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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
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Charity Smith
Director of
Christian Education

Darlene Birk
Preschool Director

Greg Cissell
Choir Director

Services held in Sanctuary:
Saturdays, 3PM
Sundays, 8AM & 10:30AM
LIVE STREAM ON SUNDAY AT 8AM
Connect through
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
CHECK WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR UPDATES
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News & Notes

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 2-3, 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.

We pray for our members:

Delores Ahrens; **Gloria & John** Anderson; **Dennis** Benassi; **Barbara** Benigno; **Paul** Bertram; **Mary Kay** Bethke; **Maggie** Brueggeman; **Nancy** Caldwell; **Mike** Dawdy; **Kathleen & Jeremy** Day; **Carolyn** Delohi; **Renea** Erickson; **Ken** Fattmann; **Peggy** Gallagher; **Connie** Gamache; **Jennifer** Goris; **Phyllis** Gronewald; **Michael** Halm; **Norma** Helms; **Tricia** Hogan; **Lizzie** Johansmann; **Linda** Kettler; **Deborah** Kiely; **Janet** Kuesel; **Betty & Ken** Lee; **Martin** Mundt; **Dina** Polashek; **Judy & Ron** Rutledge; **Mary** Sampl; **Carol** Santoyo; **Amy** Schlesselman; **Eileen** Seckel; **Betty** Shaw; **David** Stewart; **Winnie** Thornton, **Emily** Williams, **Ernestine** Wilson.

We pray for our family and friends:

Roger Altenberger (Shelby Morgan);
Debbie Anderson (Craig Dement);
Chlaara Aston (Faith Blackwell);
Bob Buchmeier (Judy Andrews);
Sandy Bush (Kari Spearman);
Elizabeth Cash (Heather Koepke);
Charles Claxton Jr. (Matthew Claxton);
Deanna David (Jayne Woolley);
Janet Davidson (Don Duncan);
Braedyn Dawson (Ron & Lois Dawson);
Joel Erickson (Ralph Erickson);
Larry Hanson (Barb Parson);
Philip Hardy (Gloria Rariden);
Stephanie Haywood (Tom Haywood);
Dennis Helms (Norma Helms);
Sharon Hesse (Barb Krieger);
Lois Jobe (Jan Flentke);
Shane Johnson (Kevin Smith);
Sarah Jones (Larry Williams);
Frank Kardasz (Ingrid & Albert Marhanka);
John Kincaid (Chuck Kincaid);
Elmer Koenig (Sherry Piazza);
Henry Lucio (Shawn Huber);
Kyle Martens (Deb Martens);
Margaret Meyer (Nancy Caldwell);
Bob Meyers (Malinda Meyers);
Mike (Debbie Parks);
Atina Parris (Liane Higgins);
Tony Pearia (Emily Kahler);
Shirley Rector (Michelle Sliger);

Eileen Scaglione (Nancy Scaglione);
Dolores Schaper (Snyders/Spearmans);
Rosemary Schreiber (Peggy Gallagher);
Sharon Staten (Lisa Aston);
Mariah Strahm (Alison Coomer);
Tim Sutton (Amy Estill);
Christine Valasco (Joy Kelly);
Larry Walton, (Bob & Sue Williams);
Bobbette Wetzel (Ryan Blackwell);
Sandy Wischmeyer (Marilyn Mana);
Carol Zeigler (Renea Erickson);
Don & Linda Beehn (Chris Ehlers);
Darrel Gibson, **James** Fox, **Donna** Mayes,
Jeanette McMillin (Cissell Family);
Shirley Coomer, **Kenny** Rogers
(Jeff & Becky Coomer);
Betty Christman, **Grace** Scheu
(Ken Goodwin);
Michelle Creese, **Eugene** Gronewald
(Phyllis Gronewald);
Kyle McCarthy, **Frank** Wachter
(Elaine Howard);
Linda Elrod, **Marian** Schwentker
(Michelle Kincaid);
Milt & Nancy Kuball, **Roxanne** Kuerschner
(Dave & Peggy Kuerschner);
John Bach, **Rachel** Long, **Mark** Lee,
Taylor Lee (Ken & Betty Lee);
Gorman Cooper, **John** Perotti
(Tina Morrison).

