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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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 17-18 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; **Amy** Schlesselman; **Eileen** Seckel; **Betty** Shaw; **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); **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); Rev. **Ralph** Laufer (Tim Laufer); **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); **AJ** 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).

We pray for those who rejoice:

Rev. Andy & Laura Gimbel rejoice in the birth of their son, **Holden Michael**, on Sun., Oct. 11 at 6PM (8lbs, 9oz; 21"). Sisters Miriam, Lila, and Willa welcome their baby brother.

Ashley (Kirk) and Brett Zimmerman rejoice in the birth of their son, **Emmett Lloyd** on Wed., Oct. 14 (5lbs, 10oz, 19"). Emmett is the grandson of Jill & Alan Kirk, and the great-grandson of Iris and the late Rev. Lloyd Hackbarth.

We pray for those who mourn:

For the family and friends of **Roger Edgecomb**, husband of Mike (Dawn) Kahler's niece Jan, who died this week after a battle with cancer.

For the family and friends of **Carol Smith**, frequent visitor and good friend to many at Holy Cross, who died this week.

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.

This Week's Calendar

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, gym or backfield

9:15-10:15AM Middle School & High School Bible Class

(youth rooms + live streamed)

10:30AM Holy Communion — sanctuary

Monday, October 19

9AM to NOON Office Hours:

+ Shut-in Mailing (church office)

+ Counters (Room 3)

9:30AM TOPS

5:30PM Stewardship Board (Rm 1-2)

6:00PM Church Council (gym)

Tuesday, October 20

9AM: Preschool Chapel

12:30PM: Staff Meeting

Wednesday, October 21

9AM: Preschool Chapel

9AM to NOON Office Hours

9:30AM Adult Bible Class

6:45-8PM: Bonfire/Pumpkin Decorating Party (backfield)

Thursday, October 22

8AM News & Notes Due

6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Class (gym/online)

7PM Boy Scouts (backfield)

Friday, October 23

9AM to NOON Office Hours

+ Koinonia Production

Kunzweiler Wedding (Offsite)

Next Weekend: Reformation (observed)

Saturday, October 24

2PM Holy Communion — sanctuary

5PM Holy Communion — outdoors

+Holden Gimbel Baptism

Sunday, October 25

8AM Holy Communion — sanctuary

+ live stream

9:15-10:15AM Adult Bible Class (gym)

9:15-10:15AM Middle School & High School Bible Class (youth rooms, live stream)

10:30AM Holy Communion — outdoors

5:30-8PM Fall Festival

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

TUESDAY ADULT EVENING BIBLE CLASS

with Bruce Linn 7PM (gym) (2nd and 4th Tuesdays)

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday, 9:30AM online/onsite

20s&30s BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM (2nd & 4th Thursdays)

WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF HOLY CROSS?

Contact the Church Office and pastors.

Church Attendance for Sat-Sun: October 10-11, 2020

Service	Attendance	Communion
Saturday, 2PM	30	29
Saturday, 5PM	31	29
Sunday, 8AM	55	48
Sunday, 10:30AM	49	47
Total	165	153

Weekly Offerings: Oct. 5-11, 2020

General Fund	\$ 11,596.00
Building Fund	\$ 43.00
Endowment	\$ 18.00
MOTQ3	\$ 133.00

H.O.P.E. FOOD MINISTRIES

Weekly Totals for October 14

Families 77
Individuals 294

Monthly Totals for September

Families 374
Individuals 1,425

Year to Date as of 09/30/2020

Income	\$ 490,989.05
Expenses	\$ 499,356.82
(Deficit)	(\$ 8,367.77)

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: 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 Three: The Future: Our series will conclude as we look ahead to what is in store for us as Christians, Certainly God has given us many good and generous gifts in the past and present, but those gifts will continue on even into the future. We will be challenged with the question, "How can I as an individual Christian plan my stewardship to serve my God?" Beyond this, we will see what the Bible says about heaven and how that has a direct impact on how we live our lives in the future. See the bulletin for a take-home Bible study.

