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*Our Mission:
With the help of God,
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
grows disciples
and transforms hearts
for Christ.*

Rev. Andrew J. Gimbel
Pastor

Meghan Flanick
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Darlene Birk
Preschool Director

Michelle Sliger
Music Director

Greg Cissell
Choir Director

Easter Service Times

Sunday: 6AM, 8AM,
9:30 AM, 11AM

Service Times

Saturday: 5 PM
Sunday: 8 & 10:30 AM

Sunday Education Hour

9:15 - 10:15 AM
ADULT BIBLE STUDIES
SUNDAY SCHOOL & LYF

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8 AM-NOON: 1-4 PM
636.272.4505

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LIVE-STREAMING of 8 AM SERVICE WEEKLY: Holy Cross live streams the 8 AM service each Sunday on a link at our website (hcross.com). We provide this service for our members who cannot attend worship. The video perspective from the choir loft looks toward the altar and shows all aspects of the service from the sixth row of pews forward. This includes baptisms, children's talks, and communion.



Weekly News & Notes

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11-12,, 2019

WELCOME TO EVERYONE joining us for worship today! We invite both visitors and members to sign the red fellowship folders in the pew and return to worship with us regularly. If you are interested in membership at Holy Cross, please provide a phone number or email address, or speak to Pastor Gimbel about how you may become part of our fellowship.

PRAYER REQUESTS: We are happy to pray for those in need. Prayer requests can be submitted by filling out a card found in the pew and giving it to an usher, or by calling or emailing the church office.

Confidential prayer requests are shared with Pastor Gimbel but not published.

In prayers for health and healing today, we pray—

FOR OUR MEMBERS:

Delores Ahrens, **John** Allquist, **Brian** Belter, **Bob** Brueggeman, **Delsa** Dwyer, **Renea** Erickson, **Rose** Franzer, **Connie** Gamache, **Ken** Higgins, **Debra** Korte, **Kenneth** Lee, **Morris** Lehmann, **Judy** Rutledge, **Mary** Sampl, **Nancy** Scaglione, **Bob** Wacker, **George** Walsh, **Carl** Wardenburg, **Chris** Wuetz.

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Casey Bastian (Jim & Sue Bastian); **Hilda** Breden (Deb Breden); **Deborah** Broussard (Darlene Robirds); **Anna Mae** Bumstead (Roy Bumstead); **Brody** and **Blake** Carlton (Bill Price); **Kelley** Christopher (John & Linda Jackson); **Kenny** and **Shirley** Coomer, **Kenny** Rogers (Jeff & Becky Coomer); **Jim** Coots (Doris Coots); **Dale** Davis (Sarah Smith); **Wayne** Doolin (Al Ketsenburg); **Jim** French (Dina Polashek); **Jen** Gabathuler & her family (Dave & Peggy Kuerschner); **Eugene** Gronewald (Phyllis Gronewald); **Mark** Heisohn (Liane Higgins); **Robert** Heizmann (Werner & Laurie Heizmann); **Irene** Helsten (Denice Johns); **Frank** Boyer, **Sheri** Campbell (Jayne Jepsen); **Elizabeth** Cash, **Joe** (Doug & Heather Koepke); **John** Linnquist (Amy Schlesselman); **Karen** Martinez (David Pacheco); **Donna** Mayes (Greg & Beth Cissell); **Phil** Menzel (John & Marian Hoehner); **Alex** Moentmann (Bob & Sue Williams); **Shelly** Fluchel, **Tom** Hartman, **Vernon** Parr, **John** Perotti, **Amanda** Thornton (Mark & Tina Morrison); **Joy** Rodenberger (Mark Hoemann); **Sandie** Cardinale (Judy Rutledge); **LaCrata** Schnack (Shirley Amos); **Patty** Slye (Becky Edgar); **Janet** Todaro (Lizzie Johansmann); **Connie** Valliere (Sal & Barb Benigno); **Wendy** (Janine Haffer), **Emily** Wymolre (Ken Goodwin).

FOR THOSE WHO WILL BE BAPTIZED THIS WEEKEND:

Cooper Price Brownell, son of Brandon and Ryen (Wente) Brownell and great-grandson of Barb & Roger Grosch, will be baptized in a private service at 3PM Saturday. He was born July 15, 2018, in St. Louis. His baptismal sponsors are Kevin and Katie Adkerson.

Judah James Flanick, son of Adam and Meghan (O'Hara) Flanick, will be baptized during the 5PM service Saturday. He was born April 25, 2019, in St. Louis. His baptismal sponsors are Jacob & Kari O'Hara and Benjamin Flanick.

