

HAPPENINGS

May 15-22, 2022

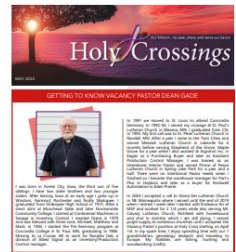
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WELCOME GUESTS AND MEMBERS – Welcome to the Lord's House. God bless you as you hear the Good News today of His unconditional love! Jesus promised wherever two or three are gathered in His name, His presence is there. Jesus is here! We pray and know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



HELLO, MY NAME IS... Please wear your name tag at church. This will help Rev. Gade get to know you during his time as vacancy pastor.

MAY NEWSLETTER The May newsletter is ready! Pickup your copy at the sign in table. You can also view it online here <http://www.holycross-pl.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/2022-05-May-Newsletter.pdf>



SPRING CLEAN UP DAY is Saturday, May 21, weather permitting, from 8:30 am until approximately 12:00 pm or upon competition. Please bring rakes, shovels, chainsaws, etc. If you have any questions please call Denny at 952-454-7097 or Rich at 763-321-8574.

COFFEE TIME Thank you to those who have faithfully made coffee and provided treats each Sunday morning. At last check, we have no one signed up for the upcoming months. Please consider when you could help out.



MOWING VOLUNTEERS We are in need of volunteers willing to mow at the church this summer. Please call or text Dave at 952-913-0006 or Denny at 952-454-7097 if you are interested in helping, and we can get your name on the list.

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 the office at megan@holycross-pl.org.



THE HARD SAYINGS OF JESUS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY Join us for Bible Study series in the back of the sanctuary after worship. We begin a series on the Hard

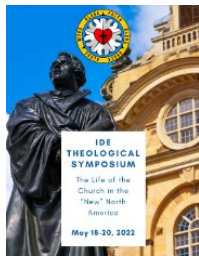
Sayings of Jesus, starting with the Beatitudes, Mathew 5:3-11. Feel free to get a cup of coffee first and snack before we start at 10:15am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR-END Our Sunday School year-end will look a bit different than in previous years. This year, Sunday School classes will be held through May 22nd. We will be celebrating in our individual classrooms, doing the lesson, special activities and having treats. This change is being made due to various people being gone. Thank you for understanding. A congregational picnic will be held on July 17th. More information concerning the picnic will be coming.



BELL CHOIR IS BACK! Talk to Kris Hentges if you are interested.

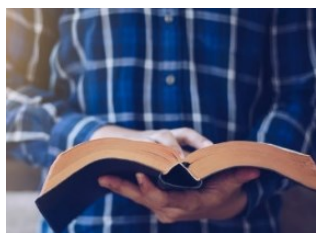
YOUR VISITOR IS YOUR FUTURE Your visitor is your future in disguise. You can't tell who is going to return by the first meeting. Some will never come back. Some will return occasionally until you and God touch their heart and they come more consistently. Some will always return because they feel your love and want to be a part of what God is doing among you. All of these contribute to what your church becomes in the future. But without them, your future is dull.



IDE THEOLOGICAL SYMPOSIUM The Life of the Church in the "New" North America, is May 18-20, 2022 in Solon, Iowa. Take a look at their website for more information and to register online www.campiodiseca.org/idesymposium

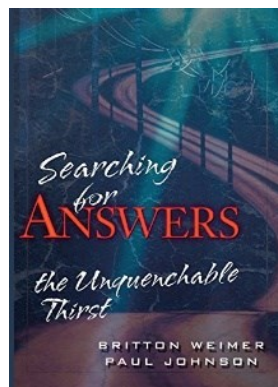
MAY 15 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Revelation 21:1 – "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more." The things of this world are passing away. We are waiting for a new heaven and a new earth, which have been promised to us in Christ. This knowledge is foundational for our stewardship of what God has put into our hands. What is truly important? What is worthy of our support? How has God called us to use "unrighteous mammon" for the good of our neighbor and His kingdom?



MEN'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY Join us at Holy Cross from 8am-9am each Tuesday as we watch and discuss the Community Light Bible study on Mission Paradigms. We meet in the Gamma classroom across from the Kitchen.

BIBLE BOOKENDERS Please pick up an updated Bible Book Enders' book list. Bible Book Enders was organized around 2004, and it meets four times a year. The group typically meets at church. Books are sometimes available at the library or they may be ordered on-line.



We will be meeting on Monday night July 25 to discuss **Searching for Answers - The Unquenchable Thirst** written by our own Brit Weimer and Paul Johnson. Join us for a potluck dinner at 6:00 pm with a book discussion to follow with Brit at 7:00 pm. Bring your friends, everyone is welcome and invited, even if you have not had a chance to read the book. After our discussion you will WANT to read it! Questions contact Michele Lein or Bonnie Nowak.



