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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

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

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 7-8, 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 the prayer list or in the prayer chain.

In prayers for health and healing today, we pray—

FOR OUR MEMBERS:

Delores Ahrens, John Allquist, Gloria Anderson, Brian Belter, Mary Camfield; Lois Cunningham, Ron & Lois Dawson, Carolyn Delohi, Delsa Dwyer, Renea Erickson, Tom Gallagher, Connie Gamache, Liane Higgins, Carol Hofer, John Jackson, Lizzie Johansmann, Florence Kempf, Beverly Ketsenburg, Kenneth Lee, Kevin Martens, Dina Polashek, Judy & Ron Rutledge, Mary Sampl, Eileen Seckel, Larry Williams Jr.

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Chlarra Aston (Trudy Aston); Peggy Bauer (Rob & Verna Tucker); Scott Birk; Hilda Breden (Deb Breden); Deborah Broussard (Darlene Robirds); Anna Mae Bumstead (Roy Bumstead); Sheri Campbell (Jayne Jepsen); Carter; Jane Chema (Laura Hackney); Kelley Christopher (John & Linda Jackson); Dale Davis (Sarah Smith); Angela Dickey (Anetta Duncan); Wayne Doolin (Al Ketsenburg); Ginny Ehlers (Chris Ehlers); Jim French (Dina Polashek); Jen Gabathuler (Dave & Peggy Kuerschner); Eugene Gronewald (Phyllis Gronewald); Mark Heisohn (Liane Higgins); Robert Jobe (Jan Flentke); Lauren King (Maggie Dawdy); Karen Martinez (David Pacheco); Donna Mayes (Greg & Beth Cissell); Phil Menzel (John & Marian Hoehner); Joy Rodenberger (Mark Hoemann); Jenni Royer (Judy Rutledge); LaCrata Schnack (Shirley Amos); Rosemary Schreiber (Peggy Gallagher); Wendy Waiwood (Janine Haffer); Sandy Wischmeyer (Marilyn Mana); Phil Witte (Dale Witte).

Jim Coe, Julie Johnson (Amy Schlesselman); Kenny Coomer, Shirley Coomer, Kenny Rogers (Jeff & Becky Coomer); Patty Slye, Ethan Vanecek (Becky Edgar); Ervin Ebker, Janet Todaro (Lizzie Johansmann); Barlow Biggers, Elizabeth Cash, Joe (Koepke Family); John Bach, Rachel Long (Ken & Betty Lee); Kathy Albright, Renee (Cynthia Menscher); Shelly Fluchel, John Perotti (Tina Morrison); Dominick Palombi, Ron Price (Diana Palombi); Alex Moentmann, Gail Stevens (Bob & Sue Williams).

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: Eunice Slye of Pennsylvania, sister of Becky Edgar, entered Eternity on Sept. 5. She would have been 100 years old in December.

REV. JONATHAN MEYER AND HIS FAMILY

MILITARY PRAYER LIST:

Dominic Bisesi, Timothy Daniels, Braedyn Dawson, Nathaniel Einfeldt, Brooke Georges, Bella Hoffer; Wes Justmann, Cody Kieffer, Jeff Kuerschner, Josh Linn, Thomas Matoushek, Clint Morrison, Justin Quinn, Mitch & Brittney Schneider, Andrew Shaw, Michael J. Silliman Jr., Matthew Thornton and Conner Walkenhorst.

Please review the prayer list and update the church office by letting us know whether your request is still active. Thank you!

This Week's Calendar

SATURDAY, September 7

4 PM Transfer for Lutherans Class (TLC)
5 PM Evening Worship
+ Blood Drive Sign-up

SUNDAY, September 8

+ Blood Drive Sign-up
+ Candy & Nut sales begin
8:00 AM Morning Worship
9:15 AM Education Hour
10:30 AM Holy Communion
1:30 PM **Golf for Preschools** Tournament
at Links of Dardenne Golf Club

MONDAY, September 9

TBD Stewardship Board Mailing
9:30 AM TOPS
10 AM Counters
11 AM Ladies Guild Executive Mtg.
11:30 AM Line Dancing
6:30 PM Church Council Executive

TUESDAY, September 10

9 AM Preschool Chapel
10 AM Women's Bible Study
NOON Staff Meeting
6:00 PM Mission Board
7:00 PM Grace Guild

WEDNESDAY, September 11

6:30 AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
9 AM/1 PM Preschool Chapel
9:30 AM Adult Bible Class
6:45 PM Midweek
6:45 PM Choir
8:00 PM AA