FOR THOSE WHO SERVE:

We remember and pray for our members, relatives & friends currently serving in the military: **Dominic** Bisesi, **Timothy** Daniels, **Braedyn** Dawson, **Nathaniel** Einfeldt, **Brooke** Georges, **Bella** Hoffer; **Wes** Justmann, **Cody** Kieffer, **Jeff** Kuerschner, **Josh** Linn, **Clint** Morrison, **Justin** Quinn, **Mitch & Brittney** Schneider, **Andrew** Shaw, **Michael** J. Silliman Jr., **Matthew** Thornton and **Conner** Walkenhorst.

FOR THE PASTORAL CALL COMMITTEE:

Solomon Conrad, chair; **Joe** Snyder, secretary; **Brian** Belter, **Mary** Camfield, **Pastor Gimbel**, **David** Schlesselman, **Shana** Ziolk.

This Week's Calendar

SATURDAY, MAY 11

10AM Mother's Day Brunch
 3PM Brownell (Grosch) Baptism
 5PM Evening Worship
 + Flanick Baptism
 + Grace Guild Rose Sale, Diaper Drive

SUNDAY, May 12

Fourth Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day
Grace Guild Rose Sale & Diaper Drive
 8:00AM Morning Worship
 9:15AM Education Hour
 10:30AM Holy Communion

MONDAY, May 13

9:30AM TOPS
 10AM Counters
 10:30AM Quilt Setup
 11:30AM Line Dancers
 5:30PM Stewardship Board
 7:00PM Church Council

TUESDAY, May 14

9AM Chapel
 10AM Women's Bible Study
 NOON Staff Meeting
 6:00PM Grace Guild (Off-site)

WEDNESDAY, May 15

9AM/1PM Chapel
 9:30AM Adult Bible Class
 6:45PM Choir
 8:00PM AA

THURSDAY, May 16

8AM News & Notes Deadline
 Noon: Deadline for Reports
 for Voters' Assembly

FRIDAY, May 17

SATURDAY, MAY 18

5 PM Holy Communion
 + Grace Diaper Drive

SUNDAY, May 19

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Grace Guild Diaper Drive

8:00AM Holy Communion
9:15AM Education Hour
 + LYF Senior Breakfast & Recognition
10:30AM Morning Worship
 + Preschool Sings

NOON: VOTERS ASSEMBLY
 + Pastoral Call Meeting

Noon: National Youth Gathering (NYG)
Meeting at Child of God

4PM LHS Rededication & Open House



Bible Study Opportunities

SUNDAY SCHOOL for Ages 3 through 8th grade

- ◆ Sundays at 9:15 AM in classrooms on the lower level

LYF--HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH Sundays, 9:15 AM in the Youth Room

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDIES AT 9:15 AM

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Gimbel

- ◆ Tuesdays at 10AM in Rooms 1-2

ADULT BIBLE STUDY with Elder Solomon Conrad

- ◆ Wednesdays at 9:30 AM in Rooms 1-2

ADULT EVENING BIBLE CLASS with Bruce Linn

- ◆ 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7PM

CONFIRMATION AND MIDWEEK for Grades 3 through High School

- ◆ Classes on Wednesdays at 6:45PM resume in August

MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY:

- ◆ Second Wednesday at 6:30 AM

THOSE WISHING TO BECOME MEMBERS OF HOLY CROSS:

- ◆ Transfer of Lutherans Class (TLC)
- ◆ B.A.S.I.C.S. Information Classes for non-Lutherans
- ◆ **Contact the Church Office for these Classes**

Church Attendance

| Service | Attendance | Communion |
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| Saturday-Sunday: May 4-5, 2019 — THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER | | |
| 5:00 PM SATURDAY | 87 | 77 |
| 8:00 AM SUNDAY | 78 | 72 |
| 10:30 AM SUNDAY | 155 | 131 |
| Total | 320 | 280 |

Weekly Education Classes May 7 & 8, 2019

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| TUE AM WOMEN's Bible Study | 10 |
| Tue PM Adult Bible Class | 5 |
| WED AM Men's B&B | 11 |
| WED AM Adult Bible Class | 16 |
| Total | 42 |

Sunday Education Classes May 5 2019

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| Sunday School | 12 |
| LYF | 4 |
| Adult Bible Classes | 19 |
| Total | 35 |

Weekly Offerings: April 29-May 5, 2019

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| General Fund | \$ 15,325.50 |
| Building Fund | \$ 370.00 |
| Endowment | \$ 130.00 |
| Mission of the Quarter 2 | \$ 43.00 |
| Church Sign Fund | \$ 1,235.00 |
| TOTAL Sign Fund 5/05/19 | \$ 28,928.00 |
| TOTAL MOTQ2 (to date) | \$ 888.00 |

Year to Date as of 04/30/2019

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| Income | \$ 218,669.47 |
| Expenses | \$ 196,758.11 |
| YTD | \$ 21,911.36 |

HOLY CROSS BOOKKEEPER POSITION OPEN

Holy Cross Lutheran Church is seeking a part-time Bookkeeper to work 10-12 hours a week.

