

Holy Cross

A Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Congregation

HAPPENINGS

December 10-17, 2023

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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.



ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES are on December 13 and 20th. Please join us!



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Welcome to our Sunday School Christmas Program, "The Organ is Kaput". Enjoy this delightful story as we learn how one of our most beloved Christmas songs almost didn't come to be. Thank you to our children and adults who participated and to Bonnie Nowak for once again blessing us with her writing skills. Thank you also to Sheri Brunner for taking Bonnie's words and shaping it into a wonderful performance.

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE TODAY

during the fellowship hour, hosted by the Women's Ministry group. The bake sale offers a chance to load up on Christmas goodies and helps support missions!



CHRISTMAS PIES

Immanuel Fish Lake will be selling pies again for Christmas. They are \$10-\$12 each and can be picked up on Friday, December 22nd from

12:00-7:00 pm. Orders need to be in by December 17th. Email office@immanuel-fishlake.org or call 952-492-6010 to order.

Regular Pies \$10

Apple
Blackberry
Blueberry
Cherry
Dutch Apple
Lemon Crunch
Old Fashioned Custard
Peach

Pumpkin
Raspberry
Strawberry Rhubarb
Sugar Free Apple
Sugar Free Cherry
Sugar Free Pumpkin
Triple-Berry

Premium Pies \$12

Blueberry Custard
Chocolate Pecan
Cranberry Double Nut

Fantasy Chocolate
Mincemeat
Pecan



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,

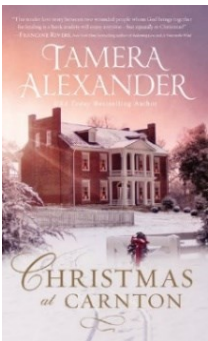
through Jesus we have access to the eternal God—right now and forever. Subscribe to Time of Grace resources to be delivered to your email inbox daily. You will receive daily devotion emails with "Grace Moments" written devotions and "Grace Talks" video devotions. Pastor Mike Novotny, The Core, Appleton, WI, KARE (NBC 11) 10:30 am www.timeofgrace.org

WINDJAMMERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The local adult band (Windjammers) has a Christmas concert scheduled for **TODAY,**



Sunday, December 10th at 2:30 pm. It will be held at the Prior Lake High School auditorium. They hold 2 concerts a year, around Christmas time and again around the 4th of July. Our Cory Einarson is in the tuba section, "providing the glue that holds it all together." They are very good! Don't forget to mark your calendar!



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.

UPCOMING COFFEE SERVERS

- Dec 10 – Steve & Dorene Oak
- Dec 17 – Doug & Shari Schulze
- Dec 24 – Charlie & Donna Vig
- Dec 31 – Jimmy & Joy 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.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!

The volunteer schedule for January to March of 2024 will be coming out in a few weeks. We'd love to have some more volunteers to add to the list! If you're interested in volunteering for Lector, Usher, Acolyte, Audio/Video, or Offering Counting please let Megan know. Don't worry if you have never done it before, someone will train you in! Any and all help is appreciated!



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.

TUESDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

(Women are welcome!) Join us every **Tuesday**

from 8-9:00 am for Community Light



Hope Revealed – Revelation Part I (Chapters 1-10). 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.

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.**



ON THE LINE PODCAST presents daily Lutheran insights, drawing from expert voices, addressing the intersection of Christianity and culture today. Culminating in a detailed weekly long-form interview, the discussions offer listeners a unique blend of intellectual exploration and spiritual insight.

Their mission is to cultivate honest, thoughtful, and rational Christians. With content and discussions firmly anchored in Christian teachings, the podcast encourages listeners to engage, reflect, and grow in their understanding of Christianity's impact in our modern age.

Podcast Schedule

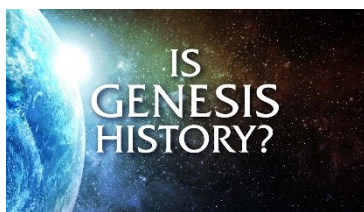
- Dec 11 | Ryan MacPherson, Ph.D
- Dec 18 | Rev. Joshua Arndt
- Dec 26 | Rev. Dr. David Scaer

YouTube https://www.youtube.com/@otl_podcast

Website https://trinitywaconia.org/otl_podcast/

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."



ELECTION JUDGES NEEDED

This holiday season, consider signing up to be an election judge. The paid position requires no experience,

simply a desire to help your community during the 2024 Election. Students 16 and 17 years-old can be election judge trainees too. Voting starts early so judges are needed today. For more information visit <https://www.priorlakemn.gov/government/elections/election-judges>

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

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

MONDAY

11 7:00 pm Church Council

TUESDAY

12 8:00 am Adult Bible Study
4:00 pm Confirmation

WEDNESDAY

13 10:00 am Happenings Articles Due
7:00 pm Advent Worship
8:00 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

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



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Dinah Gilberts December 4
- Ben Huston December 7
- Mui Cheng December 9
- Earl Drangstveit December 9
- Karly Oak December 19
- Jason Kruse December 20
- Lois Helms December 25
- Carol Albrecht December 26
- Bo Brunner December 28
- Nivedita Fulbert December 30

IMPORTANT DATES

- Dec 10** Advent Worship 2 - Children's program
- Dec 11** Church Council
- Dec 13** Midweek Worship 2 (7:00 pm)
- Dec 17** Advent Worship 3
- Dec 20** Midweek Worship 3 (7:00 pm)
- Dec 24** Advent Worship 4 (9:00 am)
- Dec 24** Christmas Eve Worship (5:00 pm)
- Dec 25** Christmas Day Worship (Monday 9:00 am)

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, DECEMBER 10

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

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, DECEMBER 13

- ELDER:** Dave Albrecht
- LECTOR:** Mike Harvey
- USHER:** Eric Brown
- ACOLTYE:** Tate Kruse
- AV:** Dinah Gilberts
- OFFERING:** Dave Albrecht & Denny Case

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, DECEMBER 17

- ELDER:** Doug Brunner
- LECTOR:** Paige Westrum
- USHER:** Jason Kruse
- ACOLTYE:** Colin Kruse
- AV:** Rostina Vannett
- OFFERING:** Wendy Fitzwater & Doug Schulze

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, DECEMBER 20

- ELDER:** Dave Albrecht
- LECTOR:** Pam Hunter
- USHER:** Mike and Pat Harvey
- ACOLTYE:** Allie Wagner
- AV:** Eric Brown
- OFFERING:** Carol Albrecht & Pam Hunter

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE

WORSHIP: 49 | BIBLE STUDY: 11 | SUNDAY SCHOOL: 8



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