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

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Meghan Flanick
Director of Christian Education

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
8:30 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 in Lent

March 14-15, 2020

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 or Pastor Meyer about how you may become part of our fellowship.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Submit prayer requests 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 the Pastors but not published in the prayer list or in the electronic prayer chain.

WE PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS:

Delores Ahrens, **Gloria** Anderson, **Carolyn** Bertram, **Mike** Dawdy, **Carolyn** Delohi; **Jonathan**; **Renea** Erickson, **Connie** Gamache, **Lloyd** Hackbarth, **Audrey** Helsley, **Jayne** Jepsen, **Lizzie** Johansmann, **Edna** Kee, **Kenneth** Lee, **Kevin** Martens, **Dina** Polashek, **Judy** Rutledge, **Mary** Sampl, **Eileen** Seckel, **Trevor** Thornton, **Ernestine** Wilson.

WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Chlarra Aston (Trudy Aston); **Deborah** Broussard (Darlene Robirds); **Anna Mae** Bumstead (Roy Bumstead); **Carter**; **Elizabeth** Cash (Heather Koepke); **Kelley** Christopher (John & Linda Jackson), **Deanna** David (Jayne Woolley); **Nikki** Grieshaber (Joy Kelly); **Eugene** Gronewald (Phyllis Gronewald); **Nancy** Hammers (Liane Higgins); **Jay** Haywood (Tom Haywood); **Erica** Hedrick (Sandra Fussner); **Sharon** Hesse (Barb Krieger); **Robert** Jobe (Jan Flentke); **Julie** Johnson (Amy Schlesselman); **Suzann** Koehler (Dan Spearman); **John** Mitchum (Sharon Mitchell); **Mark** Morgan (Sherry Piazza); **Chuck** Mueller (Christine Mueller); **Debbie** Niewald (Joyce Niewald); **Mallory** Randazzo (Grace Randazzo); **Paul** Rau (Elma Jane Kramer); **Karen** Scheer (Don Wischmeyer); **Maureen** Schiller; **Rosemary** Schreiber (Peggy Gallagher); **Sharon** Staten (Lisa Aston); **Harold** Strauss (Dawn Kahler); **BJ** Urban (Diane Palombi); **Elizabeth** Vanecek (Becky Edgar), **Wendy** Waiwood (Janine Haffer); **Sandy** Wischmeyer (Marilyn Mana); **Donna** Mayes, **Jeanette** McMillen, **Allen** Ricks (Cissell Family); **Kenny** Coomer, **Shirley** Coomer, **Kenny** Rogers (Jeff & Becky Coomer); **Jean** Baker, **Joy** Rodenberger (Mark Hoemann); **Ervin** Ebker, **Janet** Todaro (Lizzie Johansmann); **John** Bach, **Rachel** Long (Ken & Betty Lee); **Gorman** Cooper, **John** Perotti (Tina Morrison); **Mary** Alderman, **Sylvia** Burton, **Alex** Moentmann, **Chuck** DeProw (Bob & Sue Williams).

FOR PROTECTION OF CHURCH WORKERS IN ASIA:

Coronavirus Outbreak in China: Dr. **Eric** Semler, his wife **Karin**, and their children **Gavin** and **Elena** Semler (Eric is the son of Sandra Semler), **Chris** & **Danielle** Mizel, live and work in LCMS schools in Shanghai, China. **Josh** & **Coco** Lange and their children live in Asia.

MILITARY PRAYER LIST:

Dominic Bisesi, **Timothy** Daniels, **Braedyn** Dawson, **Nathaniel** Einfeldt, **Brooke** Georges, **Bella** Hoffer; **Wes** Justmann, **Cody** Kieffer, **Kameron** Klette, **Jeff** Kuerschner, **Josh** Linn, **Thomas** Matoushek, **Clint** Morrison, **Justin** Quinn, **Joshua** Rainwater, **Andrew** Shaw, **Matthew** Thornton, **Andrew** Van Gendern, and **Conner** Walkenhorst.