For those who rejoice: Harold & Sandra Kohrs celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary on Oct. 1.

ACTIVE MILITARY PRAYER LIST:

Dominic Bisesi, **Timothy** Daniels, **Braedyn** Dawson, **Nathaniel** Einfeldt, **Brooke** Georges, **Bella** Hoffer, **Zackary** Huber, **Wes** Justmann, **Cody** Kieffer, **Kameron** Klette, **Jeff** Kuerschner, **Josh** Linn, **Joseph** Lovette, **Clint** Morrison, **Justin** Quinn, **Joshua** Rainwater, **Matthew** Thornton, **Glenn** Throne, and **Conner** Walkenhorst.

"Serve the Lord with Gladness" — Psalm 100

Church Calendar

LWML Weekend

Saturday, October 2, 2021

3PM Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

Sunday, October 3, 2021

8AM Holy Communion + Live Stream
 9:15AM Education Hour (GYM/CLASSROOMS)
 9:15AM BASICS (RM 1-2)
 10:30AM Holy Communion
 Noon LYF NYG Meeting (gym)
 1PM Board of Elders

Monday, October 4, 2021

OFFICE HOURS 9:00AM-NOON

8:30AM TOPS (RM 1-2)
 9AM Mail Ministry (Office)
 10AM Ministry Team Meeting (Office)
 10AM Counters (RM 3)
 11AM Line Dancing (gym)
 5:30PM DCE Event (gym)
 5:30PM Board of Stewardship

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

OFFICE HOURS 9AM TO NOON

9AM Preschool Chapel
 10AM Women's Bible Study (RM 1-2)
 11AM Ladies Guild Executive (gym)
 NOON Staff Meeting (RM 1-2)
 5PM Board of Education (1-2)
 6PM Mission Board (gym)
 6PM Board of Youth (1-2)
 6:30PM Preschool Board

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9AM Preschool Chapel
 9:30 AM Adult Bible Class (GYM)
 6:45PM Adult Choir
 6:45PM Confirmation (GRADES 6-8)
 6:45PM Midweek (GRADES 3-5)
 6:45PM LYF (Youth Room)

Thursday, October 7, 2021

OFFICE HOURS 9AM TO NOON

8AM News & Notes **Deadline**
 9AM to NOON: Hope Seeds (gym)
 6PM 20s&30s Bible Study (RM 1-2)

Friday, October 8, 2021

OFFICE HOURS 9AM TO NOON

10AM Ladies Guild

Saturday, October 9, 2021

3PM Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
 5:30PM DCE Event

Sunday, October 10, 2021

8AM Holy Communion + Live Stream
 9:15AM Education Hour (GYM/CLASSROOMS)
 9:15AM BASICS (RM 1-2)
 10:30AM Holy Communion
 Noon Baby Shower for DCE Smith

Sanctuary Worship at Holy Cross

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

***Saturdays at 3PM**

***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!**

ADULT BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES



SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS: 9:15AM, GYM

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Tuesdays, 10AM

TUESDAY ADULT EVENING BIBLE CLASS:

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7PM

MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY:

2nd Wednesday each month, 6:30AM

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday, 9:30AM

20s&30s BIBLE STUDY: Thursdays, 6PM

Church Attendance for September 25-26, 2021

Service	Attendance	Communion
3PM	54	51
8AM	96	84
10:30AM	113	94
Total	263	225

Bible Class Attendance Week of September 26

InPerson (Online)

NA=not applicable; NR=not reported

Sunday Adult Bible Class	33
BASICS	4
Sunday School: PreK to 5th	14
Sunday School: 6th to 12th	6
Tuesday Women's AM	16
Tuesday Evening	NR
Men's Breakfast & Bible Study	—
Wednesday AM	18
Midweek (gr 3-5)	6
Confirmation (gr 6-8)	NR
LYF (High School)	0
20s&30s Thursday	12

