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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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Director of Christian Education

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](http://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 Ascension of Our Lord

June 1-2, 2019

**W**ELCOME 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, **Mary** Bollinger, **Bob** Brueggeman, **Lois** Dawson, **Delsa** Dwyer, **Renea** Erickson, **Rose** Franzer, **Peggy** Gallagher, **Connie** Gamache, **Kenneth** Lee, **Judy** Rutledge, **Mary** Sampl, **Carl** Wardenburg.

**FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:**

**Dorothy** Bauer (Bob Williams); **Hilda** Breden (Deb Breden); **Deborah** Broussard (Darlene Robirds); **Anna Mae** Bumstead (Roy Bumstead); **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); **Ginny** Ehlers (Chris Ehlers); **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); **Kristofer** Klette (Kara Klette); **Elizabeth** Cash, **Joe** (Doug & Heather Koepke); **Barlow** Koepke (Anna & Ren Koepke); **John** Bach, **Rachel** Long (Ken & Betty Lee); **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 (Judy Rutledge); **LaCrata** Schnack (Shirley Amos); **Patty** Slye (Becky Edgar); **Janet** Todaro (Lizzie Johansmann); **Connie** Valliere (Sal & Barb Benigno); **Wendy** (Janine Haffer), **Jim** Wiederhold (Blanche Richterkessing); **Kylie** Williams (Carol Hoffer); **Emily** Wymolre (Ken Goodwin).

**FOR THE MISSION OF THE QUARTER: WELLS FOR AFRICA**

**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** Ziolkko.

## This Week's Calendar

### SATURDAY, JUNE 1

*The Ascension of Our Lord (Observed)*  
5 PM Holy Communion  
+ Grace Diaper Drive

### SUNDAY, JUNE 2

*The Ascension of Our Lord (Observed)*  
+ Grace Diaper Drive  
8:00AM Holy Communion  
9:15AM Education Hour  
10:30AM Morning Worship  
11:30AM Gimbel Reception (gym)  
Noon: Special Voters' Assembly  
— Pastoral Call (Sanctuary)

### MONDAY, June 3

9:30AM TOPS  
10:00AM Counters  
11:30AM Line Dancing

### TUESDAY, June 4

10AM Women's Bible Study  
Noon Staff Meeting  
5PM Education Board  
6PM Board of Youth  
4 to 8 PM: VBS Setup

### WEDNESDAY, June 5

9:30AM Adult Bible Class  
11 AM Mission Board  
6:30 to 8 PM: VBS Setup  
7:00PM Elders' Meeting  
8:00PM AA

### THURSDAY, June 6

8AM News & Notes Due  
6:30PM Boy Scouts

### FRIDAY, June 7

### SATURDAY, JUNE 8

*The Day of Pentecost*  
10AM VBS Volunteer Training or TBD  
5PM Holy Communion

### SUNDAY, JUNE 9

*The Day of Pentecost*  
8:00AM Holy Communion  
9:15AM Education Hour  
10:30AM Holy Communion  
Noon VBS Volunteer Training or TBD  
6PM National Youth Gathering  
Mandatory Last Meeting & BBQ  
at Wischmeyers'



## 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 STUDY AT 9:15 AM IN THE GYM**

#### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Gimbel: Bible Book Club**

- ◆ Tuesdays at 10AM in Rooms 1-2

#### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Gimbel: Sunday Sneak Peek**

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

#### **ADULT EVENING BIBLE CLASS with Bruce Linn**

- ◆ FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE ONLY, class will meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7PM

#### **CONFIRMATION AND MIDWEEK for Grades 3 through High School**

- ◆ Classes on Wednesdays at 6:45PM: SUMMER RECESS

#### **MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY:**

- ◆ Second Wednesday at 6:30 AM: SUMMER RECESS

#### **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**

### **Saturday-Sunday: May 25-26 2019 — SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Service	Attendance	Communion
5:00 PM SATURDAY	84	—
8:00 AM SUNDAY	102	—
10:30 AM SUNDAY	96	84
<b>Total</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>84</b>

#### **Weekly Education Classes May 28-29, 2019**

TUE AM WOMEN'S Bible Study	11
Tue PM Adult Bible Class	N/A
WED AM Men's B&B	N/A
WED AM Adult Bible Class	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>

#### **Sunday Education Classes May 26, 2019**

Sunday School	10
LYF	3
Adult Bible Classes	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>

### **H.O.P.E. FOOD MINISTRIES**

**Weekly Totals for May 29:**  
**Families 82**  
**Individuals 324**

**Monthly Totals for May**  
**Families 414**  
**Individuals 1,477**

#### **Weekly Offerings: May 20-26, 2019**

General Fund	\$ 7,649.50
Building Fund	\$ 130.00
Endowment	\$ 5.00
Mission of the Quarter 2	\$ 495.00
Church Sign Fund	\$ 25.00
<b>TOTAL Sign Fund 5/12/19</b>	<b>\$ 29,583.00</b>
<b>TOTAL MOTQ2 (to date)</b>	<b>\$ 3,055.00</b>

#### **Year to Date as of 04/30/2019**

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

#### **DIAPER DRIVE**



Grace Evening Guild is continuing its **Annual Diaper Drive** until Father's Day. Place diaper donations in the designated porta-crib in the *Welcome Center*. All sizes are most welcome! Diapers will be given to Seminary families.

