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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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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

Monday, Wednesday, Friday,
9AM to Noon
Hours may vary, so call or email
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9AM to NOON, MWF

News & Notes

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
JANUARY 9-10, 2021

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** Gamache; **Ken** Goodwin; **Jennifer** Goris; **Mark** Hoemann; **Tricia** Hogan; **Jayne** Jepsen; **Lizzie** Johansmann; **Tammy** Karl; **Edna** Kee; **Deborah** Kiely; **Glenda & Jim** Kramer; **Dave** Kuerschner; **Betty & Kenneth** Lee; **Joe** Mercurio; **Dina** Polashek; **Bernice** Ross; **Judy & Ron** Rutledge; **Mary** Sampl; **Carol** Santoyo; **Amy** Schlesselman; **Eileen** Seckel; **Betty** Shaw; **David** Stewart; **Trevor** Thornton; **Ernestine** Wilson, **Chris** Wuertz.

We pray for our family and friends:

Debbie Anderson (Craig Dement); **Vickie** Carpenter (Monica Unger); **Elizabeth** Cash (Heather Koepke); **Andrew & Courtney** Chema (Laura Hackney); **David** Copper Sr. (Carla Cooper); **Courtney** Darst (Harold & Sandra Kohrs); **Deanna** David (Jayne Woolley); **Michelle** Dominguez (Alice Buehne); **Lowell** Duncan (Donald Duncan); **Doris** Gihring (Sherry Piazza); **Eugene** Gronewald (Phyllis Gronewald); **Larry** Hanson (Barb Parson); **Shirley** Harper (Grace Randazzo); **Stephanie** Haywood, **Jay** Haywood (Tom Haywood); **Renee** Heisohn (Liane Higgins); **Sharon** Hesse (Barb Krieger); **Julie** Johnson (Amy Schlesselman); **Shane** Johnson (Kevin Smith); Rev. **Ralph** Laufer (Tim Laufer); **Bill** Laughlin (Phyllis Robinson); **Dale** Meyer (Pastor Meyer); **John** Mitchum (Sharon Mitchell); **Donna** Ohrt (Jayne Jepsen); **Joy** Rodenberger (Mark Hoemann); **Karen** Scheer (Don Wischmeyer); **Grace** Scheu (Ken Goodwin); **Rosemary** Schreiber (Peggy Gallagher); **Marian** Schwentker (Michelle Kincaid); **Beverly** Sharp (Gloria Rariden); **Sharon** Staten (Lisa Aston); **Dennis** Sweeso; **Marvin** Wathel, **Ron** Trampe (Neal & Cynthia Menscher); **BJ** Urban (Diane Palombi); **Bobbette** Wetzel (Ryan & Adrienne Blackwell); **Sandy** Wischmeyer (Marilyn Mana); **Carol** Zeigler (Renea Erickson); **Darrel** Gibson, **Larry** Johnson, **Donna** Mayes, **Jeanette** McMillin (Cissell Family); **Shirley** Coomer, **Kenny** Rogers (Jeff & Becky Coomer); **Kyle** McCarthy, **Frank** Wachter (Elaine Howard); **John** Bach, **Rachel** Long, **Mark** Lee, **Taylor** Lee (Ken & Betty Lee); **Gorman** Cooper, **Madison** Milligan, **John** Perotti, **Dawn** Morrison (Tina Morrison); **Margaret** House, **Vicky** Petzoldt (Michelle Sliger); **Teri** Brown, **Jyoti** Sausto, **Sharon** Turpin (Kari Spearman); **Chuck** DeProw, , **Larry** Walton (Bob & Sue Williams).

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

FOR THOSE WHO REJOICE:

Elias John Flanick was born to Adam and Meghan Flanick on January 7, 2021, at 10:30AM, measuring 7 lb 4.5 oz. 20inches. Mom and baby are doing great!

Emmett Zimmerman, son of Brett and Ashley (nee Kirk) Zimmerman, was baptized on Tues., Dec. 29.

Theodore David Langley, son of Jonathan and Sarah (nee Cooper) Langley, was baptized on Dec. 26 at 10am. He was born April 6, 2020. His baptism sponsors are Lauren and Kevin Rheinecker.

Prayer Lists are continued on page 4

This Week's Calendar

Saturday, January 9, 2021

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

Sunday, January 10, 2021

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

Monday, January 11, 2021

8:30AM Transfer for the Blessings
9AM to NOON Office Hours:
+ Mail Ministry (church office)
+ Counters (Room 3)
9:30AM TOPS
6:30PM Executive Council

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

9AM Preschool Chapel
10AM Women's Bible Study
12:30PM Staff Meeting
7PM Adult Bible Class (online)

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

9AM Preschool Chapel
9AM to NOON Office Hours
9:30AM Adult Bible Class
6:45PM Midweek (online)
6:45PM Choir

Thursday, January 14, 2021

8AM News & Notes **Deadline**
6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Class

Friday, January 15, 2021

Preschool Registration Opens
9AM to NOON Office Hours:
February *Koinonia* **Deadline**

Saturday, January 16, 2021

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

Sunday, January 17, 2021

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

Monday, January 18, 2021

Preschool & Church Office Closed
Preschool Parent-Teacher Conferences
7PM Church Council

Office Hours:

Church office is closed Jan. 20, 2021
Office Hours will be 9AM to noon, on
Tues., Jan. 19, Thurs., Jan. 21, and Fri., Jan.
22, for the church secretary. Other church
staff will maintain their regular schedules.
Messages via email and phone will be
monitored.