*"Dear friend,
I pray that you may enjoy good health
and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well."*

3 JOHN 1:2

This Week's Calendar

Saturday, March 14

5PM Holy Communion

Sunday, March 15

8AM Holy Communion

9:15AM Education Hour

10:30AM Morning Worship

Monday, March 16

9:30AM TOPS

10:30AM Quilting Setup

11:30AM Line Dancing

5:30pm Stewardship

7:00PM Church Council

Tuesday, March 17

9AM Chapel

9AM Quilting

10AM Women's Bible Study

Noon Staff Meeting

7PM Adult Bible Class

Wednesday, March 18

8AM Counters

9AM/1PM Chapel

9:30AM Adult Bible Class

11AM LENTEN SERVICE

5:45PM Lenten Meal

6PM & 8:15PM Choir

6:15PM Confirmation

7PM LENTEN SERVICE

Thursday, March 19

8AM News & Notes Due

6:30-8PM 20s & 30s Bible Study (off-site)

Friday, March 20

Saturday, March 21

5PM Evening Worship

Sunday, March 22

Preschool Butter Braids Sale Ends

8AM Morning Worship

9:15AM Education Hour

10:30AM Holy Communion

Noon to 2PM Summer Mission Trip Mtng.

*Living in the
Love of Lent.*



Bible Study Opportunities

LITTLE LAMBS for ages Birth to Age 3:

- ◆ Sundays, 9:15AM 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

- ◆ Tuesday, 10AM in Rooms 1-2

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

- ◆ Wednesday, 9:30AM in Rooms 1-2

ADULT EVENING BIBLE CLASS with Bruce Linn

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

CONFIRMATION AND MIDWEEK for Grades 3 through High School

- ◆ Classes on Wednesdays at 6:45PM

MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY:

- ◆ **Second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 AM**

THOSE WISHING TO BECOME MEMBERS OF HOLY CROSS:

- ◆ **Transfer of Lutherans Class (TLC):** Concluded
- ◆ **B.A.S.I.C.S.** Information Classes for non-Lutherans
- ◆ **BASICS has concluded for this quarter**

Church Attendance for Sat-Sun: March 7-8, 2020

Service	Attendance	Communion
5:00 PM SATURDAY	86	—
8:00 AM SUNDAY	85	—
10:30 AM SUNDAY	110	76
Total	281	76

Church Attendance for Midweek Lent II, March 11, 2020

11AM	32	—
7PM	64	—
Total	96	—

Education Hour: March 8, 2020

Sunday School	24
LYF	6
Adult Bible Classes	34
Total	64

Weekday Bible Study: March 10-11, 2020

TUE AM WBS	11
Tue 7PM Adult Bible Class	—
WED AM Men's Breakfast	13
WED AM ABC	14
Total	38

Weekly Offerings March 2-8, 2020

General Fund	\$ 15,768.50
Building Fund	\$ 255.00
Endowment	\$ 50.00
Mission of Quarter 1	\$ 90.00
Total MOTQ 1 (2020)	\$ 3,20600

Year to Date as of 01/31/2020

Income	\$ 55,638.50
Expenses	\$ 54,278.89
Surplus	\$ 1,359.61

H.O.P.E. FOOD MINISTRIES

Weekly Totals for March 4:

Families 80; Individuals 303

February Totals:

Families 318; Individuals 1,158

PUBLICATIONS: *March Lutheran Witness* is available in the Welcome Center. Check the center table. And don't forget **Portals of Prayer** — just a few more weeks in March. The next quarter has already arrived.

BUILDING USE: If you need to schedule an event or meeting at or for the church, please **contact the church secretary** to consult the church calendar. Since we have a Preschool on the premises, it is important to know who is in the building, when and where; this is a safety issue. All members should follow this building use practice. *The Building Use Policy* is available in the Church Office upon request.

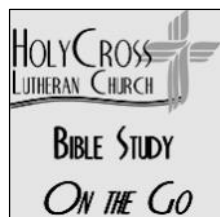
TODAY'S SERMON: "Blamed. Shamed. Claimed."

