

HAPPENINGS

July 31 – August 7, 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.

VOTER’S MEETING is today, July 31st at 10:15 am after the Sunday service.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY We will not have Bible Study today July 31st. Our next Bible Study will be August 7th as we continue our series on the Hard Sayings of Jesus, where we look at Matthew 19:23-30 – Can a camel go through the eye of a needle? Feel free to get a cup of coffee first and snack before we start at 10:15am.



MOWING VOLUNTEERS We are still 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.



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 Thank you to those who have faithfully made coffee and provided treats each Sunday morning. Please

consider signing up to help out.

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



TIME OF GRACE Straight talk about God’s Word and real hope for this life. A strong gospel message delivered in an informal Bible study style.

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

LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE TWINS

Take me out to the ball game! This year’s Lutheran Night at the Twins will take place on **Tuesday, August 2nd** at Target Field. The Twins take on the Detroit Tigers at 6:40pm. For more information, [click here](#).



LIFE QUOTES – JULY 31

“Therefore choose life,’ God said, ‘that you and your offspring may live.’ The way to choose life is to trust. Don’t panic. Did you think human life was going to be

humanly possible? It’s not. It was never meant to be. Guiding a human being through the journey of life is possible only for God. That’s why the only way to choose life is to trust, to trust God. God gives no one a possible life. The call of God is to an impossible life. Otherwise, why trust? And life was created for trust.”
Rev. Gary Blobaum, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oregon, Illinois – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

MAIN STREET LIVING airs each Sunday at 9 am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2 with an episode of This Is the Life. This week’s episode “The Selling Price” features a father and son who face the issue of



how ethics relate to God’s law. The worship service will begin at 9:30 am with the Rev. Jeffrey Williams from Trinity Lutheran Church in Slayton, MN, who will present a message based on Luke 12:13-21. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the “Twin Cities” tab.

JULY 31 – PROPER 13 – Luke 12:15 – “And he said to them, ‘Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.’” Coveting is the opposite of being content with what God has given us. And the cure for coveting is twofold: thankfulness to God and generosity toward God’s purposes. So be on guard against all covetousness. Acknowledge that your Father has given you all you need, and therefore be free and confident in directing the mammon of this world toward godly purposes.



GARAGE SALE Closer, closer, almost here! The Holy Cross garage sale is **August 11-13th, Thursday and Friday 9am - 5pm, Saturday 9am - 12 noon**. Thank you to those who have already brought items for the garage sale. Items can still be dropped off the week of August 1st. Last drop-offs are Sunday, August 7 & Monday, August 8. Tuesday, August 9th is a primary voting day at Holy Cross (in the preschool room). It will not be conducive to dropping off items. We will, however, be setting up things in the Commons area and the SS rooms. Please call ahead to make sure someone is here.



PRAYER TIME We will meet in the sanctuary on Thursday evenings at 7 pm through August for informal prayer time. We will be praying for our new Pastor, current needs at Holy Cross, and many more things. Please

join us for one or all of these evenings. There will be prayer list available to pray for, or bring your own lists.

MEN’S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY is taking a break for the summer. We will resume on September 13th.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD What??? It's only August, it's hot out! That's all very true, but... I just wanted to give you a heads-up, with plenty of lead time! The shoeboxes, labels, and pamphlets are already here. It seems Samaritan's Purse wanted to get an early start as well! All this to say, as you're shopping have this in the back of your mind and when you see something that would work, buy it and stash it. Just remember where you put it! Holy Cross' Collection deadline is **Monday, Nov. 14th.**



SUNDAY SCHOOL Do you feel like summer has flown by? September is almost here and then school will be in full swing. And with it comes the start of Sunday school. Rally day will be **September 11th.** Curriculum is being looked at. We are still in need of a Sunday school Supervisor. AND, if we are going to have a Sunday school, we need teachers. Kinda goes hand in hand! So, what exactly does all that entail? Please talk to Pam Hunter with questions. Wouldn't it be great if teachers could job-share with another person?!!! Please pray for our Sunday school.

