

# HAPPENINGS

**November 10-17, 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.

FALL

# MISSION FEST

TICKETS  
\$15  
(under 12 free)

SPEAKERS  
MINI AUCTION  
THANKSGIVING DINNER

November 16 | 5:00 – 8:00 pm

November 16th, 2024

We are excited to tell you about our **Missionfest** event for this year! We will have a traditional Thanksgiving dinner followed by speakers from the mission field of a few of the outreach programs we support. Tickets are \$15.00 per person (kids under 12 are free) and are available for purchase now. Make plans for a time of fun and fellowship; and reserve your seat now. May God bless your continued support!

**Here is the schedule:**

<b>Happy Hour</b>	5:00	<b>Mini Auction</b>	6:30
<b>Dinner</b>	5:30	<b>Speakers</b>	6:45

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**November 10**  
Buffy Mobroten

**November 17**  
Robert & Bonnie Nowak

**November 24**  
Pam Hunter

**December 1**  
Steve & Dorene Oak

**December 8**  
Randy & Nancy Baldwin

**December 15**  
Shari Schulze

**“READERS” FOR HAITI**

A mission group will be heading to Cap-Haitian, Haiti in January and are asking for donations of **reading glasses**, in plus 1's, 2's and 3's. The Dollar store is a good resource. Also, **EYE DROPS** are an enormous relief for them. A collection bin is located in the Commons area.



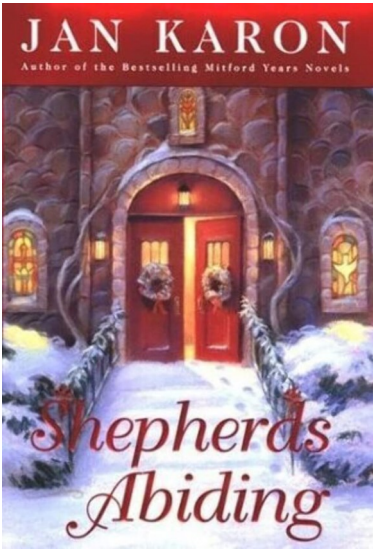
\*MOST Ministries are supplying them with glasses for distance so we **are not** collecting those. Keith and Kim Waller had, in the past, been affiliated with HLMS. They now have their own Haiti ministry. They have continued to go to Haiti, focusing on the Cap-Haitian area which is on the north coast of Haiti.

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**CHRISTMAS WITH DIGNITY**

Hospitality House Youth Development (HHYD) will host Christmas with Dignity this year on **December 13th**. Last year, Holy Cross was amazing with the amount of gifts donated! So that HHYD can prepare for the many donations of items collected, **our deadline for collecting is Sunday December 1st**. A list of gift ideas has been posted by the red HHYD collection box. Take a picture of it for a handy reference or you can go to [hhyd.org/christmas](http://hhyd.org/christmas) to print it.



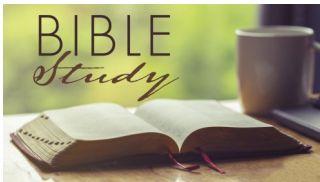


**BIBLE BOOKENDERS**

If you are someone who likes to plan ahead, get a copy of Jan Karon's book, *Shepherds Abiding*. It would be a great read for the first snowstorm, and it is the selection of Bible Bookenders book for **January 28th**. The story centers around a nativity set that Father Tim finds. It is in poor condition,

and even though he isn't the artist in the family, he decides to paint and repair the pieces himself. The story, of course, includes the Mitford characters we all love. This is the eighth book in the Mitford series and a nod to Karon's 30th anniversary this year. Any questions may be directed to Michele Lein or Bonnie Nowak.

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**BIBLE STUDY** Join us every Sunday at 10:15 am after the service.

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**CHRISTMAS MARKET IN THE GREENHOUSE**

Queen Bee'z Lawn and Garden  
17860 Panama Ave., Prior Lake



They will be taking over greenhouses 2 & 3 for five weekends and loading them with over 40 vendors selling Christmas decor, gifts, soaps, lotions, vintage decor and much more. While you are there you will can shop the trees, wreaths, and other decor Queen Bee'z has to offer during this time.

**Hours:** Fridays 9-6 | Saturdays 9-5 | Sundays 11-4



**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

Our Christmas program will be **Sunday, December 15th** during the worship service. Bonnie Nowak has once again shared her writing

expertise by writing, "The Story of Joseph". We will practice on Saturday mornings, December 7 & 14, times to be announced.

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**PLEASE SUBMIT ALL HAPPENINGS ARTICLES BY 10 AM WEDNESDAY TO** [megan@holycross-pl.org](mailto:megan@holycross-pl.org)

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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

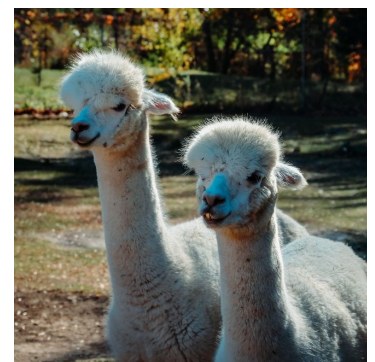


personal concerns, joys, or challenges weighing on your heart, we are here to pray with you. Your requests can be submitted confidentially through email at [megan@holycross-pl.org](mailto:megan@holycross-pl.org) or given to Pastor Gade. Let us join in prayer, knowing that together, we can make a difference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

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**ALPACA FARM OPEN HOUSE**

Visit with the alpacas. Take an alpaca for a walk for only \$12 or buy a bag of feed for \$1 and give the critters a snack. Enjoy baked goodies and a hot beverage bar with cider, hot cocoa and coffee. Do



some shopping for all the alpaca stuffies, yarn, soaps and more. Cupcakes and cookies and more for sale too!

