

HAPPENINGS

April 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.



**MOTHER’S DAY
HANGING BASKETS**

There are sign up sheets for Mother’s Day hanging baskets in the commons. Cost is \$30.00 each and we prefer payment at the time of purchase. When signing up, please include your cell phone number so you can be texted when the plants arrive. Each line represents one plant. Plants have already been ordered and will be delivered May 9th (the Friday before Mother’s day).

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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.**

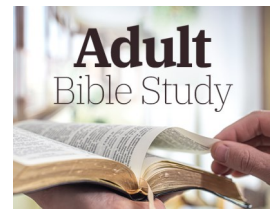
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VOTER’S MEETING
 Sunday, April 28th
 at 10:15 am.

**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY
A Journey Through the Holy Week**

based on a reflection on the Gospel of Luke. This week we look at Luke’s account of Maundy Thursday; a day of profound importance, commemorating the Last Supper Jesus shared with his disciples. During this meal, Jesus instituted the Eucharist, symbolizing his body and blood. Later that night, in the Garden of Gethsemane, he was betrayed by Judas Iscariot, setting the stage for His arrest.



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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.

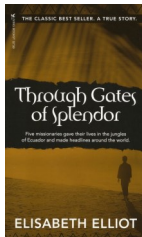


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Life QUOTES

APRIL 21 “Scripture and prayer are our strongest weapons to change hearts, and we must persist and never give up, no matter how disappointing things get with evil laws being enacted or evil intent coming our way.” *Virginia Flo, Director of Volunteer Relations, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

BIBLE BOOKENDERS Our next meeting will be **THIS TUESDAY, 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:

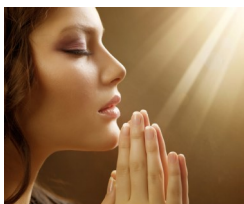


July 23, 2024 “The Great Divorce” by CS Lewis. We will be discussing this book and touch on other works of C. S. Lewis as well.

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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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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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



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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Evangelical Church—Methodist Episcopal



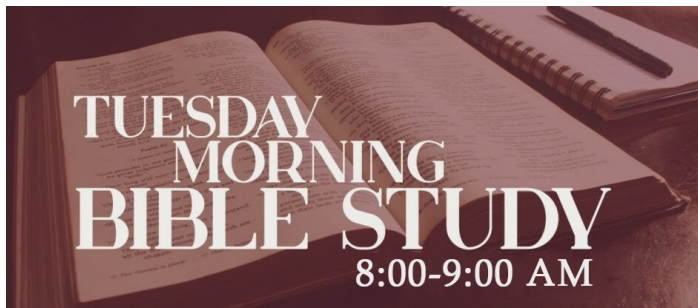
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JOIN US FOR THE SUMMER WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY ON ECCLESIASTES Solomon shares a very human perspective on life in Ecclesiastes that matches our own frustrations with the world and our lives, and things that may seem meaningless. Join us for our women's 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** as we begin an interesting look into the book of Jonah. Throughout the book of Jonah, God demonstrates again and again that His way of working in the world can be, and often is, fundamentally different than we’d either like or even expect. God does not restrict Himself to reaching out to those we reach out to, blessing us in ways we see as blessings, or even giving us objectives that we would like to achieve. Instead, He does what He knows is best.

UPCOMING COFFEE SERVERS

- April 21 Steve & Dorene Oak
- April 28 Pam Hunter
- May 5 Charlie & Donna Vig
- May 12 Dave & Carol Albrecht



IMPORTANT DATES

- 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 2** Elder's Meeting
- JUL 8** Council Meeting
- 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



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.**



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.



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

We all have a past. We all have made choices that maybe weren't the best ones. None of us are completely innocent, but we all get a fresh start every day to be a better person than we were yesterday. Amen

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

SUNDAY

21 9:00 am Worship
10:15 am Sunday Adult Bible Study
10:15 am Sunday School

MONDAY

22 6:00 pm IFC

TUESDAY

23 8:00 am Tuesday Adult Bible Study
4:00 pm Confirmation
7:00 pm Bible Bookenders

WEDNESDAY

24 10:00 am Happenings Articles Due
6:00 pm IFC
8:00 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

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

IMMANUEL FISH LAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fish Lake 5K Festival / 20th Anniversary Run/Walk



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.

Sunday May 5, 2024 from 12:00 – 3:00 pm
Spring Lake Township Hall
20381 Fairlawn Ave
Prior Lake, MN 55372

Register: <https://www.cognitoforms.com/FishLake5KImmanuelLutheranChurch/FishLake5KRunWalkRegistration2024>

- 5K run/walk on certified course
- Children's ¼ mile fun run
- Silent Auction
- Kids activities
- Food for purchase

Vacation Bible School

Everyone is Welcome, Jump on in!
June 23 – 27
6:00 – 8:30 pm
Pre K – 6 Grades



Registration:
<https://vbspro.events/p/events/vbsscuba2024>

Questions: Call 952-492-6010

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, APRIL 21

ELDER: Doug Brunner
LECTOR: Michele Lein
USHER: Steve Oak
ACOLTYE: Daniel Vannett
AV: Rostina Vannett
OFFERING: Wendy Fitzwater & Joyce Drenckhahn

SUNDAY, APRIL 14 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, APRIL 28

ELDER: Dave Albrecht
LECTOR: Paige Westrum
USHER: Jason Kruse
ACOLTYE: Tate Kruse
AV: Michael Schumacher
OFFERING: Carol Albrecht & Pam Hunter

WORSHIP: 57 | BIBLE STUDY: 13 | SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10



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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