

HAPPENINGS

January 5-12, 2025

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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.

PASTOR MARC ENGELHARDT’S INSTALLATION

Pastor Marc's installation is **TODAY at 3:00 pm.** A dessert reception will follow the service.



CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS The 2024 year-end contribution statements will be emailed by **January 31, 2025.** If you would like a paper statement please contact the Financial Secretary, Sheri Brunner, (sheri.brunner@gmail.com or 952-807-6473) to request a copy. If you haven’t picked up your 2025 envelopes yet, they are on the table outside the youth room.

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WOMEN’S ONE NIGHT BIBLE STUDY Women of Holy Cross are invited to a Bible Study **Thursday, January 23 at 6:30 pm.** Bring your Bible and a treat to share (optional) and join us at church for

a casual evening. Invite a friend or neighbor to come along for the evening. Be renewed by God’s Word and encouraged by the fellowship of those in the faith. Contact Joy Anderson at 612-423-1204 if you have questions.



January 5
Mike & Kris Hentges

January 19
Ralph & Allie Wagner

January 12
Wendy Fitzwater /Joyce

January 26
Youth Group

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WHERE EVERYBODY KNOWS YOUR NAME Dust off your name tag and get in the habit of wearing it again. This will help Pastor Engelhardt and his family get to know all of us. Wearing your name tag will also assist those who are great with faces but not with names. The name tag rack is next to the coat room. If you don’t have tag or misplaced yours, Megan our church admin can assist you in printing a new one.



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VOTERS
MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 10:15 AM

TIME OF GRACE connects people to God’s grace—their 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



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PLEASE SUBMIT ALL HAPPENINGS ARTICLES BY 10:00 AM WEDNESDAY TO megan@holycross-pl.org

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NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING
Registration for the 2025 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans is now open. Go to their website for all the details. <https://www.lcmsgathering.com/registration>



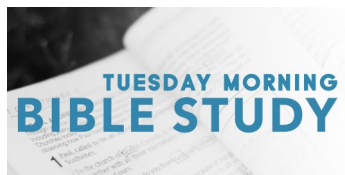
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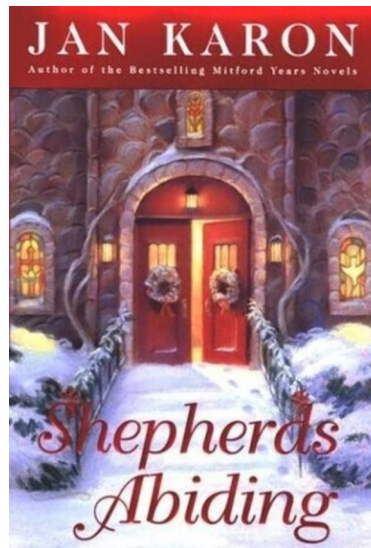
SUNDAY SCHOOL
All children are welcome to join us at 10:15 am after the service for Sunday School!

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TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY Our Tuesday morning Bible study will resume this week at 8:00 am here at church. Join us if you are free. This video-based study on *Threads: Celebrating the Biblical Tapestry* is led by Dr. Dean Nadasdy. No homework or things to prepare, just bring your Bible. The Biblical threads we’ll look at include creation, sin, justice, grace, redemption, sacrifice, faith, sending, and kingdom.



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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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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 Engelhardt. Let us join in prayer, knowing that together, we can make a difference through the power of prayer.



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UPCOMING

- JAN 5** Pastor Engelhardt's Installation
- JAN 7** Elder's Meeting
- JAN 21** Church Council
- JAN 26** Voter's Meeting
- JAN 28** Bible Bookenders

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PRE-RETIREMENT WORKSHOP

Saturday, January 25, 2025
 MN South District Office, 14301 Grand Ave, in Burnsville

Topics include:

- Envisioning Your Retirement
- Basic Retirement Finances
- Sources of Retirement Income
- Health Care in Retirement
- Initiating Your Retirement

Who should attend? Workers enrolled in the Concordia Retirement Plan pension, especially those age 50 or older who are thinking about retirement. Spouses may also attend! All materials, beverages, snack, and a light lunch will be provided.

To register, email your name, phone number, spouse's name (if attending), and any special dietary or mobility needs to MoneyMatters@ConcordiaPlans.org. **Advance registration by January 13, 2025 is required.** Questions? Contact Concordia Plans at 888-927-7526 ext. 6865.

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Life QUOTES

JANUARY 5 "Let the peace of Christ change how you live—clothing yourself with godly virtues reflecting a thankful heart. Carry this peace that the angels proclaimed and Simeon saw. It sets the tone for the coming year, another year you get to live as God's child in the peace of Jesus." *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota* – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Amanda Fitzwater January 14
- Michael Schumacher January 15
- Mitch Hoehn January 16
- Emily Mix January 26
- Becca Reyes January 26
- Donna Vig January 26
- Chloe Einarson January 27
- Quinn Fitzwater January 29

GOD'S MISSION HERE *God's Mission Here* is a newsletter put out by LCMS National Mission. It offers support in areas of ministry you may find helpful as you share the Gospel.



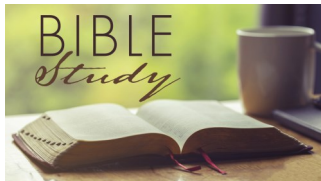
- Discipleship Ministry
- Upcoming Life & Mercy Conference
- Christmas Worship Media Kit
- Save the Dates

[Link to the December issue](#)
[Listen to the God's Mission Here podcast](#)

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SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

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



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

SUNDAY

5 9:00 am Worship
 10:15 am Sunday School
 10:15 am Bible Study
 3:00 pm Pastor Marc Engelhardt Installation

MONDAY

6 6:00 pm IFC

TUESDAY

7 8:00 am Adult Bible Study
 7:00 pm Elder's Meeting

WEDNESDAY

8 10:00 am Happenings Articles Due
 6:00 pm IFC

THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

12 9:00 am Worship
 10:15 am Sunday School
 10:15 am 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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Welcome to
Holy Cross
A Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Congregation



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!

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, JANUARY 5

ELDER: Dave Albrecht
LECTOR: Ben Woltmann
USHER: Denny Case
ACOLTYE: Chloe Oxborough
AV: Eric Brown
OFFERING: Carol Albrecht & Pam Hunter

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, JANUARY 12

ELDER: Dennis Waderich
LECTOR: Carol Albrecht
USHER: Dinah Gilberts
ACOLTYE: Caitlyn Oxborough
AV: Rostina Vannett
OFFERING: Dave Albrecht & Denny Case

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

WORSHIP: 77 | BIBLE STUDY: n/a | SUNDAY SCHOOL: n/a



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 Office Ministry Assistant: Megan Luckfield • Pastor: Marc Engelhardt