**Sermon Theme: "Where is God Right Now?"**

This week's sermon is based on the Epistle reading from Ephesians 1. Where is God? That tough question (along with its many variations) always seems to be a common one these days. For us as individuals and even as a congregation, most likely we have asked that question before. As we hear today's text and celebrate Christ Jesus' ascension into heaven, we will hear a clear answer to that tough and burning question.

**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS:** The "Resurrection Workshop" series — about understanding the funeral liturgy and its application in planning one's own funeral — continues Sunday in the gym with Pastor Gimbel.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Jim & Cindy Saunders in celebration of their 34th wedding anniversary on Sat., June 1, and in honor of Pastor & Laura Gimbel's 12th wedding anniversary on Sun., June 2.

Join the **Tuesday Women's Bible Study** Book Club - a Bible book club, that is! In this summer series, the class will zoom back and look at the bigger picture of one of the 66 books of the Bible. Each week will have an overview of each Bible book's background, themes, and content, while highlighting some of the most important and most well-loved passages. This week we will look in depth at the book of Galatians. We hope to see you **at 10AM!**

**Wednesday Morning Bible study - Sunday Sneak Peek**

It's always fun to have a sneak peek to figure out what's coming up, isn't it? Whether it's reading a book or watching a movie, our curiosities always wonder what will happen next! Now, you can have an opportunity to find out what's coming up in church each weekend - a sneak peek — four days early! Join us as we look through the Scripture readings, prayer of the day, and even some of the hymns as our hearts are prepared more fully for our weekend worship services. Come and join us Wednesdays at 9:30AM!

**TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS** led by Bruce Linn: Dates for June have been switched to the second and fourth Tuesdays: **June 11 and June 25, at 7 PM.** Please mark your calendars!

**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](http://hcross.com/vbs) or check out our Facebook Page!

**VBS CRAFT DONATIONS REQUESTS:** We are gearing up for creating some "out of this world" crafts this VBS! If you would like to help by donating some much-needed items, please take 1 or more stars from the donation board in the Welcome Center. Suggestions about where to find items at Hobby Lobby are provided but items may be purchased elsewhere. Please return items to the donation box by Sun., June 9, so we have time to prepare the crafts.

**CONGRATULATIONS! David Schlesselman** was inducted into the Lutheran High School HALL of HONOR at the graduation ceremonies last week. As Executive Director of LHS from 1995 to 2013, he oversaw growth in the student body and several building expansions.

**THANKS, KOINONIA KREW!** Thanks for coming in Friday afternoon and getting the June issue ready for mailing! Your helpfulness is greatly appreciated!



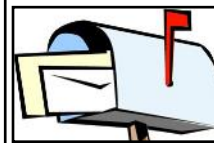
**Pastor Gimbel**  
Ordained &  
Installed  
as Assistant  
Pastor at  
Holy Cross  
on June 28, 2009  
Installed as  
Senior Pastor at  
Holy Cross on  
July 2, 2016

**Ten Years of Ministry!**

You Are Cordially Invited  
to  
Join the celebration!

Cake Reception  
Sunday, June 2  
After the 10:30AM service  
In the Gym

Honoring  
**Rev. Andrew J. Gimbel**  
and his 10 years of ministry  
at Holy Cross



If you would like to share your thoughts with Pastor Gimbel about his years at Holy Cross and his impact on you, please place your card in the mailbox in the Welcome Center during the month of June.

**SPECIAL VOTERS' ASSEMBLY  
TO CALL AN ASSOCIATE PASTOR  
June 2, 2019 in the Sanctuary**

**The only order of business will be  
calling an associate pastor.**

**A Special Voters' Assembly** has been called for Sun., June 2, to gain a consensus on a Call for an associate pastor. This is scheduled to take place in the sanctuary after the Celebration of Ministry cake reception held in the gym after the 10:30 service.

The Voters' Assembly on Sun., May 19 was unable to reach the two-thirds majority required by the By-laws. When this news was communicated to each of the three candidates that same evening, one candidate asked that his name be removed from consideration since he is pondering another Call.

The Pastoral Call Committee met on Sat., May 25. The PCC feels that a need and urgency to move forward with the remaining two candidates for Holy Cross to call a second pastor exists as well as consideration of the remaining candidates' time.

Only current members of the Voters' Assembly can vote at this meeting. Those members who signed the Holy Cross Constitution on May 19 may vote. New members to the Voters' Assembly cannot be taken in at a Special Assembly (By-laws).

