

# Holy Crossings

# Newsletter

JANUARY 2025

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

As I get settled into my role as pastor of Holy Cross there is much to learn and much to do. One of my highest priorities though is getting to know all of you. To do so, I am asking two things of each household.

The first is that you would allow me to take a selfie with you. Then I will have a photo of you with your name on my phone. This will greatly help me put faces to names. It is also an opportunity for us to get each other's mobile numbers. If you don't want to take a selfie with me, or want to help me speed up the process, you can send me

a photo of your household with names. To do so, call the office or look in the printed version of the Happenings to get my cell number.

The second thing is that I would like to meet with each household. One way we could do this is that if you have something you would already do and I could tag along, I will happily do so. We could also grab a coffee, beer, or meal somewhere. If none of that works for you, we can always meet at the office at Holy Cross.

I am looking forward to getting to know all of you better.

*Peace in Christ, Pastor Marc*

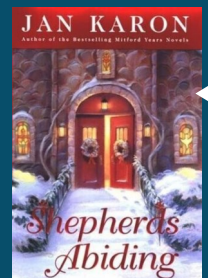
## Thank You

Diane and I would like to thank you for all your outpouring of blessings upon us throughout the past years. You have done so much for us in so many ways that give us strength and perseverance to in serving and sharing in this special place. While our time together has come to an end our memories will continue. We pray God's grace and mercy will continue to bless Holy Cross as you begin a new journey with Pastor Engelhardt. We thank God for you being in our lives, and praise God for sending me to you during time of vacancy.

*- Vacancy Pastor Dean W. Gade*

## 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.

# NIGHT TO SHINE 2025

Friday, February 7th, 2025



Volunteers are needed for the main event. We are also looking

for people with trucks or large SUVs to help haul and pick up items on Friday the 7th. You will get bonus points if you can bring them back to Holy Cross after! All volunteers must be 16 or older. Use this link to sign up [nighttoshinemn.org/volunteer](http://nighttoshinemn.org/volunteer).

Donations are also needed for our event. Please make checks out to Holy Cross Lutheran Church and in the memo note "NTS donation". Thank you for always supporting our missions, this is one of my favorite nights of the year. We are blessed to have a loving congregation who loves our special needs community!

- Shari Schulze

# THE LUTHERAN HOUR



The Lutheran Hour can be heard each Sunday on WCCO (830 AM) at 6:05 am. And it can be streamed online too, [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org).

## January 5

### "In the Beginning Was Dialogue"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
Do you need more faith? Then you need the Word. Faith comes from hearing the Word of Christ. (John 1:1)

## January 12

### "What's This Neighborhood Coming To?"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
When you're not limited by the size of your table, you can invite everyone. (John 1:14)

## January 19

### "He Made Me a Believer"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
God makes us believers and the more we believe, the more we become involved in the institutions God made--church, marriage, family, and work. (John 2:11)

## January 26

### "An Overture to the Greatest Story Ever Told"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez  
Like an overture that introduces a great musical work, John the Baptizer is the living voice sent by God to bear witness to Jesus' lordship and salvation. (John 3:26-36)



- 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



## January 12

Wendy Fitzwater/Joyce D.

## January 26

Youth Group

## January 19

Ralph & Allie Wagner

## February 2

Norma & Evelyn Jabs

If you are not able to serve on your assigned day, please find an alternate to fill in, and make the notation on the serving list on the bulletin board. Thanks!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- JAN 14 Elder's Meeting
- JAN 21 Church Council
- JAN 23 Women's Bible Study
- JAN 26 Voter's Meeting
- JAN 28 Bible Bookenders
- FEB 4 Elder's Meeting
- FEB 10 Church Council



## Happenings

Please submit all articles for the Happenings by Wednesdays at 10 am. We also need some new and fresh content for the Happenings, so if you have any great ideas, please send them to Megan.

### BIBLE STUDY

Join us every Sunday at 10:15 am after the service for Bible Study. And we also have a Tuesday morning Bible Study from **8:00-9:00 am**. All are welcome!



### SUNDAY SCHOOL



All children and teens are welcome to join us at 10:15 am for Sunday School. You don't want to miss this!

# JANUARY 2025



| SUN  | MON         | TUE   | WED  | THU   | FRI       | SAT       |
|--|-------------|---|--|---|-----------|-----------|
|  |             |   | <b>1</b>   | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>  |
| <b>2nd Sunday After Christmas</b><br>9:00 am Worship<br>10:15 am Bible Study<br>10:15 am Sunday School<br>3:00 pm Pastor Engelhardt Installation | 6:00 pm IFC | 7:00 pm Elder's Meeting                         | 10:00 am Happenings<br>Articles Due<br>6:00 pm IFC | 7:00 pm Choir Practice                                |           |           |
|  | <b>6</b>    | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b>   | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b> |
| <b>3rd Sunday After Christmas</b><br>9:00 am Worship<br>10:15 am Bible Study<br>10:15 am Sunday School   | 6:00 pm IFC | 8:00 am Bible Study                             | 10:00 am Happenings<br>Articles Due<br>6:00 pm IFC | 7:00 pm Choir Practice                                |           |           |
|  | <b>13</b>   | <b>14</b>                                       | <b>15</b>  | <b>16</b>   | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b> |
| <b>4th Sunday After Christmas</b><br>9:00 am Worship<br>10:15 am Bible Study<br>10:15 am Sunday School   | 6:00 pm IFC | 8:00 am Bible Study<br>7:00 pm Church Council   | 10:00 am Happenings<br>Articles Due<br>6:00 pm IFC | 7:00 pm Choir Practice<br>6:30 pm Women's Bible Study |           |           |
|  | <b>20</b>   | <b>21</b>                                       | <b>22</b>  | <b>23</b>   | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b> |
| <b>5th Sunday After Christmas</b><br>9:00 am Worship<br>10:15 am Voter's Meeting   | 6:00 pm IFC | 8:00 am Bible Study<br>7:00 pm Bible Bookenders | 10:00 am Happenings<br>Articles Due<br>6:00 pm IFC | 7:00 pm Choir Practice                                |           |           |
|  | <b>27</b>   | <b>28</b>                                       | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b>   | <b>31</b> |           |