Guest Preacher: Rev. Jonah Burakowski has served as the Executive for Missions & Mercy in the South Wisconsin District since 2017.

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed to the glory of God in honor of Elizabeth Belter for her birthday Sun., Oct. 18, by her parents Ed & Karen Belter.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS at 9:30AM will return next week in the gym at 9:15. This week the **Sunday School** will use the gym for its monthly family meeting.

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Gimbel at 10AM: No class this week (baby is here!)

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>

20S&30S BIBLE STUDY meets this week at 6:30PM in the gym and online. Contact DCE Intern Dana Otto, Elder Brian Belter, or the church office for more information.

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)

MISSION BOARD: Thank you to all who have donated to the Mission of the Quarter 3. Total donations toward Child of God Tuition is \$9,237.00 — 92 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.

ONLINE RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES

Check the Holy Cross website (www.hcross.com) for these resources:

Get **connected to our Kid's in Christ Facebook Page!** Click on the link to be invited! [KIC FACEBOOK PAGE](#) or contact Dana Otto.

Youth & Family Resources can be found at hcross.com

Visual Faith Resources: Online and "in-real-life" learning communities to enrich, encourage, and enable the connections between visual and kinesthetic learning and storytelling of God's faithfulness in our lives. ALL materials are FREE: www.visualfaithmin.org



SERVICE NOTES:

REFORMATION will be observed next weekend (Oct. 24-25) with two services each day. The schedule will be similar to the one used for Church Anniversary weekend:

Saturday, 2PM: Sanctuary

Saturday, 5PM: Outdoors

Sunday, 8AM: Sanctuary

Sunday, 10:30AM: Outdoors

Holy Communion will be celebrated at all services.



ALL SAINTS' DAY: The following weekend (Oct. 31 & Nov. 1) will be the observation of All Saints' Day. All services will be indoors with Holy Communion served each time.

CHANGE CLOCKS NEXT WEEKEND!

Please note that Daylight Savings Time ends Nov. 1. *Remember to turn your clocks **back** one hour before going to bed on Oct 31!*



Diaper Drive for Seminary Families

Grace Guild thanks Holy Cross for its generous donations toward its annual Diaper Drive held during October. A large container for diapers of all sizes is in the Welcome Center. Donated items will be given to Concordia Seminary families in need of them.

This annual drive usually runs between Mother's Day and Father's Day, but it was rescheduled because of COVID closure of services.



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

Grant #15: Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers at Mission Training Center, Africa — \$62,650

In villages across Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia, most local congregations are led by helpers and evangelists. Others are led by seminary-trained and ordained pastors. Both groups are eager for opportunities to study enabling them to better serve the congregations God has entrusted to their care. The Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers mission grant will provide funds to help cover the cost of lodging, food, and transportation as they travel to and from their classes. For more information, go to www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-15.

Mite boxes are available in the Welcome Center next to the Big Mite Box.



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.

REMEMBER: If you want church bulletins, DVDs or CDs of services, Portals of Prayer, or anything else mailed to you, contact the church office! Mailings go out on Mondays!

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

FYI: The Craft Expo sponsored by the Grace Guild (scheduled for Nov. 7) has been postponed until 2021.



American Red Cross

Community of Giving

To schedule an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: HolyCrossLC OR call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

COLLECTING COATS for CHILDREN:

The O'Fallon Optimist Club will sponsor a coat collection for children on Sat., Oct. 24 from 11AM to 1PM in the lower level parking of Holy Cross. They are requesting gently used, washable coats—none that require heavy cleaning, or are in need of repair. The coats will be laundered, sanitized, and sorted for distribution to area children in need. Donated coats should be placed in a disposable plastic bag. For more information, call Cindy Schwab (also a Holy Cross member) at 636.544.0102.

BOOKS
LAPTOPS

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.

TECHNOLOGY DONATION DRIVE

Donation box is located in the Welcome Center

Thank you for your support!

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

October IS Pastor Appreciation Month

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 which will be available until October 31.

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