Must have bookkeeping experience including Quickbooks.

Send inquiries and/or a resume to Treasurer@hcross.com

Sermon: "Rescuing Revelation: The Great Multitude"

The book of Revelation can be an incredibly confusing and sometimes even a frightening book to read, but the truth is that it wasn't meant to be either confusing or frightening! In fact, behind the violent passages of judgment in Revelation lies many beautiful pictures of the self-sacrificial love of Jesus Christ triumphing over the darkness we encounter in our world today. We are beginning a series this Easter season as we dive deeper into what John wrote and dispel some common misconceptions of what it means as we celebrate the Easter victory and the future that it promises!

This week's sermon, "Rescuing Revelation: The Great Multitude" is based on the last portion of Revelation chapter 7. Without a doubt you have been in a great crowd before, whether it's a sports event, a parade, a conference, or something else. For many, there is something inspiring and even exciting about a great crowd of people all in one place for the same reason.

Today we get an image of the people - God's people - all gathered around the risen and resurrected Jesus Christ in heaven!

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS: The "Resurrection Workshop" study series begins with a Biblical overview of life, death, and resurrection. We look more closely at how this message is conveyed in the funeral liturgy, how we as Christians can manage grief, and how we are able to better help others who are grieving. Finally, we will think about and plan our own funeral service, with readings & hymns that reflect Christ's death and resurrection.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Barb & Roger Grosch in honor of the baptism of their great-grandson, Cooper Price Brownell, and by Michelle Kincaid in memory of her father Clarence Schwentker.

REGISTRATION for the 2019-2020 school year for Holy Cross Lutheran Preschool available: Children must be 3 or 4 years old before August 1. Brochures with registration forms are available on the Preschool Display boards located in the *Welcome Center* and in the *Church* office. All the information is on the website – hcross.com (click on the Preschool tab). Contact Preschool Director Darlene Birk at 636-272-4505 for more information and to schedule a personal tour.

VBS MIRACULOUS MISSION REGISTRATION IS OPEN! Children Pre-K (potty-trained) thru 5th Grade are invited for this fun week! The dates are June 17-21 from 6PM-8PM with a family meal starting at 5PM. Friends are welcome too! Register at hcross.com/vbs or check out our Facebook Page!

THANK YOU! With grateful hearts, we thank the members of Holy Cross for your continued prayers on behalf of Ervina Kahler. Our dear sister-in-law (and aunt) has completed all of her chemo and radiation treatments. We praise God for her returned energy and positive medical tests. Your fervent prayers are greatly appreciated!

—Mike, Dawn, & Emily Kahler

ADOPT-A-NYG-PARTICIPANT Get to know the 26 youth and adults attending the 2019 National Youth Gathering in July by sponsoring one. Check out the board in the Welcome Center! Questions? Contact DCE Meghan Flanick at mflanick@hcross.com or the church office!

Voters' Assembly Sunday, May 19

after the 10:30 AM worship service

All Voting Members are encouraged to attend.

Attendance counts!

- Please sign in before entering the meeting; only a physical signature records attendance.
- Please contact Darlene Wischmeyer at 636.240.8131 or wwdondar@aol.com prior to the meeting if you are unable to attend.

Agenda Items Include:

- ◆ Pastoral Call
- ◆ Proposed Electronic Church Sign
- ◆ Board & Committee Reports

New Members: please contact an Elder about the procedures for becoming a Voting Member of Holy Cross for the November meeting.



