

# HAPPENINGS

August 11-18, 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.



**Active Needs:**

- Volunteers - help teach our classes or coach our students in filling out job applications.
- Spread the word - do you have a neighbor or friend wanting ESL or Citizenship or DMV permit classes.
- Prayers - please keep our mission in your prayers. Please pray for our missionaries, students and teachers!

**Donations:** We are a non-profit organization and donations help us purchase supplies for our mission. We are looking to purchase new curriculum. Please send donations to Poblo Twin Cities at Mt Hope Lutheran church in Bloomington, MN. Thank you for your ongoing support! We truly appreciate everything you are doing to support POBLO and the IFCs.

**For more information:** [www.poblotwincities.org](http://www.poblotwincities.org)

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**CONFIRMATION CLASS** will begin on **Tuesday, September 10th**, with class at 4:00-5:30 pm. If you have children that are planning on being in Confirmation, please fill out a registration form (found on the visitors table by the secretary’s office) so we can order enough materials for class.



## Speaking Up for Life in Minnesota

Pro-Life Convocation

Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024  
9 A.M. – 3 P.M.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
2500 7th Ave. NE | Owatonna, Minn.

Scan the code to register online



The Christian Church firmly believes in the sanctity of human life. For, as Scripture teaches, human beings are made in the image of God and the will of God is to promote life and see it defended from all danger.

In 2023, the Minnesota Legislature passed laws that defy God’s Word. Rather than protect life—a basic duty of government—a series of laws were passed that contribute to the availability and practice of abortion, which ends life. It has been said that “abortion degrades and damages everyone it touches: the baby, the mother, and the doctor.” Contrary to what propaganda tells Americans, abortion is not healthcare. It is an evil, flagrant violation of the divine commandment, “You shall not kill.”

Throughout history, the moral duty of the Church has been to oppose evil, not cooperate with it or become complicit through silence. Join us for this event and learn how you might speak up for life in Minnesota!

Speakers include Dr. Robin Goldsmith, Catholic Medical Association Midwest Regional Director and co-founder of St. Gianna Clinic (De Pere, Wis.); Rev. Fred Hinz, LCMS Public Policy Advocate; Minnesota Family Council CEO Jeff Evans; and LCMS Minnesota South District President Lucas V. Woodford. Christian ministry display tables and educational materials/resources will be available. Catered lunch for \$10 with RSVP.

Register online by Sept. 11 at:

[goodshepherdowatonna.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2397242](https://goodshepherdowatonna.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2397242)

Sponsored by LCMS Minnesota South District Faribault Circuit and LCMS Life Ministry

**TIME OF GRACE** connects people to God’s grace—his love, glory, and power—so they realize the temporary things of life don’t satisfy. However, through Jesus we have access to the eternal God—right now and forever. 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](http://www.timeofgrace.org)



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## LifeQUOTES

**AUGUST 11** “Not only does Scripture provide God’s intent and meaning, it also encourages us to be truthful (Proverbs 12:19), timely (Proverbs 17:28; Matthew 18:15), gentle (Titus 3:2), and more. Most importantly, it reminds us, in God we find the strength to speak truth in the face of evil (Psalm 118:6; Ephesians 6:13). Stand strong, choose words carefully, and remember the Lion’s got your back.” James MacGregor, COL, USA (RET), Director at Large, LFL of Kansas Director-at-Large – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

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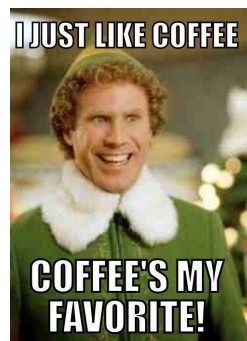


**LAWN MOWING HELP NEEDED!** We would love to have some more volunteers for lawn mowing. We only have two lawn mowers currently, so even an hour or two of mowing once a month would really help out. Pick a day or evening and let Denny Case, Rich Vannett or Dave Albrecht know when you’d like to do it, 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.

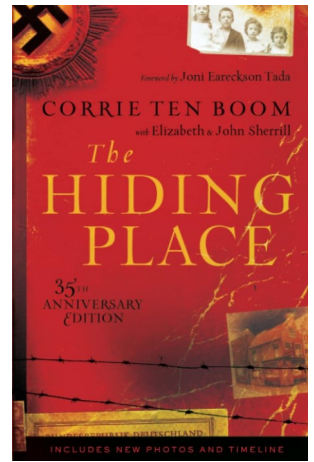
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### COFFEE SERVERS

- August 11**  
Steve & Dorene Oak
- August 18**  
Shari Schulze
- August 25**  
Joy & James Anderson



**BIBLE BOOKENDERS READ AND MEET** Bible Bookenders met twice this summer. Members first met in June to celebrate BBE’s 20th anniversary. Bonnie Nowak gave a presentation on author Jan Karon, who is celebrating 30 years since her first book in the Mitford series was published. Members shared favorite books and memories.