PRESCHOOL Holy Cross is considering reopening a preschool. At the voter's meeting today a proposal will be presented to the congregation for a vote on starting the application process. The plan will be for a full-day preschool and include a partnership with Poblo to provide subsidized preschool for immigrant families in our neighborhood. Please contact Michael Hentges for more information.



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JULY 31 – TRINITY 7 Mark 8:2 – "I have compassion on the crowd..." Still today the Lord has compassion upon those who follow Him. He knows our needs, and He provides for us. Indeed, He does all this for us long before we think to pray for what we need, before we even know that we need it. Knowing the Lord's provision frees us from worry about our bodily needs. The Lord really does provide for us out of His unending compassion.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS Holy Cross will be hosting the LWML Southwest Suburban zone Women's Event on **Saturday, October 1st.** It'll be a wonderful opportunity for women to come together to learn, grow in their faith and have lunch together. More details will be coming in the September Newsletter.



HIGHER THINGS RETREATS Youth are challenged to Dare to be Lutheran when attending a Higher Things retreat. Filled with reverent worship, robust teaching, and playful fun, youth will be inspired to a deeper faith and love for their neighbors.

Upcoming retreats include:

The Devoted Devotional Life: August 12-13, 2022 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Aberdeen, SD. Presenter is Rev. Bret Bierman.

One Loaf: How Christ Keeps Us Together When Everything is Falling Apart: September 23-24, 2022 at Zion Lutheran Church in Tomball, TX. Presenter is Dr. Todd A. Peperkorn (one of the founding pastors of Higher Things).

Who Am I?: March 24-25, 2023 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Minot, ND. Presenters are Rev. Dr. Matthew Richard, Rev. Jonathan Walla, and Rev. Justin Woodside.

For more information and registration for any of the above retreats, please visit the [Higher Things website](https://www.higherthings.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.*

CAMP OMEGA GOLF BENEFIT Join the annual Camp Omega golf tournament at Cannon Falls Gopher Hills Golf Course! The proceeds from the tournament support the camp's campership endowment fund. These funds support the camp's commitment to providing camp experiences for all, including those with financial needs. Gifts received designated to "For the Children Campership Endowment Fund" are deposited into an LCEF fund and the interest gained is used to help balance the costs. The Camp Omega Golf Event is one of the ways to grow this fund.

**Thursday, August 25, 2022 at 1:00 pm
Gopher Hills Golf Course, Cannon Falls**

[Take a look at the event flier.](#) To register for the golf benefit, contact Russ at russ@campomega.org or call 507-384-7947.

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.



CHURCH OFFICE REPORTS - RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Contributions needed each month (General Fund): \$21,844.00 • Contributions received in June \$13,376.00

SUNDAY – JULY 24, 2022 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE

Worship: 54

Communion: 54

Bible Study: n/a

Sunday School: n/a

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS	
SUNDAY	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
31	9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 10:15 am Voter's Meeting
MONDAY	
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TUESDAY	
2	7:00 pm Elder's Meeting
WEDNESDAY	
3	12:00 pm Happenings Articles Due
THURSDAY	
4	7:00 pm Prayer Time in the Sanctuary
FRIDAY	
5	
SATURDAY	
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SUNDAY	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
7	9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 10:15 am Bible Study



Jacob Dobberstein
 Carol Ham
 Jace Fitzwater
 Alanna Hentges
 Esther Brunner
 Mary Deluhery

August 1
 August 5
 August 11
 August 11
 August 13
 August 13

Charlie Vig
 Wendy Fitzwater
 Sheri Brunner
 Dave Albrecht

August 14
 August 16
 August 24
 August 31

Upcoming

EVENTS

July 31
August 11–13
September 9
September 11
September 13
October 1
October 15
November
December 4

Voter's Meeting
 Annual Garage Sale
 Mum Sale
 Sunday School Rally Day
 Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study Starts
 LWML Women's Event
 Fall Festival
 Samaritans Purse Shoe Boxes
 CAP Agency Adopt a Senior