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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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Preschool Director

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Music Director

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

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9AM to NOON, MWF

## Weekly News & Notes

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 14-15, 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; **Gloria** Anderson; **Dennis** Benassi; **Paul** Bertram; **Mary Kay** Bethke; **Darlene & Jerry** Bradley; **Tommy, Meg, & Lena** Cissell; **Curt** Cunningham; **Mike** Dawdy; **Carolyn** Delohi; **Cindy** Ehlers; **Renea** Erickson; **Connie & Dennis** Gamache; **Don** Gade; **Jennifer** Goris; **Audrey** Helsley; **Mark** Hoemann; **Tricia** Hogan; **Jayne** Jepsen; **Lizzie** Johansmann; **Frieda** Karl; **Tammy** Karl; **Edna** Kee; **Deborah** Kiely; **Barb** Krieger; **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); **Andrew & Courtney** Chema (Laura Hackney); **David** Cooper Sr. (Carla Cooper); **Deanna** David (Jayne Woolley); **Michelle** Dominguez (Alice Buehne); **Eugene** Gronewald (Phyllis Gronewald); **Shirley** Harper (Grace Randazzo); **Stephanie** Haywood, **Jay** Haywood (Tom Haywood); **Dan** Hentscher (Dianne Anderson); **Sharon** Hesse (Barb Krieger); **Roger** Holste (Peggy Kuerschner); **Julie** Johnson (Amy Schlesselman); **Shane** Johnson (Kevin Smith); Rev. **Ralph** Laufer (Tim Laufer); **Bill** Laughlin (Phyllis Robinson); **Karen** Martinez (Dave & Gayle Pacheco); **Dale** Meyer (Pastor Meyer); **John** Mitchum (Sharon Mitchell); **Cora** Morgan (Sherry Piazza); **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); **Ron** Trampe (Neal & Cynthia Menscher); **Marie** Tucker (Rob & Verna Tucker); **BJ** Urban (Diane Palombi); **Bobbette** Wetzel (Ryan & Adrienne Blackwell); **Sandy** Wischmeyer (Marilyn Mana); **Carol** Zeigler (Renea Erickson); **Darryl** Gibson, **Larry** Johnson, **Donna** Mayes, **Jeanette** McMillin (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 & Michelle** Gualdour, **Alessandra** King, **David & Amanda** Steinmeyer (Don & Donna Nordmeyer); **Teri** Brown, **Jyoti** Sausto, **Sharon** Turpin (Kari Spearman); **Dorothy** Bauer, **Chuck** DeProw, , **Larry** Walton (Bob & Sue Williams).

#### **FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:**

**Alex** Moentmann, nephew of Bob & Sue Williams, died Nov. 5 after complications from a double-lung transplant last year. Alex has been on our prayer list.

#### **ACTIVE 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.

## This Week's Calendar

### **Saturday, November 14**

10AM Baptism: Gooding  
 2PM Holy Communion — sanctuary  
 5PM Holy Communion — sanctuary  
 + Baptism: Laufer

### **Sunday, November 15**

8AM Holy Communion — sanctuary  
 + live stream  
 9:15-10:15AM Family Sunday School for  
 PreK to 5th grade in the gym  
 10:30AM Holy Communion — sanctuary

### **Monday, November 16**

9AM to NOON Office Hours:  
 + Mail Ministry (church office)  
 + Counters (Room 3)  
 7PM Church Council

### **Tuesday, November 17**

9AM: Preschool Chapel  
 10AM Women's Bible Study  
 12:30PM Staff Meeting

### **Wednesday, November 18**

8AM **FINAL VOTERS ASSEMBLY reports DUE**  
 9AM: Preschool Chapel  
 9AM to NOON Office Hours  
 9:30AM Adult Bible Class  
 6:45-8PM: Midweek (online)

### **Thursday, November 19**

8AM News & Notes Due  
 6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Class (gym/online)

### **Friday, November 20**

9AM to NOON Office Hours  
 + Koinonia Production  
**American Red Cross Blood Drive –gym**  
**10AM to 4PM**

### **Saturday, November 21**

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

### **Sunday, November 22**

8AM Holy Communion — sanctuary  
 + live stream  
 9:15-10:15AM Education Hour  
 10:30AM Holy Communion — sanctuary  
 NOON: VOTERS ASSEMBLY