Sanctuary Worship at Holy Cross

All worship services are held in the sanctuary, offer Holy Communion, and are open to the public:

- * **Saturdays at 2PM**
- * **Saturdays at 5PM**
- * **Sundays at 8AM + live stream**
- * **Sundays at 10:30 AM**

We continue to offer audio CD, video DVD, and resource mailing ministries. **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
MON-FRI, 8AM DAILY DEVOTIONS, 8AM LIVE ON FACEBOOK
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday, 10AM, online/onsite
TUESDAY ADULT EVENING BIBLE CLASS
with Bruce Linn 7PM (virtual) (2nd and 4th Tuesdays)
ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday, 9:30AM online/onsite
20s&30s BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM (2nd & 4th Thursdays)

Church Attendance for Christmas Eve (Dec. 23 & 24)

Service	Attendance	Communion
12.23 at 11AM	23	19
12.23 7PM - DRIVE IN	66	54
12.24 at 3PM	61	48
12.24 at 5PM	55	38
12.24 at 7PM	75	54
12.24 at 11PM	29	26
Total	309	239

Christmas Day, Dec. 25

Time	Attend.	Communion
9:30AM	60	63
New Year's Eve, Dec. 31		
5PM	32	25

Weekly Offerings: Dec. 14-20, 2020

General Fund	\$ 19,139.24
Building Fund	\$ 668.00
Endowment	\$ 18.00
MOTQ4	\$ 1,158.00

Weekly Offerings: Dec. 21-27, 2020

General Fund	\$ 14,592.50
Building Fund	\$ 68.00
Endowment	\$ 18.00
MOTQ4	\$ 728.00

Weekly Offerings: Dec. 28, 2020 to Jan. 3, 2021

General Fund	\$ 7,745.00
Building Fund	\$ 18.00
Endowment	\$ 18.00
MOTQ4	\$ 1,153.00

H.O.P.E. FOOD MINISTRIES

Weekly Totals for December 23

Families 81
Individuals 294

Weekly Totals for December 30

Families 74
Individuals 280

Monthly Totals for December 2020

Families 426
Individuals 1,636

Weekly Totals for January 6, 2021

Families 74
Individuals 274

SERMON SUMMARY: This week's sermon, "The Beloved Son" is based on the account of the baptism of Jesus from Mark 1. In Mark's account of Jesus' baptism, things are pretty direct and to the point. That being said, the parts that he does emphasize are ever more important. We hear at the end of this passage the voice coming down from heaven, "You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased." What do these words mean for Jesus, and what do these words mean for you and I? Find out more in this weekend's message.

BIBLE CLASSES THIS WEEK:

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS will be held at 9:15AM in the gym. Join us for our Sunday morning Bible study as we go "Back to School" to look once again at Luther's Small Catechism. Join us as we take a deeper dive into Holy Baptism for the next couple of weeks and learn more about this special gift of God and what it means for us today. This class will meet in the gym and also be live streamed for those that wish to join us from home or at a later date..

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets at 10AM.

WEDNESDAY'S ADULT BIBLE CLASS with Pastor Meyer will be held this week.

Drive-in church returns! Come as you are, worship in your car! Join us on Saturday, January 23 at 5 PM for worship by pulling into our north parking lot (the flat section nearest the big field). We will have our outdoor screen set up along the north side of the sanctuary and our FM transmitter going for you to receive God's gifts from the comfort of your own vehicle! Questions? Contact one of the elders or the pastors for more details!

Tuition assistance forms are available either on the table in the Welcome Center or the on bookshelf. The deadline is March 1. Contact Laurie Heizmann with questions.

High school Sunday morning Bible study will be joining the adult class for the foreseeable future. **Junior high** will continue to meet as planned, in person and online, with the Seminarrians.

Spaghetti Dinner Plans: The annual LYF Spaghetti Dinner tradition continues... but, like many other things, will look a little different this year! On Sat., March 6, we will be offering "make-your-own-spaghetti-dinner" kits for a free-will donation (orders due by Feb. 26; form can be found at hcross.com/youth), and we invite you to tune in for a live-streamed trivia event hosted by our Pastors and LYF Youth from 6-8pm! Silent auction items will be available for bidding via an online platform in the week leading up to the big event. We are looking for basket/item donations for the auction as well: please bring them to the church office by Feb. 15. Contact Dana Otto or Sarah Miget with any questions!

The **All-Ages Heit's Point Servant Event** will be June 20-25. Cost is \$100 youths/\$40 adults. All the details are at hcross.com/hp2021. Registration is open until March 14.

THANK YOU to Linda Ziolk, John Bertram, Mark Ziolk, and Terry Hardy for de-greening the church this week!

