we have access to the eternal God—right now and forever. Subscribe to Time of Grace resources to be delivered to your email inbox daily. You will receive daily devotion emails with "Grace Moments" written devotions and "Grace Talks" video devotions. Pastor Mike Novotny, The Core, Appleton, WI, KARE (NBC 11) 10:30 am www.timeofgrace.org



TUESDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

(Women are welcome!)

Join us every **Tuesday from 8-9:00 am** for

Community Light Hope Revealed – Revelation

Part II (Chapters 11-22). Community Light School of Discipleship is an online Bible study designed to help each of us to grow as disciples to make disciples. These free series equip participants with the resources to go and make disciples wherever God has planted them. Community Light School of Discipleship is a ministry of Cross View Lutheran Church, Edina, MN, in partnership with Concordia University, St. Paul and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod - Minnesota South District.



CALENDARS If you'd like a Washburn McReavy calendar, there are extras on the table outside the Altar Guild room.



JANUARY 21 "As Christians, each one of us should be deeply steeped in God's Word. That is where the truth lies. We don't want to be 'right' for our own sake so we can boast in our 'right-ness.' We should want to be 'right' because God is revealing His truth to us, and we have been aligned with His truth. As we labor together in the life arena, let each one of us be so grounded in God's Word that we recognize God's truth and speak it in love." **Barbara Lane Geistfeld, DVM, Lutherans For Life** – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



PRAYER REQUESTS If you have a prayer request for today, please fill out the form in the pew and put it in the offering plate. Pastor will include them in Prayer of the Church during the service. You can also email weekly prayer requests, and any prayers that should go out to the whole congregation, to megan@holycross-pl.org.

SNOWSHOEING Join an EcoElsa educator to explore the winter landscape of Lakefront Park and learn more about snowshoeing. This class is a longer hike allowing you to practice different snow



show steps and skills. You will get to explore Lakefront Park like you never have before with a naturalist along to point out interesting things along the way. Snowshoes will be provided, and participants will be instructed on how to use them. **Sunday, February 4, 9am-12pm. Cost is \$28.** For more details or to register <https://plrec.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail?programId=1762>



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Amanda Fitzwater January 14
- Michael Schumacher January 15
- Mitch Hoehn January 16
- Emily Mae Mix January 26
- Donna Vig January 26
- Chloe Einarson January 27
- Quinn Fitzwater January 29
- Dean Gade January 29

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HAPPENINGS ARTICLES We are in need of some new and fun ideas to get people reading the Happenings! If you have anything you think would be a good addition, please email it to Megan at megan@holycross-pl.org. **Please submit all additions by 10am on Wednesdays.**

UPCOMING COFFEE SERVERS

- January 21 Youth Group
- January 28 Rich & Rostina Vannett
- February 4 LWML
- February 11 Dave & Carol Albrecht
- February 18 Ralph & Allie Wagner
- February 25 Denny & Vicki Case

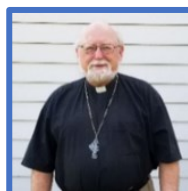


SHARING THE PEACE The flu and cold season is here, if you are uncomfortable shaking hands at the opening welcome, please feel free to abstain. Verbally, you can greet your brothers and sisters with the peace of Christ. Please respect those who choose to refrain from handshaking. If you are sick, staying home is best, it stops the spread of illness.



A free electronic stewardship giving opportunity for individuals and ministries of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

JOYFUL RESPONSE ENROLLMENT CHANGES If you'd like to make a change to your electronic donation there are forms to fill out on the table outside the Altar Guild room. If you have any questions, please contact James Anderson.



VACANCY PASTOR GADE'S church hours are **Monday and Tuesday, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm.** Other times can be arranged, call 763-333-5896.

THE INFORMATION CENTER is located at the main entrance of the church. There are a variety of items for you to take home or share with a friend. Prayer request forms are available too. Please sign the guest book if you are visiting today. Thank you!

Welcome to
Holy Cross
A Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Congregation

INFORMATION CENTER

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated weekly. Our belief and practice is Confessional. Jesus clearly teaches He is truly present in His supper in the bread and wine. We receive miraculously, in the gift of faith, His true body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. If this is your confession and you have been baptized and confirmed in our church body, please commune with us. If you have questions about communing, please wait to commune until receiving instruction in one of our communion classes. Thank you. **Note: Communion Kits are available, if needing one please contact Pastor.**



OFFERING ENVELOPES Don't forget to pick-up your offering envelope box before you leave church. We have a few boxes remaining.



SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, JANUARY 21

- ELDER:** Doug Brunner
- LECTOR:** Allie Wagner
- USHER:** Daniel Vannett, Colin Kruse, Tate Kruse, Jacob Oak and Denny Case
- ACOLTYE:** Nelly Mix
- AV:** Dinah Gilberts
- OFFERING:** Wendy Fitzwater & Joyce Drenckhahn

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, JANUARY 28

- ELDER:** Dave Albrecht
- LECTOR:** Dinah Gilberts
- USHER:** Lance Lerum
- ACOLTYE:** Daniel Vannett
- AV:** Eric Brown
- OFFERING:** Carol Albrecht & Pam Hunter

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE

WORSHIP: 42 | BIBLE STUDY: 14 | SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

SUNDAY		
21	9:00 am	Worship
	10:15 am	Bible Study
	10:15 am	Sunday School
MONDAY		
22		
TUESDAY		
23	8:00 am	Adult Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Confirmation
	7:00 pm	Bible Bookenders
WEDNESDAY		
24	10:00 am	Happenings Articles Due
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
THURSDAY		
25		
FRIDAY		
26		
SATURDAY		
27		
SUNDAY		
28	9:00 am	Worship
	10:15 am	Voter's Meeting



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