

HAPPENINGS

March 17-24, 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.



EASTER CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Following our Easter service we will enjoy an "expanded" selection of coffee treats. A

special sign-up is on the board. We're looking for a variety of items, i.e. cinnamon rolls, muffins, coffee cake, donuts/sweet rolls, mini-bagels, cream cheese, fresh fruit, etc. With a nice variety, quantities need only be a dozen or two. We know people may not be able to stay for long due to Easter gatherings but take a moment to grab coffee and a goodie!

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Relief for Human Need Worldwide

GOT SOCKS! The Holy Cross Lutheran Women’s Missionary League group is collecting new socks, child through adult sizes. The socks will be sent to Orphan Grain Train, a Christian volunteer network that shares Jesus, food, clothing, and medical supplies in 71 countries. Drop your socks in the bin in the commons area through April 5. Got sock questions, contact Joy Anderson at 612-423-1204 or spitjoy@hotmail.com.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS Our last soup supper is this Wednesday, March 20th at 6:00 pm. Join us for this fellowship opportunity and get to know each other a little better!



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LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION SPRING EVENT

SAVE THE DATE! Join us as we come together on **Saturday, April 6th**, 9:00 am registration,

program 9:30 am at St. Michael’s Lutheran Church, Bloomington. Enjoy fellowship, learn about the work of Lutheran Bible Translators in Papua New Guinea (PNG) by speaker Michelle Gillard, new program assistant for PNG. We’ll enjoy a catered lunch. Tickets are \$10. The Gifts from the Heart will be items for Orphan Grain Train, a Christian volunteer network that ships donated food, clothing, medical supplies, etc. to people worldwide. A list of needs will be posted as well as a sign-up. More information will be shared in the Happenings.

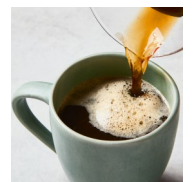
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TUESDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY Join us every **Tuesday from 8:00-9:00 am**. We will be starting a new topic this Tuesday, March 19th.

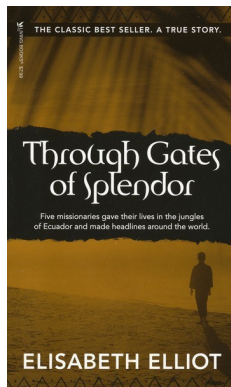
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UPCOMING COFFEE SERVERS

- March 17 Jason & Kelly Kruse
- March 24 Robert & Bonnie Nowak
- March 31 Norma & Evelyn Jabs



BIBLE BOOKENDERS Our next meeting will be **April 23, 2024** at 7pm. 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 "The Great Divorce" by CS Lewis. We will be discussing this book and touch on other works of C. S. Lewis as well.

October 23, 2024 "The Hiding Place" by Corrie ten Boom. This is also a selection we have read. Feel free to reread or read a newer book called **"The Watchmakers Daughter"** by Larry Loftis.

January 21, 2025 "Shepherd's Abiding" for the 30th Anniversary of the release of Jan Karon books. (The Mitford Series)

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JOIN US FOR THE SUMMER WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY ON ECCLESIASTES Solomon shares a very human perspective on life in Ecclesiastes that matches our own frustrations with

the world and our lives, and things that may seem meaningless. Join us for our women's study this summer on this great and unique book of the Old Testament that gives us much hope amid despair.

The dates are June 12, 19, 26 and July 10, 17, and 24. We will be meeting on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm. Invite your friends, family and neighbors. Watch for sign up and more information coming. Questions contact Michele Lein.

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EASTER FLOWERS Youth group will be selling Easter flowers to decorate the church for Easter service. More details to come!



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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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.

