

HAPPENINGS

January 28 - February 4, 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.

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



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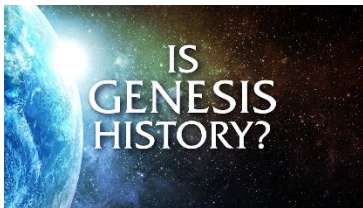


NIGHT TO SHINE is looking for volunteers! Please email mnnighttoshine18@gmail.com for more information. Shari will send you the volunteer link. We have 200 guests signed up for February 9, 2024!

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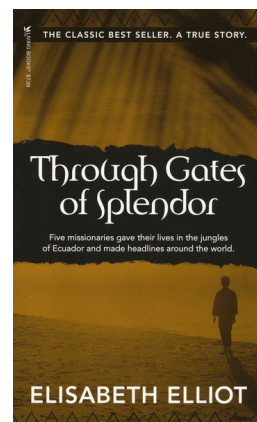
ADULT BIBLE STUDY

"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.



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BIBLE BOOKENDERS Our next meeting will be **April 23, 2024**. We will be reading **"Through Gates of Splendor"** by Elisabeth Elliot. This is a past book we have read. Feel free to re-read it or read any of her other works. She has written many books. We also have three different autobiographies on her that we can read and share from. 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. Mark you calendars for these other Bible Bookenders dates:



July 23, 2024 all things CS Lewis. Book selections will be chosen at the January meeting.

October 23, 2024 book selection to be determined. Come with your ideas/suggestions for Christian fiction or non-fiction.

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LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS start on February 14th at 6:00 pm (Ash Wednesday) and will continue through March 20th. Sign up sheets are available in the commons area. Join us for this fellowship opportunity and get to know each other a little better!

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**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.

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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/>

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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



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THE LIFE AND TEACHINGS OF JESUS OF NAZARETH

We all know the Lord moves in mysterious ways. Recently, I received a copy of **The Life and Teachings of Jesus of Nazareth**. The book is an account of Jesus's life and teaching. It uses selections from Matthew, Mark, Luke and John and combines the Gospels into one continuous story. I learned that I could order these books from a company called Plus Nothing at no cost. I thought this would be a perfect addition to the play for youth Sunday. I ordered 50, and when the box came, it was very heavy. Now, I understand why—there were 120 books in that case. These books were sent to be shared as witnessing tools—not stored in our church somewhere. Consequently, the books are at the back of church. Would you please consider taking several to share? Spread them around like confetti. The Lord knows there are people we know who need to hear the urgent message of God's love for us.



Thank you, Bonnie

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Life **QUOTES**

JANUARY 28 "The Holy Spirit teaches us and enables us to be more effective with our body language, to hold the hands of those who are afraid of walking alone, to hug the ones who are falling apart for whatever reason, to lift those who sinned against God and against their brothers. We do all this by sharing the forgiveness that is found in Christ." **Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe, guest speaker on "The Lutheran Hour"** – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

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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.



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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 snowshoe 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

HAPPENINGS

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 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!



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



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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.**



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

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, FEBRUARY 4

- ELDER:** Dennis Waderich
- LECTOR:** Mary Deluhery
- USHER:** Dinah Gilberts
- ACOLTYE:** Tate Kruse
- AV:** Michael Schumacher
- OFFERING:** Dave Albrecht & Denny Case

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE

WORSHIP: 58 | BIBLE STUDY: 15 | SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

SUNDAY

28 9:00 am Worship
10:15 am Voter's Meeting

MONDAY

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TUESDAY

30 8:00 am Adult Bible Study
4:00 pm Confirmation

WEDNESDAY

31 10:00 am Happenings Articles Due
7:00 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

4 9:00 am Worship
10:15 am Bible Study
10:15 am Sunday School



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 Office Ministry Assistant: Megan Luckfield • Vacancy Pastor: Rev. Dean Gade