



# HAPPENINGS

**December 19-26, 2021**

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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.

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



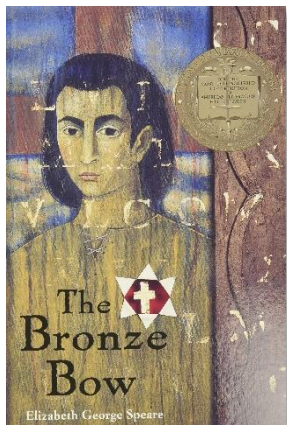
**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Please join us for Sunday School and new classes! The **Parents and Little Ones Class** includes pre-school age children along with their parents and grandparents. Time will be spent together singing, story time, games, free play, along with a time for parents to gather independently 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 December 26<sup>th</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup>.**



## **HAPPENINGS ARTICLES!**

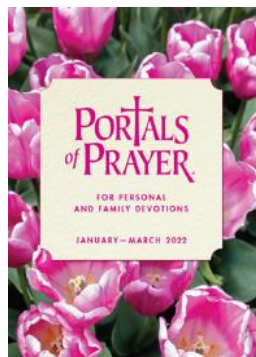
Don’t forget to turn in your Happenings articles each week by Wednesday at noon! Email to [megan@holycross-pl.org](mailto:megan@holycross-pl.org).

**COFFEE TIME** There's nothing like coffee and a treat after worship; it's the Lutheran way!!! A signup is posted in the Commons, 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!!!



**BIBLE BOOKENDERS** will be meeting on Monday, January 31st at 7:00 pm at the church. We will be reading **The Bronze Bow** by Elizabeth George Speare. This book is set in first century Galilee. Daniel bar Jamin is a young Jew whose father was killed in front of him as an example, by the Roman occupiers. Daniel lives in the mountains with the rebel named Rosh with the goal of overthrowing the Romans. Daniel encounters Jesus of Nazareth. His life is slowly changed as he learns many new things and has many adventures. Please join us!

**ADVENT WORSHIP** is every Wednesday night at 7:00 pm through December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Join us for Worship as we celebrate the Advent Season!



**PORTALS OF PRAYER** are now available for next quarter, January – March, 2022. 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.

**SOCK COLLECTION** We will continue to collect men and women's socks through December. Thank you to those who have already contributed.



**LIFE QUOTES – DECEMBER 19** "In carols of Christmas, you'll sometimes hear more than gladness that the Child is born on Christmas. You'll hear of deliverance: 'Born that man no more may die. Born to raise the sons of earth ...' There is much to ponder before, during, and after

Christmas. Let the meaning of Christmas fill our hearts with anticipation, wonder, and thanksgiving for many days! For death's days are numbered because of a birth—the birth of the Key of David." *James M. Kushiner, Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)



**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 – DECEMBER 12, 2021 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE**

**Worship:** 67

**Communion:** n/a

**Bible Class:**

**Sunday School:**

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS**

**Fourth Sunday in Advent**

<b>SUN</b>	<b>DEC 19</b>	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:15 am	Worship with Holy Communion Sunday School Bible Study "Community Light"
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<b>TUE</b>	<b>DEC 21</b>	8:00 am	Men's Bible Study
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<b>WED</b>	<b>DEC 22</b>	12:00 pm 4:00 pm <b>7:00 pm</b>	Happenings Articles Due Confirmation Class <b>Advent Worship</b>
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<b>FRI</b>	<b>DEC 24</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Contemporary Worship</b> <b>Christmas Eve Traditional Worship</b>
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<b>SAT</b>	<b>DEC 25</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Christmas Day Worship</b>
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**First Sunday after Christmas**

<b>SUN</b>	<b>DEC 26</b>	9:00 am 10:15 am	Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study "Community Light"
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