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CHRISTIAN HUMOR Murphy showed up at Mass one Sunday and the priest almost fell down when he saw him. He'd never been to church in his life. After Mass, the priest caught up with him and said, *"Murphy, I am so glad ya decided to come to Mass. What made ya come?"*

Murphy said, *"I got to be honest with you Father, a while back, I misplaced me hat and I really, really love that hat. I know that McGlynn had a hat just like mine and I knew he came to church every Sunday. I also knew that he had to take off his hat during Mass and figured he would leave it in the back of church. So, I was going to leave after Communion & steal McGlynn's hat."*

The priest said, *"Well, Murphy, I notice that ya didn't steal McGlynn's hat. What changed your mind?"*

Murphy replied, *"Well, after I heard your sermon on the 10 Commandments, I decided that I didn't need to steal McGlynn's hat after all."*

With a tear in his eye the priest gave Murphy a big smile & said; *"After I talked about 'Thou Shalt Not Steal' ya decided you would rather do without your hat than burn in Hell?"*

Murphy slowly shook his head. *"No, Father, after ya talked about 'Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery,' I remembered where I left me hat."*

Life QUOTES

MARCH 17 "God loves everybody. God loves people that are big and small. God loves people that are every age. God loves people no matter where we live. All people are special to God. The Bible says, 'For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand' (Ephesians 2:10). God has good things for each of us." *Timothy, a sixth grader from southern Minnesota, who has Down syndrome – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

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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 prayers that should go out to the whole congregation megan@holycross-pl.org.

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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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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.**



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- Melvin Fulbert March 5
- Vicki Case March 6
- Michele Lein March 6
- Chloe Peterman March 14
- Faith Sumpter March 17
- Cora Lein March 23
- Nivin Fulbert March 28
- Daniel Lein March 29



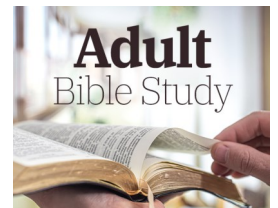
HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated weekly. Our belief and practice is Confessional. Jesus clearly teaches He is truly present in His supper in the bread

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.**

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SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Now 50 years ago, Seminex (Concordia Seminary in Exile) occurred but what was it all about. We will examine the disagreements over Theology and church politics that led to the dismissal of 45 of the 50 faculty members and more than 200 congregations and 100,000 members to leave the LCMS. It was interesting and important times in the church and unless we learn from history the dangers that arose between Fundamentalist and Modernist ideologies it may happen again!



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THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

SUNDAY

17 9:00 am Worship
10:15 am Bible Study
10:15 am Sunday School

MONDAY

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TUESDAY

19 8:00 am Adult Bible Study
4:00 pm Confirmation

WEDNESDAY

20 10:00 am Happenings Articles Due
6:00 pm Soup Supper
7:00 pm Lent Worship
8:00 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

24 9:00 am Worship
10:15 am Bible Study
10:15 am Sunday School

IMMANUEL FISH LAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS



Join the planning team for the Fish Lake 5K Festival. Everyone welcome, bring your ideas! Meetings are at 11:30am in Ed Wing on March 17 & 24, April 7, 14, 21, 28.

Donate new items for the Fish Lake 5K Silent Auction. Drop off at Immanuel Fish Lake before April 28, 2024 (include name, phone number & description). Questions: Contact Tessa Braatz at 612-618-9173.



Christ in the Passover. An exploration of Passover, the Last Supper, and Your Communion experience. A Seder Immanuel Luther Church, Wednesday, March 27 at 6:00 pm. Sign up by calling 952-492-6010.

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, MARCH 17

ELDER: Dave Albrecht
LECTOR: Paige Westrum
USHER: Denny Case
ACOLTYE: Daniel Vannett
AV: Eric Brown
OFFERING: Carol Albrecht & Pam Hunter

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, MARCH 24

ELDER: Doug Brunner
LECTOR: Robert Nowak
USHER: Steve Oak
ACOLTYE: Colin Kruse
AV: Rostina Vannett
OFFERING: Wendy Fitzwater & Joyce Drenckhahn

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, MARCH 20

ELDER: Dennis Waderich
LECTOR: Pam Hunter
USHER: Eric Brown
ACOLTYE: Tate Kruse
AV: Dinah Gilberts
OFFERING: Dave Albrecht & Denny Case

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, MARCH 28

ELDER: Dave Albrecht
LECTOR: Ben Woltmann
USHER: Denny Case
ACOLTYE: Allie Wagner
AV: Dinah Gilberts
OFFERING: Carol Albrecht & Pam Hunter

SUNDAY, MARCH 10 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE

WORSHIP: 42 | BIBLE STUDY: 17 | SUNDAY SCHOOL: 5



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