

HAPPENINGS

March 31 - April 7, 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 today we will enjoy an "expanded" selection of

coffee treats. We know you may not be able to stay long due to Easter gatherings but take a moment to grab coffee and a goodie!

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UPCOMING COFFEE SERVERS

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| March 31 | Norma & Evelyn Jabs |
| April 7 | Randy & Nancy Baldwin |
| April 14 | Steve & Dorene Oak |
| April 21 | Shari Schulze |
| April 28 | Charlie & Donna Vig |



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OUT OF OFFICE Megan will be on vacation April 1-5th. If there’s anything you would like in the Happenings, please get it to her by 10am on March 27th.

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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 and available from Pam Hunter. The Gifts from the Heart will be socks for Orphan Grain Train. Carpooling will be available from Holy Cross.

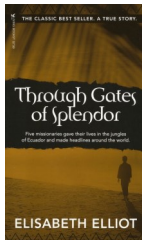
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GARAGE SALE Save the Date! We will be holding a Missions garage sale this year on August 8, 9 and 10th. As you declutter, remember our sale. Proceeds benefit various mission efforts.



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.

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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TUESDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY Join us every **Tuesday from 8:00-9:00 am**. How we get the Bible featuring Dr. Paul Maier. The story of the Bible has been called "The Greatest Story Ever Told." But did you ever wonder where the Bible came from? Who wrote it? Why they wrote it? Who decided which books to include? In this study, Dr. Paul Maier travels to the Bible Museum in Goodyear, Arizona, to take a look at how we got the Bible.

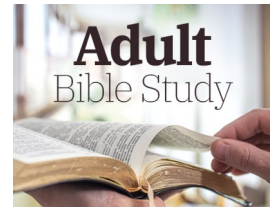
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SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY HABITS

- It's like we have moral muscles that are trained in the same way our biological muscles are trained when we practice a golf swing or piano scales. And so we do not merely try to be more like Jesus, more patient, generous, and faithful, we train for it, just like we train for any other challenging goal in our lives. On April 7th we will begin a five week study looking at what is real in of Christian training using the titles: **Real Desire - Real Prayer - Real Restraint - Real Celebration and - Real Life**. Are you ready?



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Not funny... We sprung forward so hard we are back in winter!



Life QUOTES

MARCH 31 "The disciples and the first century Christians may have felt like they were on the losing side. They had their doubts and fears. Maybe you do, too. They may have lost some earthly things. You may, too. But Jesus takes away the fear and the doubt. You have hope in His resurrection. You have hope even through the trials of life. You have a living hope in your living Lord." *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – 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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SOCCER GOALS We are looking for donations or Thrivent Action cards to buy two soccer nets for our IFC (POBLO) Soccer Team, as they are currently using cones. The nets cost a total of \$350. Issa is working hard building relationships with young men through the soccer program he has created. If you could help with any amount, big or small, we would really appreciate it! We recently were given practice jerseys! If you are interested in donating something towards the nets, please reach out to Shari Schulze.



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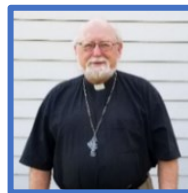
HAPPENINGS ARTICLES We are in need of some new and fun ideas to get people reading the

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.**



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- Andrew Busse April 2
- Eric Brown April 4
- Darvin Fulbert April 5
- Buffy Mobroten April 5
- Brittany Erickson April 9
- David Busse April 13
- Joe DeRosier April 13
- Stefan Einarson April 20



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

IMPORTANT DATES

- APR 2** Elder's Meeting
- APR 6** Lutheran Women in Mission Spring Event
- APR 8** Council Meeting
- APR 12** Game Night at Immanuel Fish Lake
- APR 23** Bible Bookenders
- APR 28** Voter's Meeting
- MAY 5** Confirmation Sunday
- MAY 7** Elder's Meeting
- MAY 10** Spring Flowers Baskets Arrive
- MAY 13** Council Meeting
- JUN 4** Elder's Meeting
- JUN 10** Council Meeting
- JUN 12** Women's Summer Bible Study
- JUN 19** Women's Summer Bible Study
- JUN 26** Women's Summer Bible Study
- JUL 10** Women's Summer Bible Study
- JUL 17** Women's Summer Bible Study
- JUL 23** Bible Bookenders
- JUL 24** Women's Summer Bible Study
- JUL 28** Voter's Meeting
- AUG 8-10** Missions Garage Sale



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.



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.**

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

SUNDAY

31 9:00 am Worship
10:15 am Easter Brunch

MONDAY

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TUESDAY

2 8:00 am Adult Bible Study
4:00 pm Confirmation
7:00 pm Elder's Meeting

WEDNESDAY

3 10:00 am Happenings Articles Due
8:00 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

7 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 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.



Game night and potluck. Friday, April 12th at 5:30pm. Bring your favorite game to play and something delicious to share. Beverages will be provided.

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, MARCH 31

ELDER: Doug Brunner
LECTOR: Ben Woltmann
USHER: Lance Lerum
ACOLTYE: Tate Kruse
AV: Michael Schumacher
OFFERING: Wendy Fitzwater & Joyce Drenckhahn

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, APRIL 7

ELDER: Dave Albrecht
LECTOR: Lance Lerum
USHER: Eric Brown
ACOLTYE: Colin Kruse
AV: Dinah Gilberts
OFFERING: Carol Albrecht & Pam Hunter

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE

WORSHIP: 53 | BIBLE STUDY: 12 | SUNDAY SCHOOL:



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Music & Choir Director: Mui Cheng • Praise Band: Nathan Hentges & Greg Albrecht

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