

HAPPENINGS

December 31 - January 7, 2023

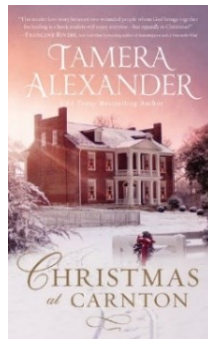
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WELCOME GUESTS AND MEMBERS – Welcome to the Lord’s House. God bless you as you hear the Good News today of His unconditional love! Jesus promised wherever two or three are gathered in His name, His presence is there. Jesus is here! We pray and know 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.



CHRISTMAS TAKE DOWN Come join us on January 6th as we take down and put away all the Christmas decorations. The more hands we have helping the quicker it will go!

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.



CHRISTMAS WITH DIGNITY – HHYD Thank you for the outpouring of love shown through your generous donations of toys to Hospitality House's Christmas with Dignity. There will be many children delighted with their gifts this Christmas and parents who are thankful for the opportunity to purchase their children gifts.



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!



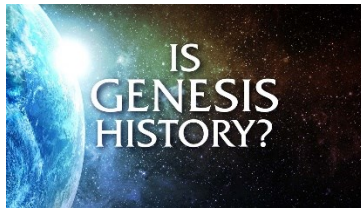
HAPPENINGS ARTICLES We are in need of some new and fun ideas to get people reading the Happenings! If you have anything you think would be a good addition, please email it to Megan at megan@holycross-pl.org. **Please submit all additions by 10am on Wednesdays.**



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.

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."

There will be no bible study today, December 31.

We will meet back up on January 7th with Lesson 1: Genesis as a Book of History | The Doctrine of Revelation... Differing Views: History, Science, and Authority.

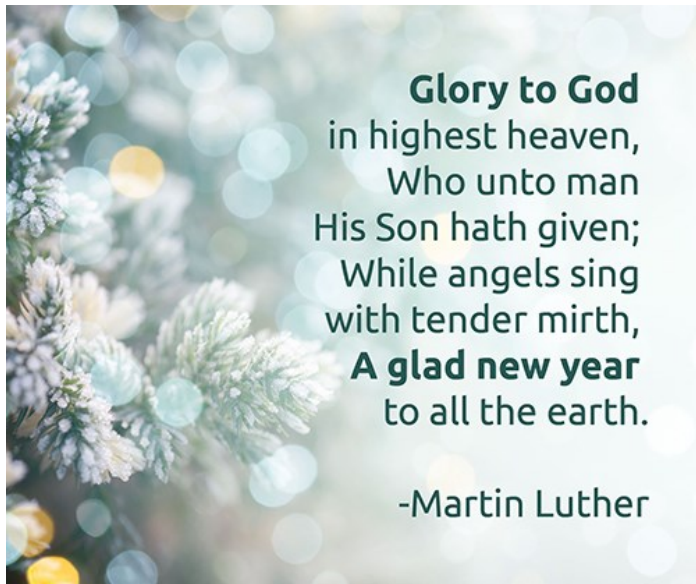


VACANCY PASTOR GADE'S church hours are **Monday and Tuesday, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm.** Other times can be arranged, call 763-333-5896.

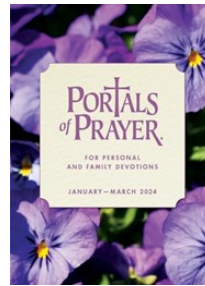


A free electronic stewardship giving opportunity for individuals and ministries of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

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.



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



PORTALS OF PRAYER are now available for next quarter, January – March 2024. Portals of Prayer is a favorite of readers looking for ways to stay in God's Word with easy, daily devotions. They're a great way to start each day, readings feature a Bible passage, meditation, and prayer in an easy-to-read format.

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.

CALENDARS If you'd like a Washburn McReavy calendar, there are extras on the table outside the Altar Guild room.



Life QUOTES

DECEMBER 31 "While it is true that we need to be good stewards of God's earthly gifts, it is sinful to think that we are in full control of preserving this world. It is sinful to fret about the destruction of this world before the Last Day. This world will not run out of natural resources. We will not be wiped out by climate change, a worldwide pandemic, or a meteor shower if and when those things happen. God says that as long as this earth endures—until Judgment Day—seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease. God is in control. God will protect, provide, and preserve this world. Trust in God and see His grace and mercy, especially when sin affects this world. Trust that He gives you what you don't deserve and more than you could imagine." **Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota** – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

CAMP OMEGA EVENTS...

OMEGA PLUNGE - February 25, 2024 Get your team ready for the "Omega Plunge." The plunge will be held at Camp Omega - the first time at this location. For over five years the plunge has averaged 20 teams per year. Teams can be one person or groups of many; youth groups make great teams! If you have ever thought about plunging, this is the year! 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." At this retreat, there will be time for fellowship and recreational opportunities. Cost includes three meals and lodging. For more information, call 507-633-2253 or go to the Camp Omega website <https://campomega.org/event/manup/>

THANK YOU! We would like to thank all of you at Holy Cross for the cards, goodies, and gifts we received during this Christmas season. We feel blessed to be in ministry with you here in this place.



Pastor & Diane, and Megan

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.**



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 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 |

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

SUNDAY

31 9:00 am Worship

MONDAY

1 Happy New Year!

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

THURSDAY

4 7:00 pm Choir Practice

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

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, DECEMBER 31

ELDER: Doug Brunner
LECTOR: Joy Anderson
USHER: Eric Brown
ACOLTYE: Daniel Vannett
AV: Dinah Gilberts
OFFERING: Wendy Fitzwater & Doug Schulze

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, JANUARY 7

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE

WORSHIP: 46 | BIBLE STUDY: n/a | SUNDAY SCHOOL: n/a



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