

HAPPENINGS

June 23-30, 2024

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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.

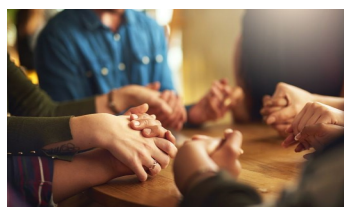


WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Join us for the summer women’s bible study in June and July. Solomon shares a very human perspective on life in Ecclesiastes that matches our

own frustrations with the world and our lives, and things that may seem meaningless. Join us for this great and unique book of the Old Testament that gives us much hope amid despair.

The dates are **June 26 and July 10, 17, and 24**. We will be meeting on Wednesday evenings from **7:00-8:30 pm**. Join us even if you have not signed up or read the chapters, we will read them aloud together. Bring your favorite Bible translation and join us for one evening or as many as you can. Invite your friends, family and neighbors. Questions contact Michele Lein.

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PRAYER REQUESTS As a community of faith, we are called to lift each other up in prayer and support. We invite you to share your prayer

requests with us so that we can pray together as a church family. Whether you have personal concerns, joys, or challenges weighing on your heart, we are here to pray with you. Your requests can be submitted confidentially through email at megan@holycross-pl.org or given to Pastor Gade. Let us join in prayer, knowing that together, we can make a difference through the power of prayer.

Welcome

New Members

We welcome into the church this week new members **Stewart and Blesilda Case, and Becca Reyes** and her sons **Liam, Jace, Noah**. Welcome to our church community, we are thrilled to have you join us!

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Life QUOTES

JUNE 23 “The state of marriage is under a full assault from the devil. He will use whatever means necessary to destroy what God has created. Pray also for all God’s children. Pray that love may abound in all homes. Pray that forgiveness may be the first word spoken between husbands and wives, parents and children. Pray that you and all people receive an increase of the Holy Spirit, for it is only through Him that we may repent of our sinful lives, amend our ways, and live joyfully in the comfort of God’s grace.” *Rev. Matthew Wietfeldt, Concordia Theological Seminary – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

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ARTICLES We are in need of some new and fun ideas to get people reading the Happenings! If you

have anything you think would be a good addition, please email it to Megan at megan@holycross-pl.org. **Please submit all additions by 10am on Wednesdays.**

PRAYING FOR WISDOM

We all want to be wise. We want to be that person that others will come to and ask for advice. The video feeds we watch are full of people offering words of wisdom on almost any subject. Wisdom defined is the quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgment. We all want to be wise.



In the first chapter of the letter of James, we find a wonderful promise from God, the gift of wisdom. "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him." (James 1:5) However, there are conditions to be met while petitioning the Lord concerning wisdom. We must ask in faith, without doubting (v. 6). If we are "wishy-washy" in our asking, then we ought not to expect to be any wiser. (v. 7) The value of wisdom is known even in secular circles. Many of the great thinkers throughout history have commented on the merit of being wise. Of course, the best source for guidance concerning wisdom is found in the bible.

Get wisdom! Get understanding!

Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth. Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you;

Love her, and she will keep you.

Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom.

And in all your getting, get understanding.

(Proverbs 4:5-7)

The gift of spiritual wisdom comes from knowledge of God's word. Practical wisdom comes from life's experiences, including hardships, mistakes, and difficulties. When we combine the two, along with the prayer for wisdom, God will surely bless us to be wise people.

- Jay Launius

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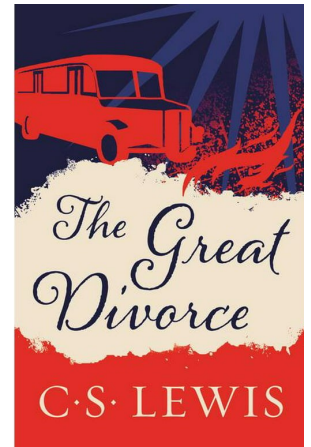
CHILDREN'S BOOKS WANTED

POBLO at Holy Cross is looking for children's books to be used for teaching English for POBLO. If you have any books you would like to donate, please leave them in the high school classroom/library in the

box marked ESL. If you are at a garage sale and you see children's books for sale, please keep POBLO in mind. All donations are appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Nowak.

DATE CHANGE! Our next Bible Bookenders meeting will be **July 18, 2024** at 7pm.

We will be reading "**The Great Divorce**" by CS Lewis. This delightful thought provoking book is a story where damned spirits are given a "vacation" or "holiday" away from Hell to visit Heaven, where they are invited to stay forever. There, they are persuaded by people they formally knew, relatives and friends, to come with them up the mountain to enjoy the bliss of Heaven. What's the catch? They must leave behind what is keeping them in Hell and accept the love of God. "If we insist on keeping Hell (or even earth) we shall not see Heaven: If we accept Heaven we shall not be able to retain even the smallest and most intimate souvenirs of Hell." CS Lewis. Mark you calendars for these other Bible Bookenders dates:



October 23, 2024 "The Hiding Place" by Corrie ten Boom. This is also a selection we have read. Feel free to reread or read a newer book called "**The Watchmakers Daughter**" by Larry Loftis.

January 21, 2025 "Shepherd's Abiding" for the 30th Anniversary of the release of Jan Karon books. (The Mitford Series)

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COFFEE, CHOCOLATE, & CUPCAKES FESTIVAL

A day of delight and decadence: Coffee, Chocolate, & Cupcakes Festival! Enjoy tastings and culinary experiences from MN local sweets and treats vendors.