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

HOLY CROSS CHRISTMAS DVD AVAILABLE NOW

Did you miss gathering with the Holy Cross family this Christmas because of Covid concerns? You might enjoy the DVD put together with a number of Christmas highlights from Holy Cross. The DVD contains:

- * A personal message from Pastor Gimbel and Pastor Meyer
- * Highlights from the Preschool Christmas program
- * Christmas carols sung by Holy Cross members
- * Children reading the Christmas Gospels
- * Highlights from the Lessons and Carols service
- * Sharing of our Nativity Display in Zumwalt Park

The DVD comes with an easy-to-operate portable DVD player which has its own screen for watching. If you would be interested in watching and listening to these Christmas celebrations from Holy Cross, please call the church office at 636-272-4505 or call David Schlesselman at 636-578-1766. We will deliver the DVD and player to your home and pick it up when you are finished watching.

Thank you to the Christmas DVD producers: A BIG THANK YOU goes out to Pastor Gimbel, Pastor Meyer, and DCE Dana for their work in gathering the different parts composing the Christmas DVD from Holy Cross. Also, a SPECIAL THANKS to our young talented members Zeke Emerick and Isaac Conrad for producing and editing the final product. Thanks to each of you for sharing your talents to help us stay connected to members who could not be with us in person to celebrate these wonderful events of the Christmas season. If you or someone you know would be blessed by watching the DVD, please check the **News & Notes** or the **Koinonia** to learn how you can receive a copy.

Church Attendance for December 19-20, 2020		
Service	Attendance	Communion
2PM	27	26
5PM	9	7
8AM	47	42
10:30AM	40	35
Total	123	110

Church Attendance for December 26-27, 2020		
Service	Attendance	Communion
2PM	27	21
5PM	10	10
8AM	40	33
10:30AM	31	27
Total	108	91

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:

For the family, friends, and loved ones of **Mark Pacheco**, brother of Dave (Gayle) Pacheco, who died unexpectedly on Jan. 8.

For the family, friends, and loved ones of **Audrey Helsley**, member of Holy Cross, who died Dec. 29, 2020. Arrangements will be held later in January. Audrey is the mother of Dawn Kahler.

For the family, friends, and loved ones of **Jack Christopher**, brother of Norma Helms, who entered the Church triumphant on Dec. 29, 2020.

For the family, friends, and loved ones of **Virginia Claxton**, grandmother of Matthew Claxton, passed away on Dec. 28 in the morning. Her arrangements are still pending but will be this month.

For the family, friends, and loved ones of **Patsy Thoene**, member of Holy Cross, who died Dec. 25, 2020, and was given Christian burial on Jan. 6, 2021.

For the family, friends, and loved ones of **Marion Gade**, who entered the Church Triumphant on Dec. 22. Arrangements will be held at a later date. She was the mother of Diane Gade.

For the family, friends, and loved ones of **Curtis Cunningham**, member of Holy Cross, who entered the Church Triumphant on Dec. 20, 2020, and was given Christian burial on Dec. 31, 2020.

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.

Church Attendance for January 2-3, 2021		
Service	Attendance	Communion
2PM	16	14
5PM	8	8
8AM	44	42
10:30AM	35	26
Total	103	90

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

HOLY CROSS PRESCHOOL Registration for the 2021-2022 school year will open for current Preschool families and Holy Cross members on Jan. 15. Open registration begins Feb. 1. Children must be 3 or 4 years old before Aug. 1.

Preschool – Our core curriculum is taught during these times by teachers with degrees in Education. See the curriculum insert in the brochure for more details.

Classes are from 8:30 – 11:30AM and 12:30 – 3:30PM **3-year-old Preschool** classes meet Tuesday and Thursday; **4-year-old Preschool** classes meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Full Day Program – Students attend school from 7AM – 6PM on their Preschool day and additional days as needed. Students attend Preschool for the core curriculum and spend the rest of the day participating in activities to reinforce the curriculum including computer time, extensive science experiments, art projects, and games. The day is divided into segments so you only pay for the time needed.

Before School Care: 7:00AM – 8:30AM

Morning Program: 8:30AM – 12:30PM

Afternoon Program: 11:30AM– 3:30PM

After School Care: 3:30PM – 6:00PM

New brochures will soon be available in the Welcome Center and church office. All information will also be on the website – hcross.com then click on the Preschool tab. Contact Preschool Director, Darlene Birk, at 272-4505 for more information and to schedule a personal tour.

Child of God Enrollment Information

Enrollment for new and returning students who are current members of Child of God Lutheran Church, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, and Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church for the 2021-2022 academic year opens Jan. 4, 2021. The process entails updating all student/family information within Sycamore for returning students or going to Child of God website and clicking on the Admissions tab for new students, and then submitting the \$150 down payment for books and supplies. Once the down payment is received, your spot in the classroom is officially secured. The remaining balance is due Aug. 1 so books and supplies may be purchased for the beginning of school.

PORTALS OF PRAYER are available for January-March 2021. 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!

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!

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@lfnd.org or www.lcmsfoundation.org