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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
Rev. Jonathan V. Meyer
Pastoral Team

Dana Otto
DCE Intern

Darlene Birk
Preschool Director

Michelle Sliger
Music Director

*Services held in Sanctuary with social
distancing requirements:
Saturdays, 2PM & 5PM
Sundays, 8AM & 10:30AM*

*Connect through the website:
www.hcross.com or YouTube channel at
Holy Cross Lutheran Church O'Fallon MO*

*If you want an audio recording (CD) of
the Sunday 8AM service, please notify
the office. We can also send out
bulletins, weekly newsletters, and DVD
recordings (visual) to those who request
them.*

CHURCH OFFICE

Hours may vary, so call or email
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9AM to NOON, MWF

Weekly News & Notes

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 10-11 2020

WELCOME TO EVERYONE joining us for worship today in the Sanctuary or by live stream. We invite our members to call the church office if they need to talk to our pastors or other staff members.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Submit prayer requests by calling or emailing the church office. Confidential prayer requests are shared with the Pastors but not published publicly in the prayer list or in the electronic prayer chain.

We pray for our members:

Delores Ahrens; **Earl** Amos; **Gloria** Anderson; **Dennis** Benassi; **Paul** Bertram; **Mary Kay** Bethke; **Darlene & Jerry** Bradley; **Tommy, Meg, & Lena** Cissell; **Carolyn** Delohi; **Cindy** Ehlers; **Renea** Erickson; **Connie** Gamache; **Jennifer** Goris; **Audrey** Helsley; **Tricia** Hogan; **Ralph** Hummel; **Jayne** Jepsen; **Lizzie** Johansmann; **Frieda** Karl; **Tammy** Karl; **Edna** Kee; **Deborah** Kiely; **Dave** Kuerschner; **Kenneth** Lee; **Joe** Mercurio; **Dina** Polashek; **Judy & Ron** Rutledge; **Mary** Sampl; **Carol** Santoyo; **Eileen** Seckel; **Betty** Shaw; **Carol** Smith; **David** Stewart; **Trevor** Thornton; **Ernestine** Wilson.

We pray for our family and friends:

Debbie Anderson (Craig Dement); **Deborah** Broussard (Darlene Robirds); **Elizabeth** Cash (Heather Koepke); **David** Cooper Sr. (Carla Cooper); **Deanna** David (Jayne Woolley); **Michelle** Dominguez (Alice Buehne); **Roger** Edgecomb (Mike Kahler); **Eugene** Gronewald (Phyllis Gronewald); **Shirley** Harper (Grace Randazzo); **Jay** Haywood (Tom Haywood); **Dan** Hentscher (Dianne Anderson); **Sharon** Hesse (Barb Krieger); **Roger** Holste (Peggy Kuerschner); **Julie** Johnson (Amy Schlesselman); **Bill** Laughlin (Phyllis Robinson); **Autumn** Mendoza (Karl Schnoor); **John** Mitchum (Sharon Mitchell); **Christine** Petzoldt (Sherry Piazza); **Selena** Rendleman (Florence Kempf); **Joy** Rodenberger (Mark Hoemann); **Milton** Sagez (Randy Sagez); **Karen** Scheer (Don Wischmeyer); **Grace** Scheu (Ken Goodwin); **Rosemary** Schreiber (Peggy Gallagher); **Marian** Schwentker (Michelle Kincaid); **Sharon** Staten (Lisa Aston); **Ruth** Tracy (Bonnie Walkenhorst); **Marie** Tucker (Rob & Verna Tucker); **BJ** Urban (Diane Palombi); **Sandy** Wischmeyer (Marilyn Mana); **Carol** Zeigler (Renea Erickson); **Larry** Johnson, **Donna** Mayes, **Jeanette** McMillen (Cissell Family); **Kenny** Coomer, **Shirley** Coomer, **Kenny** Rogers (Jeff & Becky Coomer); **John** Bach, **Rachel** Long (Ken & Betty Lee); **Gorman** Cooper, **Madison** Milligan, **John** Perotti, **Dawn** Morrison (Tina Morrison); **Chuck** DeProw, **Alex** Moentmann, **Larry** Walton (Bob & Sue Williams).

