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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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Rev. Jonathan V. Meyer
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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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JOYCE NIEWALD, CHURCH SECRETARY
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9AM to NOON, MWF

Weekly News & Notes

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR
NOVEMBER 21-22, 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; **Deb** Breden & Family; **Tommy, Meg, & Lena** Cissell; **Curt** Cunningham; **Mike** Dawdy; **Carolyn** Delohi; **Cindy** Ehlers; **Renea** Erickson; **Connie & Dennis** Gamache; **Jennifer** Goris; **Audrey** Helsley; **Mark** Hoemann; **Tricia** Hogan; **Jayne** Jepsen; **Lizzie** Johansmann; **Frieda** Karl; **Tammy** Karl; **Edna** Kee; **Deborah** Kiely; **Barb** Krieger; **Dave** Kuerschner; **Betty & 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** Copper 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); **Sharon** Hesse (Barb Krieger); **Julie** Johnson (Amy Schlesselman); **Shane** Johnson (Kevin Smith); **Alessandra** King & Family (Don & Donna Nordmeyer); Rev. **Ralph** Laufer (Tim Laufer); **Bill** Laughlin (Phyllis Robinson); **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); **Audrey** Kalist, **Courtney** Darst (Harold & Sandra Kohrs); **John** Bach, **Rachel** Long, **Mark** Lee, **Taylor** Lee (Ken & Betty Lee); **Gorman** Cooper, **Madison** Milligan, **John** Perotti, **Dawn** Morrison (Tina Morrison); **Teri** Brown, **Jyoti** Sausto, **Sharon** Turpin (Kari Spearman); **Dorothy** Bauer, **Chuck** DeProw, , **Larry** Walton (Bob & Sue Williams).

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:

For the family of Don Gade, father of Diane Gade, who entered the Church Triumphant on Nov. 14. A funeral is deferred at this time. The full obituary may be found at Baue.com

For the family of Karen Martinez, sister of Dave (& Gayle) Pacheco, who died this week after a long battle with lung cancer.

For the family of William (Bill) Kalist, brother-in-law of Harold & Sandra Kohrs, who died this week and was buried Sat., Nov. 21.

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 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 online only

Monday, November 23

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

Tuesday, November 24

8AM News & Notes Due
9AM to NOON Office Hours
9AM: Preschool Chapel
10AM Women's Bible Study
12:30PM Staff Meeting
7PM Adult Bible Class (Online)

Wednesday, November 25

THANKSGIVING EVE
CHURCH OFFICE & PRESCHOOL CLOSED
11AM Thanksgiving Holy Communion
6PM Choir Rehearsal
7PM Thanksgiving Holy Communion

Thursday, November 26

HAPPY THANKSGIVING! OFFICES CLOSED

Friday, November 27

CHURCH OFFICE & PRESCHOOL CLOSED

Saturday, November 28

9AM Church Christmas Greening
2PM Matins/Divine Service — sanctuary
5PM Matins/Divine Service — sanctuary

Sunday, November 29: Advent Begins

8AM Matins/Divine Service — sanctuary
+ live stream
9:15-10:15AM Education Hour
10:30AM Matins/Divine Service—
sanctuary

Preschool & Church Office are closed
Wed., Nov. 25, Thurs., Nov. 26, and
Fri., Nov. 27

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

Advent Services
Wed., Dec. 2, 11AM & 7PM

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. 14 & Sun., Nov. 15, 2020

Service	Attendance	Communion
Saturday, 2PM	22	18
Saturday, 5PM	26	24
Sunday, 8AM	39	36
Sunday, 10:30AM	26	24
Total	113	102

Weekly Offerings: Nov. 9-15, 2020

General Fund	\$ 11,091.24
Building Fund	\$ 68.00
Endowment	\$ 18.00
MOTQ3	\$ 132.00

H.O.P.E. FOOD MINISTRIES

Weekly Totals for November 18

Families 99
Individuals 378

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 or www.lcmsfoundation.org

ALTAR FLOWERS have been placed to the glory of God by Ron & Linda Kettler in memory of their son Timothy Kettler.