**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](mailto:mflanick@hcross.com) or the church office.

**FESTIVAL OF REDEDICATION** is being held on Pentecost **Sunday, June 9. Immanuel Lutheran Church**, 115 South Sixth Street in St. Charles will celebrate the restoration of their sanctuary and organ with a Festival of Rededication at 3PM. The Theme of the Festival is "Christ, Our Cornerstone", and will feature Immanuel's Music Directors Andrew Schempf and Rachel Hahn on the restored organ and recently donated Yamaha grand piano. Immanuel's Adult Choir, Brass Ensemble, Woodwind Ensemble, and Orchestra will also participate.

**FROM LUTHERAN HIGH OF SAINT CHARLES COUNTY:** The June 22 *LHS Golf Outing* registration is now open! Go to [lutheranhighstcharles.com/support/golf-outing](http://lutheranhighstcharles.com/support/golf-outing) !

**THRIVENT FINANCIAL** partners with *Kids Against Hunger* to pack 10,000 meals for children in Haiti. Volunteers are needed for this event. Packing will take place **Sat., June 15, from 9 AM to noon** at 1600 Midrivers Mall Dr, Space 2252, St. Peters. You do not need to be a member of Thrivent to volunteer. This event is led by the Cross Rivers Thrivent group rep. Space is limited: please sign up at [www.crossriversmealpack.eventbrite.com](http://www.crossriversmealpack.eventbrite.com).

**Open Positions at CPH:** One position is for a Facilities Manager for the 450,000 sq. ft CPH building and grounds. Looking for a tradesman that is either an electrician or plumber or carpenter that can lead a crew of 5 already in place. Second position is in the IT area; looking for two people that are NAV language programmers. Email [dana.neuhaus@cph.org](mailto:dana.neuhaus@cph.org) and me at [bruce.kintz@cph.org](mailto:bruce.kintz@cph.org)

**MISSION OF THE QUARTER 2  
MISSION CENTRAL: WATER WELLS  
Join the Holy Cross "Bucket Brigade"**



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 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 of Jesus Christ! We currently have 3 buckets full of 122 drops. With your \$25 in the bucket, we will be helping the children at the Lutheran school in Lenkishon, Kenya, get a well.

**ELECTRONIC MESSAGE CENTER APPROVED:** Final approval was given by the May 19 Voters Assembly for a new electronic message center facing Veterans Memorial Parkway. More than \$29,000 has been donated to the sign fund prior to Voters' approval. Another \$10,000 will complete the project. If you want to donate to the Sign Fund, use the **special pew envelopes** marked with that label for your check; **on the check, please write Sign Fund in the memo line** and record your church envelope number so records can be credited. **Thanks!**

**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](http://hcross.com) (on the Preschool tab). Contact Preschool Director Darlene Birk at 636-272-4505 to schedule a personal tour.

**PRESCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT: Save the Date!** Holy Cross golfers of all abilities are invited to "Save the Date" on **Sun., Sept. 8** for the annual Preschool Golf Tournament held by Holy Cross and Child of God to support both church's school programs. Fun & Fellowship!

**NEW The Lutheran Witness** issue for June/July is waiting for you in the Welcome Center. Please pick up your copy!

**Issues, Etc.:** This week's topics include: The First Pentecost, The Movie "Aladdin," Liberal vs. Liberal Arts Education, Tragedy & the Church Militant and more. Tune in live weekdays from 3-5PM on KFYO, 850 AM, or listen on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

<p>Immanuel Lutheran Card Party</p> <p>Monday, June 17, 2019 11:00 am—3:00 pm</p> <p>Immanuel Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall First Capitol &amp; Sixth Street Saint Charles, Missouri</p> <p>THE PUBLIC IS INVITED!!! For reservations call Carolyn 636.724.7931 or Jeanetta 314.569.2622</p> <p>Donation \$12.00 per person Includes: Plate Lunch, Dessert, &amp; Beverage</p> <p>Sponsored by the Service Committee of Immanuel Lutheran Church</p>	<p><b>Help Bless Our Seminary Families!</b></p> <p>Did you know that most seminarians move at least 4 times during their time at seminary?</p> <p>Join the Lutheran Lifters in helping them move this summer! We need people to help with packing, loading, childcare, and providing lunch and water.</p> <p>Contact Grace Conrad for more info <a href="mailto:lutheranlifters@hcross.com">lutheranlifters@hcross.com</a> 636-875-4828</p>
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Together We Serve: Saturday, June 8, and Sunday, June 9 — The Day of Pentecost			
	5 PM Holy Communion	8 AM Holy Communion	10:30 AM Holy Communion
<b>Elders</b>	Greg Cissell	Brian Belter	Greg Emerick
<b>Ushers</b>	Al & Bev Ketsenburg	Paul Bertram, John Bertram, Randy Sagez, Bruce Linn	Emerick Family
<b>Greeters</b>	Maryanne McDaniel	Bruce & Peggy Linn	The Flanicks, Michelle. Kincaid
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Barb Brosch, Linda Jackson, Elaine Howard, Michelle Kincaid, Darlene Robirds			
<b>Counters:</b> Jayne Jepsen, Elaine Howard			
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).			