Thanksgiving Eve, Wed., 11AM & 7PM  
 Preschool & Church Office are closed  
 Wed., Nov. 25, Thurs., Nov. 26, and  
 Fri., Nov. 27

Church Greening (Decorating)  
 9AM, Sat., Nov. 28

## **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., Nov. 7 & Sun., Nov. 8, 2020**

Service	Attendance	Communion
Saturday, 2PM	N/A	N/A
Saturday, 5PM	19	16
Sunday, 8AM	55	54
Sunday, 10:30AM	38	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>102</b>

### **Weekly Offerings: Nov. 2-8, 2020**

General Fund	\$ 19,645.00
Building Fund	\$ 248.00
Endowment	\$ 98.00
MOTQ3	\$ 381.75

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

#### **Weekly Totals for November 11**

Families 86  
 Individuals 331

Monthly Totals for October  
 Families 306  
 Individuals 1,207

### **Year to Date as of 10/31/2020**

Income	\$ 547,670.02
Expenses	\$ 548,437.60
(Deficit)	( \$ 767.58)

**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@lcmd.org](mailto:Teresa.Nelson@lcmd.org) or [www.lcmsfoundation.org](http://www.lcmsfoundation.org)

**SERMON SUMMARY:** This week's sermon, "All Worked Up" is based off the Gospel reading from Matthew 25 and the Parable of the Talents. As we hear Jesus' parable read this weekend, we see a lot of business language in it. There is money, investing, work, lenders, repayment, and much more! And yet, all of these business terms are used in the context of Jesus and His parables about the end times. What role does work play in our Christian life? What sort of work ought we to be doing as we look ahead to the return of Christ? Will we still need to work in heaven? Today we will dive more deeply into these questions, while also remembering that Christ did His greatest work for you in His suffering and death on the cross!

**BAPTISMS:** We welcome two children into God's family through baptism this weekend:

**Owen Brooks Gooding**, son of Steven & Sara (Kleinlein) Gooding, was baptized at 10:30AM on Sat., Nov. 14, in the Sanctuary by Pastor Meyer. Owen was born April 9, 2020, in Lake Saint Louis, Mo. His baptism sponsors are Daniel Kleinlein and Morgan Broadwell.

**Peter James Laufer**, son of Tim & Rachel (Keehner) Laufer, will be baptized in the 5PM service on Sat., Nov. 14. Peter was born Nov. 5 in St. Louis County, Mo. His baptism sponsors are Sawyer and Rebecca Meyers.

God's blessings to both families!

**Memorial Service for Earl Amos** will be held Sun., Nov. 15, at 1PM at Holy Cross. Mr. Amos entered the Church Triumphant on Oct. 23, 2020. He was 90 years old.

#### BIBLE CLASSES THIS WEEK:

**SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS** will not be held.

**Family Sunday School for PreK-5th Grade** will be held in the gym at 9:15AM. Middle School and High School Bible classes are held online.

**TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** with Pastor Gimbel meets at 10AM.

**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**, Thursday, 6:30PM in gym or online. Contact Brian Belter for details.

**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)*

**Please note:** The Council controls actions inside the building during times other than services. The Board of Elders makes decisions regarding worship services. Council President is Bob Williams; Board of Elders Chair is Don Wischmeyer. Please contact them if you have questions.

**THANK YOU:** Thanking God for His healing and strength following surgery. Thanking my brothers and sisters in Christ for each prayer, card and phone call. God bless you! Amy Schlesselman

**CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA!** SURPRISE that special friend or family member or get one to enhance your DEVOS on the 8's study of Psalms with a great devotion book, **READING THE PSALMS WITH LUTHER**. Described as an English translation of Luther's Summary of the Psalms, 1531, this latest edition from CPH includes the ESV translation of the Psalms, Luther's introductions to each of the 150 Psalms and a suggested schedule for reading the Psalter. You can get one here at Holy Cross for only \$13.50! The catch is we only have 18 copies at this price. To reserve a copy contact Sue Bastian at [jbastian@centurytel.net](mailto:jbastian@centurytel.net).

**The Missions Board** was able to send \$10,000 to Child of God Lutheran School for MOTQ 3, after adding \$661 from Mission Board funds. We are also sending \$1,000 to Chapel of the Cross in St. Peters to aid the missionary efforts of Sam Thompson, who is serving in India..

