



HAPPENINGS

December 26, 2021 – January 2, 2022

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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!



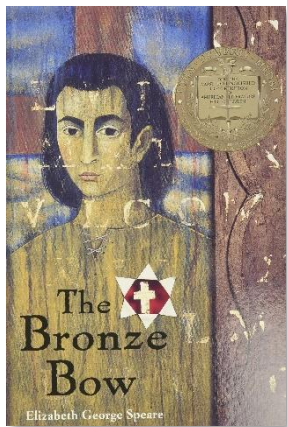
SUNDAY SCHOOL Please join us for Sunday School and new classes! The **Parents and Little Ones Class** includes pre-school age children along with their parents and grandparents. Time will be spent together singing, story time, games, free play, along with a time for parents to gather independently to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



HAPPENINGS ARTICLES!

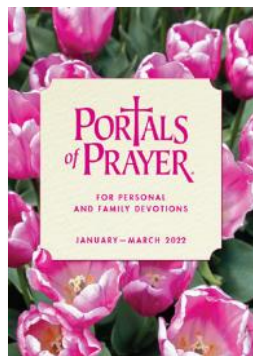
Don't forget to turn in your Happenings articles each week by Wednesday at noon! Email to megan@holycross-pl.org.

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 Spears. 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!

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.

SHAKOPEE COMMUNITY CENTER FREE PARKINSON'S CLASSES

Parkinson's Functional Exercise - Tuesdays 10:15-11:15am. This class can help to reduce stiffness, regain balance and posture, and strengthen muscles. **Pedaling for Parkinson's** - Starting in January 2022, Thursdays 10:15-11:15am. Riding an indoor stationary bike has been shown to reduce Parkinson's disease symptoms by as much as 35%. Prior to attending this class, a medical consent form is required and must be completed and signed by a licensed physician. Participants attending this class need to bring a care taker. For more information please contact Kristen Friendshuh at 952-233-9515 or kfriendshuh@shakopeemn.gov.



LIFE QUOTES – DECEMBER 26 "Where are your eyes today? ... Gaze at the baby Jesus in the manger—born into humanity for you. Watch as Jesus teaches, heals, comforts, and calls lost people to Himself. Fix your eyes on Him as He hangs on that cross for you. And look joyfully at

Him as He meets you after the resurrection—loving you, forgiving you, and sending you out into His world to share His love with others ... Let's fix our eyes on Jesus!" *Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • 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 19, 2021 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE

Worship: 47 **Communion:** 46
Bible Class: 10 **Sunday School:** 11

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

First Sunday after Christmas

SUN	DEC 26	9:00 am 10:15 am	Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study "Community Light"
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TUE	DEC 28	8:00 am	Men's Bible Study
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WED	DEC 29	12:00 pm	Happenings Articles Due
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SAT	JAN 1	New Year's Day	
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