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, **Joseph** Lovette, **Clint** Morrison, **Justin** Quinn, **Joshua** Rainwater, **Andrew** Shaw, **Matthew** Thornton, **Glenn** Throne, and **Conner** Walkenhorst.

Please update prayer requests!
Contact the church office by email or phone.

Please note: Offerings may be placed in the Tithing Box found near the central Welcome Center table. Offerings may also be mailed to the church office. If you need weekly envelopes, contact the church office.

LIVE-STREAMING of 8 AM SERVICE: 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.

This Week's Calendar

Stewardship Series — Week II

Pastor Appreciation Day/Month

Saturday, October 10

2PM Holy Communion — sanctuary
5PM Holy Communion — sanctuary
6PM Lifetime Plan for Giving

Sunday, October 11

8AM Holy Communion — sanctuary
9:15-10:15AM Adult Bible Study
9:15-10:15AM Middle School & High School Bible Class

(youth rooms and live streamed)
9:15AM LifeTime Plan for Giving
10:30AM Holy Communion — sanctuary
Noon: 2021 Mission Trip Interest Meeting

Monday, October 12

9AM to NOON Office Hours:
+ Shut-in Mailing (church office)
+ Counters (Room 3)
9:30AM TOPS
6:30pm Executive Council

Tuesday, October 13

9AM: Preschool Chapel
12:30PM: Staff Meeting
7PM Adult Bible Class with Bruce Linn (gym)

Wednesday, October 14

9AM: Preschool Chapel
9AM to NOON Office Hours
9:30AM Adult Bible Class
6:45-8PM: 3rd—6th Bible Study online with Shana Ziolko

Thursday, October 15

8AM News & Notes Due
+ November Koinonia DUE
7PM Boy Scouts (backfield)

Friday, October 16

9AM to NOON Office Hours
10AM Council Reports Due

Stewardship Series — Final Week

Guest Preacher: Rev. Burakowski

Saturday, October 17

2PM Holy Communion — sanctuary
5PM Holy Communion — sanctuary

Sunday, October 18

8AM Holy Communion — sanctuary
9:15-10:15AM Family Sunday for PreK—5th grade, backfield (or gym)
9:15-10:15AM Middle School & High School Bible Class

(youth rooms + live streamed)
10:30AM Holy Communion — sanctuary

Sanctuary Worship at Holy Cross

Beginning July 4-5, all worship services will be held in the sanctuary, offer Holy Communion, and will be open to the public:

- * **Saturdays at 2PM** (recommended for those in high-risk category)
- * **Saturdays at 5PM**
- * **Sundays at 8AM + live stream**
- * **Sundays at 10:30 AM**

We continue to live stream the 8AM service from our sanctuary as well as our audio CD, video DVD, and resource mailing ministries.

Please continue to stay connected to Holy Cross in the way that works best for you and your family during this time!

Bible Study Opportunities

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS: 9:30AM, GYM
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday, 10AM, online/onsite
ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday, 9:30AM online/onsite
TUESDAY ADULT EVENING BIBLE CLASS
with Bruce Linn 7PM Classes online in September

WANTING TO BECOME A MEMBERS OF HOLY CROSS?
Contact the Church Office and pastors.