**MOTQ 4** will be hurricane relief in the Southern District, where they have been hit by three hurricanes in only a few weeks. Houses have been destroyed, people are living in shelters, and money is desperately needed to give people food and other necessities. Please give what you can.

**Mites for Missions:** The LWML giant Mite Box in the Welcome Center is for anyone who wishes to give towards the LWML Mission Grant. This month's LWML Mission Grant will help provide funds to provide training to equip 30 qualified candidates for placement as administrators in LCMS schools who will directly impact thousands of students and help them grow as disciples of Christ.

Holy Cross participates in the **Celebration of Lights** in Fort Zumwalt Park to spread the good news and true meaning of Christmas.

The Board of Elders seeks volunteers to set up the nativity scene. Scene set up begins Nov. 7.

Six volunteers are needed for each Holy Cross gate nights: **Dec. 2,7&23 from 5:30 to 9:30PM**. Gate night duties include directing traffic at the front gate and collecting entry fees at the halfway point.

**Please contact** Don Wischmeyer, Joe Snyder or Ed Belter for further information.

**QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** If a household wants a copy of its church donations for the year-to-date, please contact the church office. A statement can be emailed or mailed to you.

**CHURCH DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS** will happen on Sat., Nov. 28 (after Thanksgiving) at 9AM. We will deck our halls to get ready for the most important celebration of the year! Email or call the church office if you will be there. **Advent begins Nov. 28-29!**

# Voters' Assembly

**Sunday, Nov. 22, 2020**

after the 10:30 AM worship service

In the gym

**Masks Required**

**Lunch will not be served.**

*All Voting Members are encouraged to attend.*

Attendance counts! Please contact Council Secretary Darlene Wischmeyer if you are unable to attend.

Agenda Items Include:

- ◆ 2021 Officer & Board Elections
- ◆ 2021 Budget Approval
- ◆ Reports by Boards & Committees

Please sign in before entering the meeting; only a physical signature records attendance.

**NEW MEMBERS TO HOLY CROSS CONGREGATION:**

Contact your Elder or the church office about becoming a Voting Member of Holy Cross. At the first meeting you attend, your name will be submitted to the Voters' Assembly by an Elder. After a vote of ratification, you will sign the Constitution. As a new member, you will be eligible to vote on motions at the next Voters' Assembly.

*Note: Last weekend, a list of members who have served in the military was printed in honor of Veteran's Day. That list was copied from the 2017 Weekly News & Notes (the last time the list was printed in this publication) without checking for additions since 2017. Additions had been made in writing to the list either in 2018 or 2019, but those names had not yet been added to the stored electronic document. Additionally, several new names have been added to the list through email and phone calls this past week. We continue to ask for updates.*

*Joyce Niewald, the church secretary deeply apologizes to anyone who might be offended that their names were not listed last week. **Your military service is greatly appreciated!***

## Holy Cross Lutheran Honor Roll of Veterans

We remember these additional individuals for their military service in honor of Veteran's Day:

- Ken Goodwin ~ U.S. Army ~ 2 years
- Don Grzina ~ U.S. Air Force ~ 3 years
- Jim Edgar ~ U.S. Navy ~ 4 years †
- Dale Kling ~ U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Retired ~28.5 yrs
- Ned Koprowski ~ U.S. Air Force ~ 6 years
- Robert Paoletti ~ U.S. Air Force ~ 21 years
- Joseph Parson II ~ U.S. Navy ~ 6 years
- Delbert Peters †
- Charles Schwab ~ U.S. Navy ~ 6 years †
- David Stewart

The list will be fully updated and published again in the near future. Thank you for your patience.

*To add names of Holy Cross members to this Honor Roll, please contact the church office by phone or email and provide name, branch of service, and number of service years.*

† Church Triumphant



**American Red Cross**

Community of Giving

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

The American Red Cross is testing all blood donations for COVID-19 antibodies. Donors need to have a successful donation to receive the antibody test results within 7 to 10 days.

The COVID-19 antibody test used by the Red Cross is available through Emergency use Authorization by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Test results may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to the coronavirus, regardless of whether they developed symptoms.

The Red Cross is not testing donors to diagnose illness, referred to as a diagnostic test. Individuals who believe they may be ill with COVID-19 should postpone their donation.

Every single blood donation is critical to saving lives.

**Holy Cross will sponsor another blood drive with the American Red Cross on December 11, 2020.**