THURSDAY, September 12

8:00 AM News & Notes Deadline
Circuit/DCE Meeting at Holy Cross

FRIDAY, September 13

8 AM Koinonia Deadline
10 AM Ladies Guild Meeting & Lunch
Noon: Council Reports Due to Office

SEPTEMBER 14-15:

59th Holy Cross Church Anniversary
Ladies Guild Candy & Nut Sale
Red Cross Blood Drive Signup

SATURDAY, September 14

9 AM Gym Setup for Sunday
5 PM Holy Communion

SUNDAY, September 15

8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:15 AM Education Hour
10:30 AM Morning Worship
3PM Installation of Rev. Meyer
Dinner in gym follows service:
TICKETS REQUIRED—get them from an
Elder on Sept. 7-8 (deadline!)



Bible Study Opportunities

LITTLE LAMBS for ages Birth to Age 3:

- ◆ Sundays, 9:15 AM lower level

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 10 AM in Rooms 1-2

ADULT BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Gimbel:

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

ADULT EVENING BIBLE CLASS with Bruce Linn

- ◆ Classes meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7 PM

CONFIRMATION AND MIDWEEK for Grades 3 through High School

- ◆ Classes on Wednesdays at 6:45 PM: BEGINS AUGUST 21!

MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY:

- ◆ Second Wednesday at 6:30 AM: SEPTEMBER 11

THOSE WISHING TO BECOME MEMBERS OF HOLY CROSS:

- ◆ Transfer of Lutherans Class (TLC): 4 PM, Sept. 7
- ◆ B.A.S.I.C.S. Information Classes for non-Lutherans
- ◆ Contact the Church Office for these Classes

Sat-Sun: Aug. 31-Sept. 1, 2019 — Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Service	Attendance	Communion
5:00 PM SATURDAY	80	65
8:00 AM SUNDAY	108	88
10:30 AM SUNDAY	75	—
Total	263	153

Sunday Education Classes September 1, 2019

Sunday School	16
LYF	2
Adult Bible Classes	42
Total	60

Weekly Education Classes Sept. 4-5, 2019

TUE AM WOMEN'S Bible Study	11
Tue 7 PM Adult Bible Class	6
WED AM Men's B&B	—
WED AM Adult Bible Class	10
Total	27

Midweek Classes Sept. 5, 2019

GRADES 3-5	10
CONFIRMATION: Grades 6-7-8	9
MIDWEEK LYF	10
Total	29

Weekly Offerings: Aug. 26-Sept. 1, 2019

General Fund	\$ 8,757.50
Building Fund	\$ 455.00
Endowment	\$ 5.00
Mission of Quarters 3 & 4	\$ 400.00
Total MOTQ 3&4	\$ 845.00

Year to Date as of 07/31/2019

Income	\$ 370,707.14
Expenses	\$ 359,890.79
YTD	\$ 10,816.35

H.O.P.E. FOOD MINISTRIES

Weekly Totals for September 4:
Families 81 Individuals 303

Monthly Total for August:
Families 335 Individuals 1,302

SERMON THEME: "From Bondservant to Beloved Brother"

This week's sermon is based on the epistle reading from Paul's very personal letter to a man named Philemon. In this letter, we hear of a servant (Onesimus) who has run away from his master (Philemon). Paul writes a letter to Philemon to encourage him to receive his servant Onesimus back again, but back as one renewed, forgiven, and reconciled! Though Paul never mentions Jesus' death and resurrection in this letter, the Gospel message of Jesus cannot be more clear in Paul's actions! Hear how this Gospel message is your message in this week's sermon!

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY: THE MINISTRY

This week the topic will be about the ministry, and the responsibilities of pastors and congregants—an appropriate topic since next week we welcome a new pastor! Please join the class in the gym at 9:15 during the Education hour. (By the way, next week Sunday Bible Class will be held in the Sanctuary.)

LITTLE LAMBS: All parents with children birth to age 3 are welcome to join us at Little Lambs on Sunday mornings during Education Hour! God's smallest lambs and their parents/grandparents will hear a Bible lesson, sing songs, play together and share tips for Christian parenting. Contact DCE Meghan at mflanick@hcross.com

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by *Bob & Judy Brueggeman* in honor of their 51st wedding anniversary on Sept. 7; and by *Al & Bev Ketsenburg* in honor of their 57th wedding anniversary on Sept. 8.

MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY: Join men of Holy Cross as they get together Wed., Sept. 11, at 6:30am for breakfast of custom-made omelettes by Karl Schnoor and Bible Study. Sign up for breakfast, men, on the sheet on the Welcome Center table and also create your order (see the order forms on the clipboard). Topic will be "Big Questions Biblical Answers."

HOLY CROSS FAMILY SERVICE DAY, Sept. 29, 2019, Noon to 2PM! Join the Holy Cross Family and serve with each other inside or outside! Lunch will be provided for all participants! Come dressed ready to work! We will serve wherever we are needed! Sign up in the Welcome Center or online at hcross.com/youth. Questions? Contact DCE Meghan at mflanick@hcross.com

FALL CRAFT EXPO sponsored by Grace Guild is to **Sat., Nov. 2**, in the Holy Cross gym. Forms are available on the church website. If you want to be a vendor or need more information, contact Joy Kelly at joyk@centurytel.net or Elaine Howard at elaine63368@charter.net.

THE CANDY & NUT SALE begins this weekend, **Sept. 7-8!** Orders for varieties of cashews, peanuts, and other nuts, as well as dried fruit, trail mix and more. Prepayment accepted. Holy Cross Ladies Guild (LWML) sponsors this annual sale, and all proceeds will go to missions.

NEW RINGERS WANTED: Have you always wanted to learn handbells but never had time? Do you have one hour to spare on Saturday afternoons? This *new* handbell group will learn an *easy* song at 4PM and play it for preservice at 4:50! Contact Michelle Sliger at email msliger@hcross.com. **No music experience necessary — we will teach you!**



For more information about our **two handbell choirs**, pick up the handout on the Welcome Center table.

LCMS FOUNDATION: Lump sums and/or income is often an overlooked consideration when transferring wealth in estate plans. With the average inheritance spent in 18 months or less, creating an income flow to match lump sums can benefit children long-term. Why not learn about how charitable trusts work? Contact **Teresa Nelson**, Gift Planning Counselor, LCMS Foundation, (319) 351-6529.

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN HERITAGE FIELD TRIP DAY!

On Sat., Nov. 2, we will board a chartered bus at 8AM from the church headed to Perry County. We will travel to Frohna and Altenburg and learn the history of some of the first Lutherans who traveled up the Mississippi. We will visit The Lutheran Heritage Center and Museum, Trinity Church, share lunch, and see other points of interest. We will return to Holy Cross around 6PM. It will be a full day of fun, friends and history! There is a cost involved and there is a limit of 55 seats available. We will get you more information as we shore up the details. All age groups are definitely welcomed! Contact Darlene Wischmeyer or Sarah Miget for more information.

BUILDING USE: If you need to schedule an event or activity at or for the church, please **contact the church secretary** to consult the church calendar.

PUBLICATIONS: SEPTEMBER (NEW!) *Lutheran Witness* and *Portals of Prayers* are available in the Welcome Center. Check the table for those and other informational materials. Please add these publications to your reading and private worship schedules.

NINTH ANNUAL HOPE 4 TOMORROW 5K and 1 Mile

Run/Walk: Sat., Sept. 21, 2019; 8:30AM for the 5K; 1 mile will follow the 5K pack. Located at Legacy Park, 5490 5th St., St. Charles (Cottleville), 63304. Cost: 5K Runners/Walkers \$30, 1 Mile Fun Run \$20, and Sleep-in Option \$15*.

Register at <http://lukes-legacy.org>

Walkers, Runners, Strollers, and Four-legged Furiends are all welcome! Fun for the whole family. Louie from the Stanley Cup Winners STL Blues will be joining us! We will have a ounce house for the kiddos, and Sacred Groundz Coffee Truck will be there, and more! Sponsored by Angie & Matt Maue in memory of their son Luke. ***NOTE 5K and 1 Mile price goes up Sept 7: 5K \$35, 1 Mile \$25**



MITE BOXES: Thank you to those who have contributed to the BIG MITE BOX in the Welcome Center. Pick up a personal mite box and collect your extra change for missions. Collections will be sent through our Guilds to LWML for Mission Grants.