Church Attendance for Sat-Sun: October 3-4, 2020

Service	Attendance	Communion
Saturday, 2PM	29	28
Saturday, 5PM	35	31
Sunday, 8AM	64	56
Sunday, 10:30AM	47	38
Total	175	153

Weekly Offerings: Sept. 28-Oct. 3, 2020

General Fund	\$	13,793.05
Building Fund	\$	203.00
Endowment	\$	163.00
MOTQ3	\$	383.00

H.O.P.E. FOOD MINISTRIES

Weekly Totals for October 7

Families 74
Individuals 293

Monthly Totals for September

Families 374
Individuals 1,425

Year to Date as of 08/30/2020

Income	\$	437,112.91
Expenses	\$	447,070.72
(Deficit)	(\$	9,627.81)

OFFICE HOURS: Church office hours will be **9AM to NOON, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.** Voicemails and emails are monitored.

LCMS FOUNDATION: Would you like to create a meaningful plan for inheritance gifts to family and gifts to ministry as well? Contact Teresa Nelson at (319) 351-6529, Teresa.Nelson@lfn.org or www.lcmsfoundation.org



My Stewardship Story: Week2 Join us this fall as we learn and grow together as people blessed by God. This year's theme and emphasis will be "My Stewardship Story." Through this series, we will encourage each member of the congregation to see God's blessings and be empowered to live generously in all aspects of life.

Week Two: The Present

In the second week of our series, we will look at our lives right now. Challenged by Jesus' words regarding discipleship, we see that being a steward means being a student and a learner, putting into practice all that we have learned in our lives to this point. This week will serve as a sort of "gut check" as to how we are doing in our lives, but at the end we still stand as forgiven children of God.

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed to the glory of God in honor of Craig Miget and Drew Miget for their shared birthday on Oct. 7, and for Leah Miget whose birthday was Oct. 3.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS at 9:30am Dust off your catechism and dive deeper into this "little book". It is amazing what all is crammed into it. We hope you join us in the gym at 9:15, and we can all take a closer look at these amazing teachings.

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Gimbel at 10AM: No class for the next two weeks (baby coming!)

WEDNESDAY'S ADULT BIBLE CLASS with Pastor Meyer at 9:30AM: Join in the gym or online at <https://meet.google.com/hda-qbmm-cfd>

MASKS REQUIRED in BUILDING: Effective Mon., Aug. 17, masks are required for all individuals and groups who enter the building for meetings, Bible classes, or other business. (This requirement does not affect worship services). This is a decision of the Holy Cross Executive Council Committee.

"We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body but help and support him in every physical need" (Fifth Commandment, Luther's Small Catechism)

The Fruit of the Spirit Take-Home Sunday School

Lesson Series Through Oct. 11: If you haven't started the lesson series yet, it's not too late! Look for lesson bags in the Welcome Center each week through Oct. 11! Can't get to the church? Let us know (Sundayschool@hcross.com or call 636-272-4505) and we will get lessons to you!

MISSION BOARD: Thank you to all who have donated to the Mission of the Quarter 3. Total donations toward Child of God Tuition is \$8,439.00 — 84 percent of the goal!

Do you have a passion for Missions? The Mission Board is looking for a new member to join our team starting January 2021. We have the important, and admittedly fun, job of determining need and finding projects locally and elsewhere with the help of Mission Central and the MO District for the MOTQ projects. We support local food banks and other organizations throughout the year. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, contact Chair Liz Belter at missions@hcross.com.

Diaper Drive for Seminary Families

Grace Guild will hold its annual Diaper Drive starting Oct. 3-4, the time of our LWML Sunday Weekend, and continue through October. A large container for the diapers of all sizes will be in the Welcome Center. Please bring diapers for our Seminary families in need. This annual drive usually runs between Mother's Day and Father's Day, but it was rescheduled because of COVID closure of services.



PLAN FOR TOMORROW'S GIFTS TODAY

No matter your age or income, you have gifts to share. Teresa Nelson, our Gift Planning Counselor, will work with you, at no charge, to develop a thoughtful plan for those God-given assets after you're called home to heaven.

Join us Oct. 10 at 6pm or Oct. 11 at 9:15am to learn how you can assure that in the future your family will be blessed and your charitable gifts will support Holy Cross and the other ministries you care about most.