What a story! What we read in our Gospel lesson today is the story of the Samaritan woman. It's all about wells and water. It's also about shame and gifts. It is also one of the oldest continuing readings in the church. Since the earliest times of the church, this has been the reading for the Third Sunday in Lent. It was used as a key lesson to teach those entering the church about what Jesus offers to those who carry shame. That is something we can all relate to, whether it's shame over what we've done, what we can't seem to do, or something that has happened to us. To those of us who bear that shame, we desire--just like the woman--to not have to draw from that well anymore; and we don't. — Pastor Meyer

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS: The Mission Board would like to invite you to attend a special presentation during education hour on Sunday, March 15th from Josh Lange and his family. They are currently serving as missionaries in China. We had a visit from the Lange family back in the spring of 2018, so there are sure to be plenty of updates on the work they are doing through Christ. I hope everyone will join us down in the gym to learn about this amazing Christ-centered mission work that is happening overseas.

HOLY CROSS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION for 2020-2021 is open to the public. New brochures with curriculum, class options, and pricing are available on the Welcome Center table. Pass one on!

LENTEN PODCAST! Check out this new devotional resource! Join Brian Belter, Isaac Conrad, Pastor Gimbel, and special guests in our second annual conversational devotional podcast! This year we are working through the book of Isaiah, hitting the highlights of some of the most treasured passages of this book. Watch for two new episodes each



LCMS FOUNDATION: Will you owe an estate tax when the Lord calls you to heaven? Right now, the personal exemption from estate tax is \$11.58 million for an individual or \$23.16 million for a couple. You might chuckle and think, "I guess I'm pretty safe." But what about state estate or death tax? Do you know? Your LCMS Gift Planning Counselor can begin teaching you about the implications and how that impacts your planning.

Contact **Teresa Nelson** at the LCMS Foundation, www.lcmsfoundation.org or 800-325-7912 EXT 1684.

SAINT CHARLES COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ADVICE:

- ◆ Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- ◆ If you don't have access to soap and water, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that is 60-95% alcohol.
- ◆ Avoid touching your mouth, nose or eyes with unwashed hands.
- ◆ Stay home when ill.
- ◆ If you are coughing, cough into your sleeve at the crook of your elbow.
- ◆ Use a tissue to blow your nose, and throw the tissue away.
- ◆ Regularly wipe down commonly touched surfaces, handles, switches, phones, handrails, etc.

Thank You's

We would like to thank our Holy Cross family for their prayers, cards and delicious meals. They were very much appreciated. God's blessings, Bob & Carolyn Delohi

Grace Guild and members of Holy Cross: Thank you so much for the gift cards. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. It was very generous of you to remember me at the Ash Wednesday Lenten Dinner free-will offering. Thank you for your continued prayers and encouragement. ~ Ernestine Wilson

MISSION BOARD: Thanks to everyone who came to our Pizza for Puppies dinner. Through your generous donations, we have collected \$3355 this quarter to donate toward the care and training of Comfort Dogs. These dogs help comfort people after tragedies such as the shooting at the Molson Coors plant in Milwaukee, or the recent death of a school-aged child in our region, so our contributions are very timely. To learn more about what these dogs are up to in their mission to not only spread comfort but also the comfort of Jesus, check out the Mission board in the Welcome Center and follow Holy Cross on Facebook for stories and updates.

NEW SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY series starting after Easter! We want to hear from YOU! What would YOU

would like to talk about! If you have a Bible study topic that you would like to pastors to tackle, simply share your suggestion by visiting our website at hcross.com/you-ask. The final topics will be announced on or before Easter Sunday 2020.

GARDEN PLOTS AVAILABLE AT HOLY CROSS

Would you like to try a summer project of raising vegetables? Holy Cross has 10-foot by 12-foot garden plots provided for members from the congregation and people from the community. The ground will have compost added and be ready for planting once the weather dries up. You may plant whatever you like and are responsible for weeding, watering and harvesting. We had 7 members working plots last year and 5 families from the community and seek to use this as an outreach to our community. The cost for a plot is \$20. If you are interested in a plot for 2020, please contact David Schlesselman at 636-578-1766. We pray that participants will be blessed through the physical exercise, the fellowship with other gardeners, and the fruits of their labor.

**LHS NEWS AND KEY DATES:**

Lutheran High School is seeking candidates for Director of Music. Candidates should be knowledgeable and experienced in leading both vocal and instrumental groups. Appropriate teacher certification is preferred. Interested candidates may submit a cover letter and resume to Mr. Jon Bernhardt, Principal at jbernhardt@lhssc.org by March 23, 2020.

