

HAPPENINGS

November 17-24, 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.



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

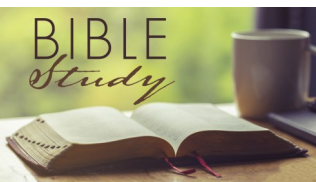
expertise by writing, "The Story of Joseph". We will practice on Saturday mornings, December 7 & 14, times to be announced.

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LIGHT UP OUR CHURCH! It’s that time of year again. We have all enjoyed how beautiful our church looks, and what a beacon it is, when it is lit up for the holiday season. We have been able to accomplish this in the past through your generous contributions. We will once again have a free will offering basket available at the end of services if you would like to contribute. Thank you for your support!

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

“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.

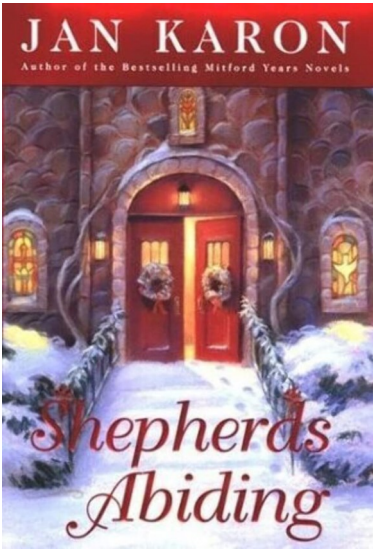
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CHRISTMAS WITH DIGNITY

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 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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CHRISTMAS MARKET IN THE GREENHOUSE

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

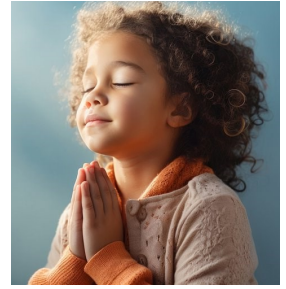


They will be taking over greenhouses 2 & 3 for five weekends and loading them with over 40 vendors selling Christmas decor, gifts, soaps, lotions, vintage decor and much more. While you are there you will can shop the trees, wreaths, and other decor Queen Bee'z has to offer during this time. The five weekends they are open are Nov 15-17, Nov 22-24, Nov 29-Dec 1, Dec 6-8, and Dec 13-15.

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

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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.



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November 17
 Robert & Bonnie Nowak

December 8
 Randy & Nancy Baldwin

November 24
 Pam Hunter

December 15
 Shari Schulze

December 1
 Steve & Dorene Oak

December 22
 Joy & James Anderson

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The volunteer schedule for January to April of 2025 will be coming out in a few weeks. We'd love to have some more volunteers to add to the list! If you're interested in volunteering for Lector, Usher, Acolyte, Audio/Video, or Offering Counting please let Megan know and she can get you on the schedule, and also find someone to train you in. Your help is greatly appreciated!



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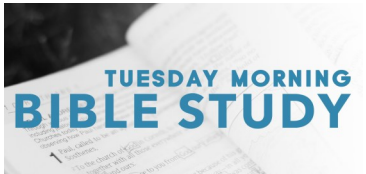
PLEASE SUBMIT ALL HAPPENINGS ARTICLES BY 10 AM WEDNESDAY TO megan@holycross-pl.org

UPCOMING

- 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
- DEC 15** Christmas Play
- DEC 18** Advent Midweek 3

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



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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>



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Concert Dates/Times:

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

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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... Please consider putting together a box for Operation Christmas Child. We need to realize that our boxes may be the only gift they have ever received. This is a busy time of the year so building a shoebox online is a great option. Just scan the QR code and it'll take you to our goal page. We have a few days left to collect. After that boxes can be delivered directly to Bethesda Church on Hwy 13. Check online for times. You can scan the QR code or visit <https://sampur.se/4dldVDH> to build a shoebox online. **Our deadline is this Tuesday, Nov. 19th.**



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Life QUOTES

NOVEMBER 17 "If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world." C.S. Lewis (*Mere Christianity*) – A Life Quote from *Lutherans For Life* • lutheransforlife.org

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

18 6:00 pm IFC

TUESDAY

19 8:00 am Bible Study
7:00 pm Operation Christmas Child Deadline

WEDNESDAY

20 10:00 am Happenings Articles Due
6:00 pm IFC

THURSDAY

21 7:00 pm Choir Practice

FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

24 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 17

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

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

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 24

ELDER: Dennis Waderich
LECTOR: Michele Lein
USHER: Denny Case
ACOLTYE: Daniel Vannett
AV: Dinah Gilberts
OFFERING: Dave Albrecht & Denny Case

WORSHIP: 59 | BIBLE STUDY: 12 | SUNDAY SCHOOL:



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