The Pastoral Call Committee has identified 3 candidates to present to the Voters Assembly on May 19. You are encouraged to pick up the information sheet on all candidates which is available on the table in the Welcome Center by the Pastoral Call Committee information board. The information sheet includes the website of the present congregation for each candidate and other ways to learn more about them. Please feel free to check it out and even listen to a sermon or two if you would like. Most importantly, continue to pray for God's guidance in this process and that He will lead our voters to accomplish His will in our voting on May 19. Our candidates are:

- ◆ Rev. Chris Asbury
- ◆ Rev. Paul Hoemann
- ◆ Rev. Jonathan Meyer

PROPOSED ELECTRONIC CHURCH SIGN: Check out the church sign poster in the Welcome Center. This design has been approved by the Church Council and will be coming to the next Voters Meeting in May for approval. We have collected nearly \$27,000 to date, and another \$12,000 will be needed to cover the sign cost, installation, and software program needed to change messages instantly. This should be a great additional tool to helping us reach out to our community with the Gospel. We continue to accept donations toward the church sign even as voter approval is needed before moving forward. (*Designated gift envelopes are available in the pews.*)

**GRACE EVENING GUILD
MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE**



Your helpers at *Grace Guild* will be glad to pick out a red rose or two for that special woman in your life. You can grab and go on **Sat., May 11 or Sun., May 12** in the *Welcome Center* either before or after services. As usual, it is a free will offering for each rose with all the money going toward the Mission of the Quarter 2!

Thank you for your support!

DIAPER DRIVE



Grace Evening Guild sponsors its **Annual Diaper Drive** from Mother's Day, May 11 -12, to Father's Day, June 15-16. A box or porta-crib will be in the *Welcome Center* for diapers to be placed. Diapers will be given to Seminary families. Varying sizes are most welcome!

**MISSION OF THE QUARTER 2
MISSION CENTRAL: WATER WELLS**



In some parts of Africa, large underground reservoirs have been found. However, the funds to survey and complete the well can be out of financial reach for many in rural Africa. Bad water sources can lead to cholera, typhoid fever, and other water-borne diseases. Water well projects provide water for bodily needs while opening doors to share God's Love with a community in need of Christ's Living Water.



Christ's Care for Children in Lenkishon is a boarding school for children run by the Lutheran Church in Kenya. Daily, children are taught Bible study, attend worship services, and given the opportunity to grow by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus.

However, the school has no electricity or steady water source. Currently, water is trucked in at a high price. Children who attend this school are at a high risk of dropping out of school because of household duties like tending animals, **FETCHING WATER**, caring for siblings, and preparing meals.

Your contribution of \$25 will be a drop in the bucket that a child has to carry home from a water source. A full bucket or 40 drops is \$1000 closer to providing a well for a community. Be a part of the bucket brigade sharing both drinking water and the Living Water of Faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! We currently have one bucket full of 40 drops, so drop your \$25 in the bucket and we will be off to helping the children at the Lutheran school in Lenkishon Kenya get a well.

Dedication Ceremony

You are cordially invited to join us on
Sunday, May 19, 2019

4:00 pm
New Gymnasium Entrance

*After the Dedication Ceremony,
please stay for an Open House
and tour the new building addition!*

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Laborers for Christ: For church remodeling or new church construction, Laborers for Christ is there to help. New members needed for construction program. Contact Al Kelley, past LFC Supervisor and member of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Richland, WA at 509-460-7823.

Registration is now open for the 2019 **LHS Golf Outing on June 22!**
lutheranhighstcharles.com/support/golf-outing for more information.

Help Bless Our Seminary Families!

Did you know that most seminarians move at least 4 times during their time at seminary?

Join the Lutheran Lifters in helping them move this summer! We need people to help with packing, loading, childcare, and providing lunch and water.

Contact Grace Conrad for more info
lutheranlifters@hcross.com
636-875-4828

| Together We Serve: Saturday, May 18, and Sunday, May 19 — Fifth Sunday of Easter | | | |
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| | 5 PM Holy Communion | 8 AM Holy Communion | 10:30 AM Morning Worship |
| Elders | Ralph Erickson, Solomon Conrad | Ed Belter, Joe Snyder | Don Wischmeyer |
| Ushers | John & Linda Jackson | Mark Ziolk, Ed Fattmann, Kent Haffer, Mike Vesper | Jerry Bradley, Mike Kahler, Bill Price, Brandon Shouse, Ken Goodwin |
| Greeters | Wayne & Bonnie Walkenhorst | Steven & Carla Cooper | Sharon Evans, Jayne Jepsen |
| Altar Guild: Millie Stevens, Susan Bollinger, Michelle Kincaid | | Counters: Don & Darlene Wischmeyer, Don Duncan | |
| If you need to change your service assignment, contact: Ned Koprowski (Altar Guild), Don Wischmeyer (Elders), Mark Ziolk (Ushers), Michelle Kincaid (Greeters), or Darlene Drilling (Counters). | | | |