They honored and said farewell to BBE founding member Patricia Harvey. Patricia was a faithful BBE member and contributed so much with her participation and always bringing her “famous” popcorn. She will be missed.

In July members met to discuss *The Great Divorce*, by C. S. Lewis, an allegory which depicts a bus ride from hell to heaven. The discussion was led by Michele Lein. The meeting was concluded with a reading of *We Are in a Book*, a children’s book by Mo Willems. All BBE members enjoyed being in the book. If you are curious about the last statement, ask a BBE member.

BBE will meet **October 22 at 7:00 pm** to discuss Corrie ten Boom’s 1971 autobiographical book, *The Hiding Place*, and Larry Loftis’s 2024 biographical account of ten Boom, *The Watchmaker’s Daughter*. Both books detail the story of ten Boom, whose family offered their home as a hiding place and refuge for the Jews and refugees during WWII.

All are welcome. Any questions may be directed to Bonnie or Michele.

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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](mailto: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.



**PRIOR LAKE FARMER'S MARKET** is open May October. Every Saturday between 8am-12pm you can expect to see: food trucks, live music, coffee baristas, growing classes, locally tapped maple syrup, hand crafted candies, fresh vegetables, natural bath and body products, and more! The market is located at 16228 Main Ave SE in Prior Lake.

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# Announcements

**Senior Luncheon**  
**Wednesday, August 21 at 11:30 am**

Menu: Grilled pork chops with applesauce, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, roll, and ice cream sundaes with toppings.



All are welcome, not just seniors! Entertainment is by Immanuel Church member Ken Ziemann & the Prior Lake Brass starting at noon. Please call the church office to reserve a spot 952-492-6010. (Free will offering accepted)

**Church Garage Sale**  
**August 22-24**

All sales support Lutheran Education Association



Donations welcome! They are not accepting TV's, computers or electronics. For any large items, call the office and check with Judy before dropping off.



**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.

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# UPCOMING

- AUG 12** Council Meeting
- SEP 9** Council Meeting
- OCT 1** Elder's Meeting
- OCT 14** Council Meeting
- OCT 23** Bible Bookenders
- OCT 27** Voter's Meeting
- NOV 5** Elder's Meeting
- NOV 11** Council Meeting
- DEC 9** Council Meeting

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## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- Tess Lerum ..... August 1
- Carol Ham ..... August 5
- Noah Reyes Reints ..... August 7
- Jace Fitzwater ..... August 11
- Alanna Hentges ..... August 11
- Mary Deluhery ..... August 13
- Lance Lerum ..... August 13
- Charlie Vig ..... August 14
- Wendy Fitzwater ..... August 16
- Jace Reyes Reints ..... August 18
- Sheri Brunner ..... August 24
- Dave Albrecht ..... August 31



# THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

## SUNDAY

**11** 9:00 am Worship

## MONDAY

**12** 6:00 pm IFC  
7:00 pm Church Council

## TUESDAY

**13**

## WEDNESDAY

**14** 10:00 am Happenings Articles Due  
6:00 pm IFC

## THURSDAY

**15**

## FRIDAY

**16**

## SATURDAY

**17**

## SUNDAY

**18** 9:00 am Worship



**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!

Welcome to  
**Holy Cross**  
A Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Congregation



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### HAPPENINGS 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](mailto:megan@holycross-pl.org). **Please submit all additions by 10am on Wednesdays.**



**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.

### SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, AUGUST 11

**ELDER:** Dave Albrecht  
**LECTOR:** Ben Woltmann  
**USHER:** Eric Brown  
**ACOLTYE:** Allie Wagner  
**AV:** Dinah Gilberts  
**OFFERING:** Carol Albrecht & Pam Hunter

### SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, AUGUST 18

**ELDER:** Dennis Waderich  
**LECTOR:** Carol Albrecht  
**USHER:** Jason Kruse  
**ACOLTYE:** Colin Kruse  
**AV:** Eric Brown  
**OFFERING:** Dave Albrecht & Denny Case

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 4 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE**

**WORSHIP: 53 | BIBLE STUDY: n/a | SUNDAY SCHOOL: n/a**



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Music & Choir Director: Mui Cheng • Praise Band: Nathan Hentges & Greg Albrecht  
Office Ministry Assistant: Megan Luckfield • Vacancy Pastor: Rev. Dean Gade