CALLING ALL WOMEN CHALLENGE

Join us this summer for a study on the book of Lamentations. All are welcome, invite your family, friends and neighbors. We will have a great time discussing this unique book in the Old Testament. Read the book of Jeremiah and commentary on Jeremiah in preparation. May God prepare your hearts and minds for the AMAZING study of HIS WORD. **The dates for Bible Study will be June 15, 22, 29 and July 6, 20, 27 from 7:00-8:30 pm.** Contact Michele Lein with any questions.

LIFE QUOTES – MAY 15 "Christians are called to proclaim the truth, and that truth is clear: All life is valuable. Each member of the human race is vital. All lives are indispensable because of Christ." *Michelle Bauman, director of Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



HAPPENINGS ARTICLES!

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

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP, FAITH & MISSIONS The Women's Ministry Group/LWML will be meeting **Monday, May 23 at 6:30pm** at church. All women are invited to attend. We'll have a time of devotion, fellowship, and a short meeting. We'll chat about the district convention and how we can be involved with our mission money and plan some summer fun and fellowship events. Optional - Bring a snack to share. Contact Joy Anderson at 612-423-1204 if you have any questions.

WEBSITE SIGNUP FOR NEWS & UPDATES

You may not be aware, but on our website www.holycross-pl.org there is an email sign up on the home page. It's on the very bottom of the page, where it says **"Subscribe to Blog via Email"**. If you enter your email address you will receive updates on church events and newsletters. So please sign up if you haven't already, so you don't miss out on anything!

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FREE FAMILY EVENT AT CAMP OMEGA

No plans for Memorial Weekend? Come to Camp Omega for a FREE family servant event! Join others May 27-29 in preparing Camp Omega for the arrival of over 1,600 children and adults for our summer camp programming. Entire families are welcome to join in the service, fun, and recreation of a fulfilling service weekend. Camp Omega staff will lead the youth and children in age-appropriate service projects and recreational activities. The weekend kicks off Friday evening and lasts through lunch on Sunday but join us for any part of the weekend as your schedule allows. Many families like to come just on Saturday. This weekend is free and includes meals and lodging. For more details visit www.campomega.org or call 507-685-4266.



VACANCY PASTOR GADE'S church hours are Monday & Tuesday, 7:30 am to 4:30 pm. Other times can be arranged, call 763-333-5896.





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 each month (General Fund): \$21,844.00

Contributions received in April \$19,778.00

SUNDAY – May 8, 2022 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE

Worship:	58	Bible Class:	14
Communion:	52	Sunday School:	4

¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother. (1 John 4:19-21)

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

TUE	MAY 17	8:00 am	Men's Bible Study
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WED	MAY 18	12:00 pm	Happenings Articles Due
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SAT	MAY 21	8:30 am	Spring Clean Up
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Sixth Sunday of Easter

SUN	MAY 22	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
		10:15 am	Sunday School
		10:15 am	Bible Study



MAY BIRTHDAYS!

Rich Vannett	May 7	Nancy Baldwin	May 18
Brit Weimer	May 13	Colin Kruse	May 22
Kelly Kruse	May 16	Justin Schulze	May 29
Cameron Fitzwater	May 18	Megan Anderson	May 31

Upcoming

EVENTS

May 21	Spring Clean Up
June 12	Bake Sale to support Lutherans for Life
July 9-13	National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX
July 17	Join us and bring friends to our Community Picnic
July 25	Bible Book Enders
August 10-13	Annual Garage Sale
September 9	Mum Sale
October 15	Fall Festival
November	Samaritans Purse Shoe Boxes
December 4	CAP Agency Adopt a Senior

Ascension Day

The Feast of the Ascension commemorates Jesus' ascension into heaven 40 days after his resurrection. This year it falls on Thursday, May 26th but we will celebrate it on Sunday, May 22.



The observance of this feast is of great antiquity. Eusebius seems to hint at the celebration of it in the 4th century. At the beginning of the 5th century, St. Augustine says is of Apostolic origin that it may have been celebrated already in 68 AD. Long before Christmas or Easter was celebrated.

What's the big deal about Christ's ascension? Jesus went to heaven. He's gone. We know that. We can't see him. He's left us the Bible, we can talk about him, we can pray to him, and the Holy Spirit is here with us, but Jesus is gone. Isn't he?

That's not what the Bible says, just before Jesus ascended into heaven he said to his disciples, ***"And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."*** Jesus did not ascend into heaven to be absent from us. He ascended into heaven to be present with us. The ascension is the full fruition of the promise of Christ's resurrection being the first-fruits of our own. The ascension means the gospel is better news than we even thought, gooder than good! Because it holds out the promise, the blessed hope, not just of life after death, but *"life after life after death."* What a gracious God we have!

The Collect Prayer for Ascension Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens, that He might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that according to His promise He abides with His Church on earth, even until the end of the world; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.