SERVICE NOTE: Thanksgiving Eve services will be held Wed., Nov. 25, 11AM & 7PM. The 7PM service will be live-streamed.

BIBLE CLASSES THIS WEEK:

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS will be held at 9:15AM in the gym.

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

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY with Bruce Linn will be held online.

WEDNESDAY'S ADULT BIBLE CLASS with Pastor Meyer will not be held this week.

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.

THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP is looking for some new board members! If you are passionate about helping others maximize their gifts of time, treasures, and talents, then this is the group for you! If you are interested, please contact Pastor Gimbel or Bill Adams.

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

Six volunteers are needed for each Holy Cross gate nights:

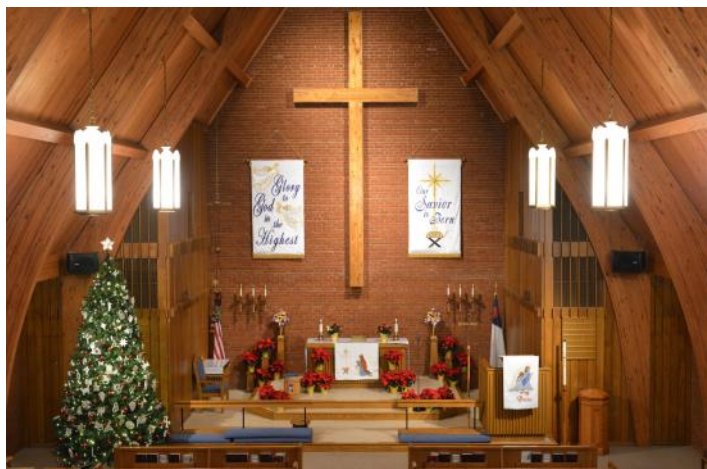
Dec. 2, 7 & 23 from 5:30 to

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.



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.



CHRISTMAS CARDS: The Music Department has produced another Holy Cross Christmas Card and has started offering them in packs of ten. This new card (with a cover photo by Brian Storm) shows the Holy Cross chancel all decked out for Christmas. Also, there are still a few packs showcasing our beautiful Advent wreath and altar. If you are interested in some cards, the cost for ten cards is a freewill donation this year. (previously we charged \$1 per card).

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 12 copies at this price. To reserve a copy contact Sue Bastian at jbastian@centurytel.net.

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.

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 next weekend, Nov. 28-29!**

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: The latest issues are available in the Welcome Center. Let us know if we can mail it to you!

Voters' Assembly

Sunday, Nov. 22, 2020

At Noon

(after the 10:30AM service)

The regularly scheduled Voters' Assembly format has been changed from in-person to virtual.

The in-person meeting is cancelled.
The meeting will be held virtually via video.

The meeting will be live-streamed on our website at hcross.com/vote

All the materials will be available there, including a way to cast your vote for the agenda items.

"We know that this is a last-minute change, and we thank you for your flexibility. God's blessings to you, and we hope you have a blessed Thanksgiving.

In Christ,
Bob Williams, Congregation President

Agenda Items Include:

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

If you are unable to attend the virtual meeting, contact the church office so that a meeting packet can be mailed to you. Voting is extended.

All Voting Members are encouraged to attend.

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

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL is thankful and blessed to partner with you, our Association Congregations and your members, in mission and ministry. May our good and gracious Lord continue to bless each of you as you seek to serve Him! Have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

8 AM Daily Devotions!

Join Pastor Meyer, Pastor Gimbel, and DCE Intern Dana Otto (and guests!) for devotions every weekday at 8 AM LIVE on Facebook!

www.facebook.com/hcrossofallon
(no account needed to view)



American Red Cross

Community of Giving

A Note from the American Red Cross:

"Thank you for hosting the blood drive (Nov. 20)! Teaming up with your community to be a hero for the holidays is an amazing feeling. We hope to see you again!"

If you were not able to give blood this past week, mark your calendar for Dec. 11 at Holy Cross.

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