

# HAPPENINGS

**January 12-19, 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 through Jesus! 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 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 if you have questions.

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**WHERE EVERYBODY KNOWS YOUR NAME**

New name tags have been printed for everyone, so 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 your name was missed with the new name tags, Megan our church admin can print you one.



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# VOTERS MEETING

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 10:15 AM**



**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, 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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**January 12**  
Ralph & Allie Wagner

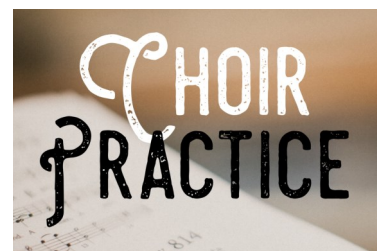
**January 26**  
Youth Group

**January 19**  
Wendy Fitzwater /Joyce

**February 2**  
Norma & Evelyn Jabs

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**CHOIR PRACTICE** will be back to Thursdays at 7:00 pm now after the holidays. New members are welcome!





PLEASE SUBMIT ALL HAPPENINGS ARTICLES BY 10:00 AM WEDNESDAY TO MEGAN.

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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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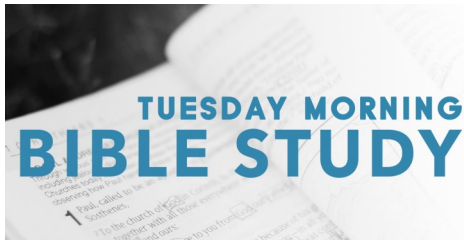
**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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

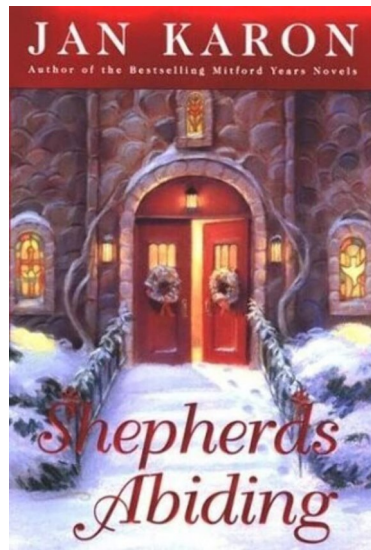


week at 8:00 am here at church. Join us if you are free. This video-based study on *Threads: Celebrating the Biblical Tapestry* is led by Dr. Dean Nadasdy. No homework or things to prepare, just bring your Bible. The Biblical threads we'll look at include creation, sin, justice, grace, redemption, sacrifice,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

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**JANUARY 12** "From the moment you were being knitted together in your mother's womb (Psalm 139:13), God's began His careful construction of His chosen jewel of redemption." *Rev. Adam Osier, Dean, Free Lutheran Bible College, Plymouth, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*



**BIBLE BOOKENDERS**

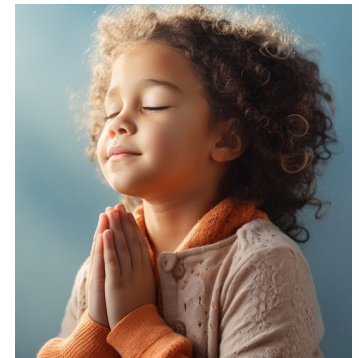
If you are someone who likes to plan ahead, get a copy of Jan Karon's book, *Shepherds Abiding*. It would be a great read for the first snowstorm, and it is the selection of Bible Bookenders book for **January 28th**. The story centers around a nativity set that Father Tim finds. It is in poor condition,

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 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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**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!

# UPCOMING

- JAN 14** Elder's Meeting
- JAN 21** Church Council
- JAN 23** Women's Bible Study
- 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

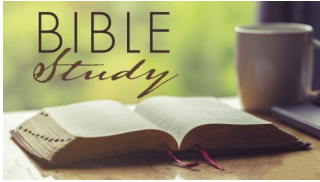
Who should attend? Workers enrolled in the Concordia Retirement Plan pension, especially those age 50 or older who are thinking about retirement. Spouses may also attend! All materials, beverages, snack, and a light lunch will be provided.

To register, email your name, phone number, spouse's name (if attending), and any special dietary or mobility needs to [MoneyMatters@ConcordiaPlans.org](mailto: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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## SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

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



### 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](#)

# THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

## SUNDAY

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

## MONDAY

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6:00 pm IFC

## TUESDAY

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8:00 am Adult Bible Study

## WEDNESDAY

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

## THURSDAY

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7:00 pm Choir Practice

## FRIDAY

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## SATURDAY

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## SUNDAY

19

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



We receive miraculously, in the gift of faith, His true body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. If you share this belief and have been baptized 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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### 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

### SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, JANUARY 19

**ELDER:** Doug Brunner  
**LECTOR:** Jimmy Anderson  
**USHER:** Eric Brown  
**ACOLTYE:** Ja' Nelle Mix  
**AV:** Michael Schumacher  
**OFFERING:** Wendy Fitzwater & Joyce Drenckhahn

### ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

**WORSHIP: 61 | BIBLE STUDY: 35 | SUNDAY SCHOOL: n/a**



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Office Ministry Assistant: Megan Luckfield • Pastor: Marc Engelhardt