LWML Mission Grant #2: Teach Me Too — Preschoolers with Learning Needs Lutheran Special Education Ministries — \$100,000

LWML Mission Grant #2 for the 2019-2021 biennium is Teach Me Too — Preschoolers with Learning Needs, Lutheran Special Education Ministries. This mission grant will provide funding for expanding the services of the Let It Shine Academy, which was designed to administer intervention strategies and address the unique needs of children with autism spectrum disorder in an early learning environment. For more information, go to www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-2.



MISSION OF THE QUARTER 3&4:

FINAL MISSION for 2019: MIDWEST FLOOD RELIEF

The remainder of the year's mission will be supplying needs closer to home for those who are still displaced from flooding. Some have been out of their homes since March of this year. Crops are gone, houses are filled with mud, homes destroyed, and families displaced.

An overabundance of rain has flooded many areas in Missouri. Many people do not know when they will be able to return to their homes.

Donations will be sent to LCMS Missouri District to distribute funds to those with immediate needs.



Annual Candy & Nut Sales Begin Today

The Holy Cross Ladies Guild will start taking orders on Sept. 7-8 after all services for selections of candy and nuts. Orders will be taken in the Welcome Center until the weekend of Oct. 5-6. Pickup will be the week of Oct. 26 — in time for Thanksgiving!

Prepaid orders preferred.

All proceeds benefit LWML Gospel Outreach Programs: Comfort Dogs. For questions, contact Laura Hackney.

CALLING ALL CAMPERS!
SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, NOV. 9, 2019

LWML St. Charles Zone Retreat
at Holy Cross Lutheran Church
8:30 am to 2:30 pm



Registration for the LWML Zone Retreat starts Sept. 1. Look for forms on the Welcome Center table.

INSTALLATION OF REV. MEYER ON SEPTEMBER 15

On Sun., Sept. 15, Holy Cross will install Rev. Jonathan Meyer as its Associate Pastor. This **special service at 3 PM** will have LCMS Missouri District presence and area Lutheran pastors to install and welcome him.



Following the church service in the gym will be a **dinner and short program** to welcome Pastor Meyer and his family to Holy Cross.

To get an accurate head count for those wanting to attend the dinner, **NO-COST tickets** will be handed out **by Elders at each service this weekend**. You **must have a ticket to attend. The last ticket will be handed out on Sept. 8 after the 10:30 service.**

DINNER: Meats, Desserts, and Drinks are provided.

- ◆ Families with the last name **A-L** should bring hot dishes,
- ◆ Families with the last name **M-Z** should bring cold dishes.

The **HOLY CROSS MAILBOX** is in the Welcome Center for anyone wanting to write a welcome note to the Meyer family or to donate a gift card to area shops, restaurants or home decorating stores.

Assistance for Pastor Jonathan Meyer and family as they relocate to the O'Fallon area:

Pastor Meyer, his wife, Carolyn and their two young daughters Charlie (Charlotte) and JoJo (Josephine) will be here soon. They close on their new home here in O'Fallon on Sept. 10. They want to give the home a thorough cleaning and paint two rooms before the moving van arrives on Sept. 12. We are in need of cleaners, painters, child care, and meal providers. **See the sign-up sheets on the table under the TV monitor in the Welcome Center for more details.**

WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS next week! Please pick up name tags if you ordered one recently!

You Are Invited to Join Us!

HOLY CROSS has two LWML groups:

Grace Evening Guild: Tues., Sept. 10, 7 PM

Holy Cross Ladies Guild: Fri., Sept. 13, 10 AM

Check out the September Koinonia for details.
"Serving the Lord with gladness"

NEXT WEEK: Together We Serve: Sat., Sept. 14, and Sun., Sept. 15 — Holy Cross Sunday

	5 PM Holy Communion	8 AM Holy Communion	10:30 AM Holy Communion
Elders	Ralph Erickson	Ed Belter, Joe Snyder	Kevin Smith
Ushers	Mark Ziolko, Bill Adams	Mark Ziolko, Ed Fattmann, Kent Haffer, Josh Linn, Mike Vesper	Jerry Bradley, Mike Kahler, Bill Price, Brandon Shouse, Ken Goodwin
Greeters	John & Linda Jackson	Bruce & Peggy Linn	Elaine Howard, Carol Crafton
Counters: Don & Darlene Wischmeyer, Don Duncan	Altar Guild: Millie Stevens, Susan Bollinger, Michelle Kincaid		
If you need to change your service assignment, contact: Don Wischmeyer (Elders), Mark Ziolko (Ushers), Michelle Kincaid (Greeters), Ned Koprowski (Altar Guild), or Darlene Drilling (Counters).			