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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

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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
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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 Third Sunday of Easter
Confirmation Sunday

May 5, 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, **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); **Ervina** Kahler (Emily Kahler); **Elizabeth** Cash, **Joe** (Doug & Heather Koepke); **John** Linquist (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, **Rachel** Long (Judy Rutledge); **LaCrata** Schnack (Shirley Amos); **Patty** Slye (Becky Edgar); **Carol** Stockmann (Donna Lukasek); **Janet** Todaro (Lizzie Johansmann); **Connie** Valliere (Sal & Barb Benigno); **Wendy** (Janine Haffer).

FOR OUR CONFIRMANDS:

Bethany Claxton, Thomas Cochran, Drew Miget, Justin Shouse, Benjamin Wiese

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.

This Week's Calendar

SATURDAY, MAY 4

9AM PASTORAL CALL COMMITTEE
5 PM Holy Communion

SUNDAY, May 5

Third Sunday of Easter
8:00AM Holy Communion
9:15AM Education Hour
10:30AM Holy Communion

+ CONFIRMATION

MONDAY, May 6

9:30AM TOPS
10AM Counters
11am Ladies Guild Executive Meeting
11:30AM Line Dancers
6:30PM Executive Council

TUESDAY, May 7

9AM Chapel
10AM Women's Bible Study
NOON Staff Meeting
5pm Education Board
6pm Youth Board
6:30PM Preschool Board
7PM Adult Bible Class

WEDNESDAY, May 8

6:30AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & BREAKFAST
9AM/1PM Chapel
9:30AM Adult Bible Class
6:45PM Choir
6:45PM LYF Welcomes Confirmands
8:00PM AA

THURSDAY, May 9

8AM News & Notes Deadline
6PM Boy Scouts

FRIDAY, May 10

10AM Ladies Guild Meeting & Lunch
Noon: Deadline for Council Reports
& Reports for Voters' Assembly

SATURDAY, MAY 11

10AM MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH
3PM GROSCH BAPTISM
5 PM Evening Worship
+ Flanick Baptism
+ Grace 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



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

- ◆ Gospel: What does this mean? (Gym)
- ◆ B.A.S.I.C.S. Information Classes for non-Lutherans Rm 1-2

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Gimbel

- ◆ Tuesdays at 10 AM 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 7 PM

CONFIRMATION AND MIDWEEK for Grades 3 through High School

- ◆ Classes on Wednesdays at 6:45 PM during the school year

MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY:

- ◆ Second Wednesday at 6:30 AM

THOSE WISHING TO BECOME MEMBERS OF HOLY CROSS:

- ◆ Transfer of Lutherans Class (TLC)
Next Session: April 28 at 9:15 AM
- ◆ B.A.S.I.C.S. Information Classes for non-Lutherans

Church Attendance

Service	Attendance	Communion
Saturday-Sunday: April 27-28, 2019 — SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER		
5:00 PM SATURDAY	89	—
8:00 AM SUNDAY	89	—
10:30 AM SUNDAY	90	83
Total	268	83

Weekly Education Classes April 23-24, 2019

TUE AM WOMEN'S Bible Study	13
Tue PM Adult Bible Class	—
WED Adult Bible Class	18
Total	31

Sunday Education Classes April 28, 2019

Sunday School	10
LYF	3
Adult Bible Classes	33
Total	46

H.O.P.E. FOOD MINISTRIES

Weekly Totals for May 1:
Families 82 Individuals 321

Monthly Totals for April
Families 349
Individuals 1,316

Weekly Offerings: April 22-28, 2019

General Fund	\$ 6,761.50
Building Fund	\$ 50.00
Endowment	\$ 5.00
Mission of the Quarter 2	\$ 115.00
Church Sign Fund	\$ 360.00
TOTAL Sign Fund 4/28/19	\$ 27,693.00
TOTAL MOTQ2	\$ 680.00

Year to Date as of 03/31/2019

Income	\$ 163,056.39
Expenses	\$ 147,986.18
YTD	\$ 15,070.21



Altar flowers are given to the glory of God...

- In celebration of our newly Confirmed members.

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!

Sermon Summary: 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!

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS: The new "Resurrection Workshop" study series begins with a Biblical overview of life, death, and resurrection. We will look more closely at how this message is conveyed in the funeral liturgy. We will also look at 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 even after we take our final breath.

MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY meets this Wed., May 8, at 6:30 AM. Please sign up in the Welcome Center.

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!

