

HAPPENINGS

November 14-21, 2021

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.

BIBLE STUDY Please join us for Bible study as we watch “Community Light”. Rev. Doctor Reed Lessing will begin our series with Abraham. Join us at 10:15 am today in the back of the sanctuary and bring your coffee and bibles!



SUNDAY SCHOOL Please join us today for Sunday School and new classes! The **Parents and Little Ones Class** includes pre-school age children along with their parents and grandparents. Time will be spent together singing, story time, games, free play, along with a time for parents

to gather independently to share and care for one another during the Christian Education Hour. The **Elementary/Lower Middle School** aged group is one classroom, and the **Youth/High School Group** includes upper middle school grades through seniors in high school. **NOTE: No Sunday School November 28th.**

INDOOR DECORATING Please join us on **Saturday, November 27th** from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm to help to decorate the church indoors for Christmas and Advent. The first Sunday of Advent is November 28th, and our Advent Wednesday night Worship services begin December 1st at 7:00 pm.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you to those who participated in filling a shoebox. Today is the Holy Cross deadline. The boxes will be taken to Bethesda Church on Hwy 13 in Prior Lake. If you missed our deadline, you can drop your boxes at Bethesda, November 15-19, 4:00-6:30pm or November 20, 1:00-3:00pm. More hours are listed online via Samaritan's Purse. Thank you again for blessing the children of the world.



HOLIDAY DECORATING

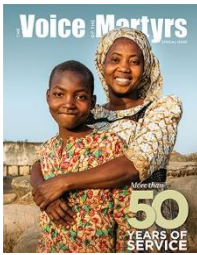
Join us at Church on **Saturday, November 20th** at 9:00 am to help decorate the outdoor trees for the holidays. We are also in need of LED Christmas light donations, so if you have some to donate that would be very much appreciated! If you have any questions, please contact Rich and Rostina Vannett or Ralph Wagner.

COFFEE TIME There's nothing like coffee and a treat after worship; it's the Lutheran way!!! A signup is posted in the Commons, and **we are looking for volunteers for later in November and into December**, so please sign up to help out! Never provided goodies or made coffee? Talk to Pam with any questions. We ALL enjoy the refreshments, please be a part of putting a smile on everyone's faces!!!



GINGERBREAD BASH

Join us **Saturday, December 4th** for a FUN, hands-on event for kids, preschool through 5th grade. We'll build gingerbread nativities, hear the REAL reason for the season, sing songs, and discover that sometimes the greatest gift comes in the most ordinary box. All the fun is from 1-3 pm. We are asking everyone to register so we will have the supplies we need. For kids who will be at the Christmas program practice, we will be serving pizza immediately after practice. Any older child or adult who would like to assist us with the Gingerbread Bash, talk to Pam or Shari Schulze. Dare I say it? Snow date is December 11th. Invite your friends, neighbors, and relatives!



VOICE OF THE MARTYRS

What is IDOP? This November join Christians around the world in prayer for Persecuted Christians. Please check out our Voice of the Martyrs display in the commons and pick up their 50th Anniversary VOM magazine and Global Prayer Guide booklet. You can go to www.persecution.com to learn more.

HAPPENINGS ARTICLES!

Don't forget to turn in your Happenings articles each week by Wednesday at noon! Email to megan@holycross-pl.org.



THE FALL FESTIVAL was a wonderful success! We had a competitive Silent Auction, great food, and a laughter-inducing time of live bidding and playing games! It was a blessing to be together having a fun time while raising money for various ministries. Thank you to Sheri Brunner, Shari Schulze and Buffy Mobroten for organizing this year's event. Thank you also to the many, many hands that helped set-up, prepare the food and worked in the kitchen, got all our purchases organized, and cleaned up after. We raised \$3,037. A complete article on all the ministries Holy Cross supports will be in the December Newsletter.



PASTOR'S PIES are available from Rev. Brent Parrish of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Prior Lake. Pies are \$9.00 each and there are lots of flavors available – see the order forms in the back of the church for the choices. To place your order call or email Pastor Parrish at blparrish63@gmail.com. Make sure to get your orders in by Monday, November 22nd!

CROSS NECKLACES

A big thank you to the Sunday School children and adult Bible study attendees who made cross necklaces last Sunday. 48 necklaces were constructed! The necklaces along with a note about the meaning of each colored bead will be placed in the shoeboxes collected for Operation Christmas Child. The colorful cross necklaces will be a wonderful reminder of God's love to those who receive them.

THANKSGIVING OBSERVANCE will be Tuesday, Nov. 23rd at 7pm.

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.

CHURCH OFFICE REPORTS - RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Contributions needed/month (General Fund): \$22,893.00

SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 7, 2021 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE

Worship: 66

Communion: 61

Bible Class: 18

Sunday School: n/a

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

25th Sunday after Pentecost			
SUN	NOV 14	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
		10:15 am	Sunday School
		10:15 am	Bible Study "Community Light"
MON	NOV 15	12:00 pm	Newsletter Articles Due
TUE	NOV 16	8:00 am	Men's Bible Study
WED	NOV 17	12:00 pm	Happenings Articles Due
		4:00-5:30 pm	Confirmation Class
SAT	NOV 20	9:00 am	Christmas Tree Decorating at Church
Last Sunday of the Church Year			
SUN	NOV 21	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
		10:15 am	Sunday School
		10:15 am	Bible Study "Community Light"