Explore and experience new flavors and go-to spots for your next craving. Event includes Live Racing Admission and Access to all Coffee, Chocolate, and Cupcakes Vendor samplings, specials, and purchase availability. **Canterbury Park, Sunday June 30th at 1:00 pm.**



GARAGE SALE Save the date! We will be holding a Missions garage sale this year on **August 8, 9 and 10th**. As you declutter, remember our sale. You can put your donations in the

Preschool Room. Proceeds benefit various mission efforts.

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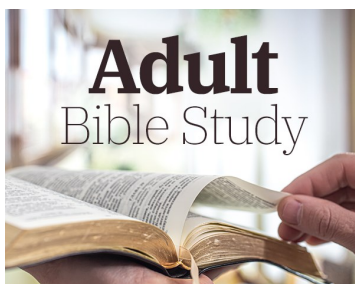
LAWN MOWING HELP NEEDED! We would love to have some more volunteers for lawn mowing. We only have two lawn mowers currently, so even an hour or two of mowing once a month would really help

out. Pick a day or evening and let Denny Case, Rich Vannett or Dave Albrecht know when you'd like to do it, or go ahead and surprise us! We try to mow later in the week so it looks good for Sunday, so any time Wednesday or after.

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SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY HABITS

- It's like we have moral muscles that are trained in the same way our biological muscles are trained when we practice a golf swing or piano scales.



And so we do not merely try to be more like Jesus, more patient, generous, and faithful, we train for it, just like we train for any other challenging goal in our lives. We began a five week study looking at what is real in of Christian training using the titles: **Real Desire - Real Prayer - Real Restraint - Real Celebration and - Real Life**. Are you ready?

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UPCOMING COFFEE SERVERS
 June 30 Norma & Evelyn Jabs
 July 7 Rich & Rostina Vannett
 July 14 Buffy Mobroten
 July 21 Robert & Bonnie Nowak
 July 28 LWML

IMPORTANT DATES

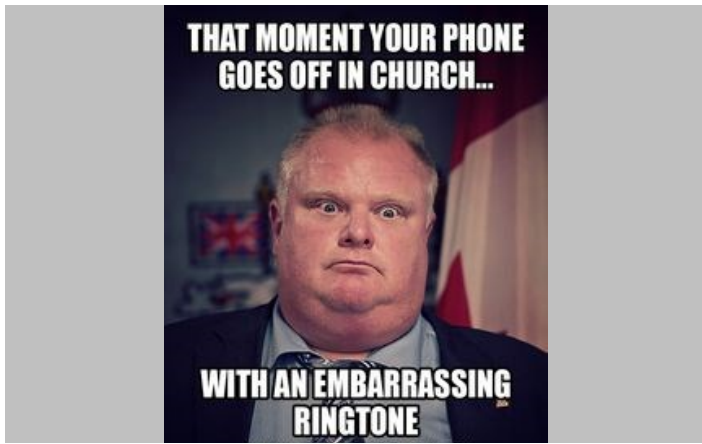
- JUN 23-27 Immanuel VBS
- JUN 26 Women's Summer Bible Study
- JUL 2 Elder's Meeting
- JUL 8 Council Meeting
- JUL 10 Women's Summer Bible Study
- JUL 17 Women's Summer Bible Study
- JUL 18 **Bible Bookenders (Date Change!)**
- JUL 24 Women's Summer Bible Study
- JUL 28 Voter's Meeting
- AUG 6 Elder's Meeting

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- Sue Waderich June 1
- Joy Anderson June 5
- Cheri Mattson June 5
- Evelyn Jabs June 9
- Kris Hentges June 10
- Pat Harvey June 17



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

SUNDAY

23 9:00 am Worship
10:15 am Adult Bible Study

MONDAY

24 6:00 pm IFC

TUESDAY

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WEDNESDAY

26 10:00 am Happenings Articles Due
6:00 pm IFC
7:00 pm Women's Bible Study

THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

30 9:00 am Worship
10:15 am Adult Bible Study



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.**

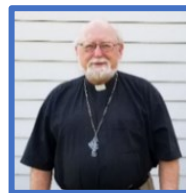
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THE INFORMATION CENTER

is located at the main entrance of the church. There are a variety of items for you to take home or share with a friend. Prayer request forms are available too. Please sign the guest book if you are visiting today. Thank you!



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VACANCY PASTOR GADE'S church hours are **Monday and Tuesday, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm.** Other times can be arranged, call 763-333-5896.

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SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, JUNE 23

ELDER: Dave Albrecht
LECTOR: Lance Lerum
USHER: Dinah Gilberts
ACOLTYE: Daniel Vannett
AV: Michael Schumacher
OFFERING: Wendy Fitzwater & Joyce Drenckhahn

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, JUNE 30

ELDER: Dave Albrecht
LECTOR: Ben Woltmann
USHER: Eric Brown
ACOLTYE: Tate Kruse
AV: Dinah Gilberts
OFFERING: Carol Albrecht & Pam Hunter

SUNDAY, JUNE 16 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE

WORSHIP: 45 | BIBLE STUDY: 12 | SUNDAY SCHOOL: n/a



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Office Ministry Assistant: Megan Luckfield • Vacancy Pastor: Rev. Dean Gade