8TH GRADE WELCOME--WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 6:45 PM. Calling all 8th graders to come to LYF! Paint your hand, put it on the LYF WALL, join the fun, fellowship & games!

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.

OPEN HOUSE PLANNED FOR NEW THRIVENT OFFICE
The Cross Rivers Group of Thrivent Financial will be hosting a Food Truck-Shred Truck-Open House-Get to Know Us event on Saturday, May 18, from 9 a.m. until noon. Come by the new office at 1144 S. Benton Ave, St. Charles, and get a tour of their new space. They will also be hosting a shred truck that will safely destroy your documents. The food truck, 2 Girls 4 Wheels, will be on hand, we will have children's activities and information on Thrivent Action Teams. All are welcome. If you have questions, please call their office at 636-493-9220. Members of the Cross Rivers Group are Tim Gerler, CFP®, FIC, RICP®; Brent Stewart, CFP®, ChFP®, FIC; Boone Jackson, FIC, CLTC, CKA®; Brian Wegener, LUTCF, FIC, CLTC; Mark Gerler, CLU®, CLTC; Dave Drewes, CAP®, CUTCF, FIC; Mick Goslin, FIC, CLTC; and Jason Schoppenhorst, MBA.

Voters' Assembly Sunday, May 19

after the 10:30 AM worship service

All Voting Members are encouraged to attend. Attendance counts! Please contact Darlene Wischmeyer if you are unable to attend.

Agenda Items Include:

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

Please sign in before entering the meeting; only a physical signature records attendance.

New Members — please contact your Elder about becoming a Voting Member of Holy Cross.



PASTORIAL CALL COMMITTEE REPORT

The Pastoral Call Committee has conducted 6 Skype interviews over the past weeks and identified the top 3 candidates to present to the Voters' Assembly on May 19.

You are encouraged to pick up the information sheet on all candidates 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 them out and even listen to a sermon or two if you would like.

Our candidates are:

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

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.

FREE ANTIQUE DESK: The church office is remodeling, and one sturdy wooden desk from the time of Pastor Hoffius will be replaced. The large top would make a good craft table. Come by and take a look! If you want it and can haul it away, it's yours — free! Contact the church office if you are interested: 636-272-4505.

Mothers Day Brunch

All mothers & children are welcome to join us for a delicious brunch! Donations of items and money will be taken to support Birthright STL, a local women's center. Sign up in the Welcome Center to attend.

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019 10:00AM - 12:00 PM

HOLY CROSS GYM

RECOMMENDED DONATED ITEMS:

ONESIES 0- 3, SLEEPERS 0-3, BLANKETS, WIPES & INFANT CAPS.
ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW.

Ladies, please pick up an invitation in the *Welcome Center* and sign up to attend!

Would you like to serve at the Mother's Day Brunch?

We would love to see our men, young and experienced, serve our ladies and children.

Please sign up to serve at www.hcross.com/youth or contact Karl Schnoor at karlschnoor@hotmail.com

GRACE EVENING GUILD MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE:



May 12 is Mother's Day, right around the corner. 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. Don't forget to put Mother's Day and the rose sale on your calendar! *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 porta-crib or box 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

The mission focus for the quarter is *Well for Water*. In parts of Africa large underground water reservoirs have been discovered, but funds to complete a deep well is out of financial reach for many areas. Sierra Leone desperately needs such a well. One hundred donations of \$35 will complete one well for the children of Africa and protect them from disease.

BEWARE THE FLOCK!

The flamingos are returning

For a fourth season at Holy Cross

May 5-18, 2019

- *Send a flock to a friend!
- *Sign up sheets are in the *Welcome Center*.

Youth are needed every night to make this year's flocking a success.

Youth can join the fun and sign up to participate through GroupMe or contact Sarah Miget (TEXT 573-768-0719 or EMAIL sarahmiget@yahoo.com)



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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Together We Serve: Saturday, May 11, and Sunday, May 12 — Fourth Sunday of Easter

	5 PM Evening Worship	8 AM Morning Worship	10:30 AM Holy Communion
Elders	Solomon Conrad	Brian Belter	Greg Emerick, Byron Alton
Ushers	Dan Spearman, John Allquist	Paul Bertram, John Bertram, Randy Sagez, Bruce Linn	Emerick Family
Greeters	Bill & Joy Adams	Mike & Dawn Kahler	Jim & Glenda Kramer

Counters: Jayne Jepsen, Elaine Howard

Altar Guild: Millie Stevens, Susan Bollinger, Michelle Kincaid

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).