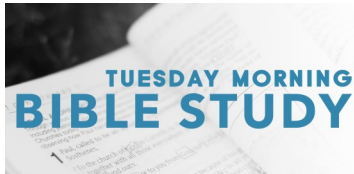
**November 16-17, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm**

Whispering Oaks Alpacas,  
21851 Calmor Ave., Prior Lake

# UPCOMING

- NOV 11 Church Council
- NOV 16 Fall Mission Fest
- NOV 19 Operation Christmas Child Deadline
- NOV 27 Thanksgiving Eve Worship
- NOV 28 Thanksgiving
- DEC 3 Elder's Meeting
- DEC 4 Advent Midweek 1
- DEC 9 Church Council
- DEC 11 Advent Midweek 2

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** Join us from 8:00-9:00 am on Tuesdays. All are welcome!



**CHRISTMAS TOGETHER CONCERTS** Steven C presents his 8th annual series of "Christmas Together" Concerts at the majestic Cathedral of Saint Paul. Talk to Carol or Dave Albrecht about carpooling. Get your tickets today! <https://stevencmusic.com>



**Concert Dates/Times:**

December 12 & 13 - 7:00 pm | December 14 - 11:00 am



**HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL** We kicked off the year studying the Book of Jude - the whole book - (Check it out - it is only ONE Chapter!). We are now heading in to the books of Daniel and Revelation as per students requests. Prayers for our teachers and students are appreciated. To study God's Word together is a blessing.

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**HURRICANE RELIEF** \$2,690.00 was donated by members and guests of Holy Cross to the LCMS Disaster Response.



**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- Kathy Gillespie ..... November 5
- Heidi Cordell ..... November 13
- Becky Lepley ..... November 16
- Jacob Oak ..... November 27
- Shannon Busse ..... November 29
- Doug Albrecht ..... November 30
- Greg Albrecht ..... November 30



**SEND GOOD NEWS AND GREAT JOY**

**PACK A SHOEBOX**

Samaritan's Purse

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD...**

The Operation Christmas Child display is in the commons with plenty of boxes available! Please consider taking one (or more) to fill and bless a child this Christmas. You can scan the QR code or visit <https://sampur.se/4dldVDH> to build a shoebox-on-line. Also, if you have a Thrivent policy you can use an Action Grant to purchase items for a box or to build one online. If you have questions on how to do that, talk to Pam. **Our deadline is Tuesday, Nov. 19th.**



*Life* QUOTES

**NOVEMBER 10** "For no one of those who are alive today knows where he was during the first two years, when he lived either in the womb ... Yet he lived at that time, and he was a body joined to a soul—a body adapted to all natural functions." *Martin Luther – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

# THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

## SUNDAY

**10** 9:00 am Worship  
10:15 am Bible Study  
10:15 am Sunday School

## MONDAY

**11** 6:00 pm IFC  
7:00 pm Church Council

## TUESDAY

**12** 8:00 am Tuesday Morning Bible Study

## WEDNESDAY

**13** 10:00 am Happenings Articles Due  
6:00 pm IFC

## THURSDAY

**14** 7:00 pm Choir Practice

## FRIDAY

**15**

## SATURDAY

**16** 5:00 pm Mission Fest

## SUNDAY

**17** 9:00 am Worship  
10:15 am Bible Study  
10:15 am Sunday School



**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, NOVEMBER 10

**ELDER:** Dennis Waderich  
**LECTOR:** Paige Westrum  
**USHER:** Lance Lerum  
**ACOLTYE:** Ja'Nelle Mix  
**AV:** Eric Brown  
**OFFERING:** Dave Albrecht & Denny Case

### ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

**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.**



### SUNDAY SCHOOL

All children, teens and adults are welcome to join us at 10:15 am for Sunday School and

Adult Bible Study. You don't want to miss this!!

Although our Sunday School numbers are low, we have faithful teachers who lead our children on their journey of learning about God and all that He has promised. Michele Lein teaches our youth. She is digging into Jude, Revelation and Daniel. Working with the upper elementary is Bonnie Nowak with a focus on the New Testament. Pam Hunter is teaching on the Old Testament, soon to be focusing on the birth of Jesus with the early elementary. Thank you for your willingness to work with our children.



### SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, NOVEMBER 17

**ELDER:** Doug Brunner  
**LECTOR:** Pam Hunter  
**USHER:** Steve Oak  
**ACOLTYE:** Tate Kruse  
**AV:** Rostina Vannett  
**OFFERING:** Wendy Fitzwater & Joyce Drenckhahn

### WORSHIP: 53 | BIBLE STUDY: 17 | SUNDAY SCHOOL: 7



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