Enrollment Now Open! Visit the Apply Now page at www.lutheranhighstcharles.com, or contact Lisa Gnade, Director of Enrollment, at gnade@lhssc.org

June 27 - annual LHS Golf Tournament at The Falls Golf Course. Additional details available on the LHS website.

THE ANNUAL BUTTER BRAIDS PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER offers

products from Show-Me Dough including original Butter Braids pastry, frozen pizzas, and cookie dough in individual servings.



Preschool board members will be in the Welcome Center to **collect order forms each weekend until March 22.** Orders may also be dropped off in the Church or Preschool office during the week. All orders are due by 4PM on Thurs., March 26.

Items will be available to **pick up from 9 to 11 AM on Sat., April 4, just in time for Easter.** Funds raised will be used to purchase educational supplies for the classrooms and to support the year-end Family Fun Night.

Call Preschool Director Darlene Birk at 636-272-4505 for more information.



Join us on Wednesdays for Midweek Lenten worship at 11AM or 7PM as we focus on Isaiah



Easter Breakfast
Sunday, April 12, 2020
7:00 am - 10:30 am



Holy Cross Gym

Pastries, Egg Casseroles, Bacon, Sausage, Biscuits & Gravy, Fresh Fruit, Juice & Coffee

A freewill offering will take place throughout the morning. Proceeds will benefit the youth and adults attending the 2020 Mission Trip to Detroit, MI and future youth activities. A Sign Up is located in the Welcome Center!



Saturday, April 18 in the gym 7 AM to NOON

Sponsored by Holy Cross Ladies Guild

Drop off items for the Rummage Sale in the Holy Cross gym on these dates:

Wednesday, April 15 from 4 to 6 PM

Thursday April 16 from 5 to 7 PM

Please: no large appliances, furniture, TVs, computers, or electrical items. Bring items to the gym during appointed times. Thanks!

The Gospel Outreach Ministry recipient will be the Lutheran Bible Translators, whose mission is to make God's Word accessible to everyone in the language of their hearts. Habitat for Humanity will receive any items not sold at the sale.



The US CENSUS 2020 is just around the corner. St. Charles County officials encourage you to answer the Census. The Census determines how Federal funds are distributed and affects funding for public schools, healthcare, food programs, roads, public assistance, affordable housing and other crucial services. Also, the Census determines political representation for our State. The goal of the 2020 Complete Count Commission for St. Charles County is to ensure that 100% of the County is included in the Census. Individuals can complete the Census by mail or phone, and, for the first time in 2020, will have the option of completing it online. Census staff also will go door-to-door in communities, distributing forms.

Census Timeline:

- ◆ March 12-20: An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census will be sent in the mail. Some households also will receive paper questionnaires.
- ◆ March 16-24: A reminder letter will be sent.
- ◆ March 26-April 3: If you haven't responded yet, a reminder postcard will be sent.
- ◆ April 8-16: If you haven't responded yet, a reminder letter and paper questionnaire will be sent.
- ◆ April 20-27: If you haven't responded yet, a final reminder postcard will be sent before the Census Bureau follows up in person.

TOGETHER WE SERVE: WEDNESDAY: MARCH 18, 2020

11 AM	ELDERS: Joe Snyder, Don Wischmeyer	USHERS: Paul Bertram, John Bertram, Randy Sagez, Bruce Linn
7 PM	ELDER: Rob Paoletti	USHERS: Mark Ziolkko, Ed Fattmann, Kent Haffer, Mike Vesper

TOGETHER WE SERVE: THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT: SAT., MARCH 21 & SUN., MARCH 22

	5 PM EVENING WORSHIP	8 AM MORNING WORSHIP	10:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION
Elder	Solomon Conrad	Ed Belter	Kevin Smith
Ushers	Bill & Shirley Day	Dave Darst, Randy Jones, Terry Hardy, Wayne Walkenhorst	Sharon Evans, Elaine Howard, Lisa Aston, Bill Wichern
Greeters	Maryanne McDaniel	Duane & Joyce Lang	Jim & Glenda Kramer