Create a Lifetime Plan for Giving Presented by Teresa Nelson

October 10 at 6 p.m.

October 11 at 9:15 a.m.

teresa.nelson@lfnd.org



LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION



The power of God is evident in the dimes and quarters you put in your Mite Box and this is celebrated each fall on LWML Sunday (this year on Oct. 3-4). We thank you for your support of LWML. Read our LWML Vision Statement: "The LWML is the leading group for LCMS women where each

woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God-given gifts as she supports global missions and serves the Lord with gladness." This is what LWML (Lutheran Women in Mission) has been doing for 78 years and will continue to do with the help of the Holy Spirit and your support. Mite boxes are available in the Welcome Center next to the Big Mite Box.



LWML Missouri District Convention News: Women of the LWML Missouri District participated in the 26th Biennial Convention in a virtual way this year. The convention originally scheduled to be held at University Plaza in Springfield, MO on June 12-14, 2020 was replaced with an

online convention on Sat., June 13 on the District's website missourilwml.org.

The **convention is still online**, and links are posted there for you to "click on" to watch or read as much of the convention schedule as you would like.

The Convention will be online until the end of this year.

Submitted by Marian Hoehner
President of the LWML St. Charles Zone

PORTALS OF PRAYER are available for **October-December**. Call or stop by the church office or email secretary@hcross.com to get a copy mailed to you. Indicate large or regular size.

LUTHERAN WITNESS: August, September, & October issues are available in the Welcome Center. Let us know if we can mail it to you!

PRESCHOOL AVAILABILITY: Preschool brochures are available on the Welcome Center table or on the church website/preschool tab. Spaces still open for 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds. Contact the church office for any questions.

CONTINUE TO SUPPORT Holy Cross Third Source Funding Projects by using eScrip cards at Schnucks, shopping at smile.amazon.com for Amazon purchases, and collecting can tabs. Contact Preschool Director Darlene Birk at 272-4505 for any questions regarding these programs.

Youth & Family Ministries: We had a great time roasting s'mores and singing campfire songs at our praise & bonfire night on Sept. 30 (11 attendees). and we enjoyed a beautiful night under the stars watching "How to Train Your Dragon" at our drive-in movie night on Oct. 3 (17 attendees)! Thank you to the Board of Youth volunteers, the families who participated, and everyone else who helped make these events possible. Keep your eyes out for more youth & family activities coming up soon!

Wednesday Bible Class: We wrapped up our "Small Books/Big Message" series on the Minor prophets. Starting October 7, our Wednesday morning study will take a look at Paul's support of a struggling congregation in an epistle that has a message so timeless, it has always spoken volumes; that's the benefit of speaking truth. Join us Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM in the gym, or join us on Google meet (info on page 3 of News & Notes, on the website and sent out via email).

Craft Sale at Zion Lutheran Church (Harvester), Sat., Nov. 7, 9AM to 3PM. See brochure for details.



October is Pastor Appreciation Month, and October 11 is Pastor Appreciation Day. Please take this opportunity to say an extra 'Thank You' to our amazing pastors. May the Lord continue to bless all the wonderful work they do in serving our flock in His name.

Thank you,
Brian Belter
The Church Worker Support Team



Please Note:
If you want to send a card or note to the pastors for Pastor Appreciation Day/Month, you can mail it to the church address or drop them off in the special "mailbox" in the Welcome Center on Sunday, Oct. 11. The mailbox will be available until the end of October.

BOOKS

• LAPTOPS

TECHNOLOGY DONATION DRIVE

Donation box is located in the Welcome Center

All devices will be cleaned of all personal data. If the device is unusable, it will be professionally recycled by a certified e-recycler.

Compass Health Network

Compass Health Network continues to serve those in need during the Covid-19 crisis. To protect our customers, many of our services are being provided virtually. Unfortunately, some of our customers do not have access to the technology needed to be seen through virtual platforms. We are seeking donated devices to close the technology gap.

Thank you for your support!