Weekly Offerings: Sept. 20-26, 2021

General Fund	\$ 10,706.50
Building Fund	\$ 45.00
Endowment	\$ 55.00
MOTQ-weekly	\$ 515.00
MOTQ3 TOTAL	\$ 4,760.00
Pavilion Fund	\$ 50.00
Pavilion Fund TOTAL	\$ 29,270.50

Year to Date as of 8/31/2021

Income*	\$ 501,058.92
Expenses	\$ 480,406.80
Surplus	\$ 20,652.12

*Income now includes \$52,398.00 due to PPP loan forgiveness

ONLINE GIVING : If you would like to make changes or update your online giving account and need assistance, please reach out in person or by email to: Bill Adams, badams3013@aol.com; Anita Linneman, Treasurer@hcross.com; or Brenda Marhanka, Bookkeeper@hcross.com. Brenda can be reached by calling the church office on Tuesdays and Thursdays, ext.105.

Our Hearts in HIS Hand

The first Sunday in October is traditionally set aside for the observation of LWML Sunday, but it may be celebrated at any time. "Our Hearts in His Hand" is the theme for LWML Sunday 2021 and is based on Peter's first letter to persecuted Christians in Asia Minor. In chapter 4:8, Peter tells them, *Above all, keep loving one another earnestly*. The heart of the LWML is its members; our hearts have been made holy by God. We are fully dedicated to serving Him, by serving His Church at home and abroad. Our hearts for Christ are in His hand of service, wherever and when He has need of us.

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed to the glory of God by Harold & Sandra Kohrs for their 61st wedding anniversary on Oct. 1.

HOLY CROSS & LWML: Holy Cross has two groups associated with LWML: the **Holy Cross Ladies Guild which meets this Fri., Oct. 8 at 10AM**, and the **Grace Evening Guild which meets Tues., Oct. 12 at 6PM**. Both groups have a deep tradition of service within their own societies and the St. Charles Zone. Each has its own projects, like the Candy & Nut Sale or the Craft Expo, which **raise money for missions** whether those be local, state, national or international missions.

LWML DISPLAYS: Stop at the two tables in the Welcome Center and find out more about LWML from either group. You are welcome to try both, join both, or choose one! All women are welcome! Pick up the October Mite Challenge Calendar to keep you on track with donating mites. Pick up a coloring sheet with this weekend's theme. Finally, pick up a Reading & Writing Schedule for Journaling in November. These are just some of the resources LWML provides to its members. Won't you join us? Find out more at lwml.org

MITE BOXES: Pick up a Mite box in the Welcome Center and join LWML in saving coins for missions. Fill up your box with daily change and empty it in the Big Mite Box in the Welcome Center, and start all over again.

QUILT DISPLAY: Quilts created by the Holy Cross Ladies Guild (LWML) Quilting Group this past year are displayed on the modesty panels and on the balcony this weekend. For the past several years, Ladies Guild members has been donating them to Kindred Hospice in St. Louis. The quilts are presented at Christmas to patients at Christmas who are facing a life-limited illness with the knowledge that it could be their last Christmas. The quilts then become a keepsake for family members. We hope & pray that these patients & families feel the love & care put into each quilt. The cross quilt on the podium was also created by this group of quilters and now kept for LWML displays.

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING: Informational Meeting for all interested Youth, parents, chaperones for the Lutheran Youth Gathering next summer: Meeting is Sun., Oct. 3, at noon.

OCTOBER PORTALS OF PRAYER and LUTHERAN WITNESS available on Welcome Center table! Take one!

MEET the DCE at DCEs: DCE Charity Smith would like to meet you! Charity has planned ***Dine, Connect, Engage*** (DCE — **get it?**) meals throughout September, October and into 2022 for small groups to meet her and her family — and each other! Be on the lookout for your invitation!

Director of Music Position Open

Holy Cross Lutheran Church O'Fallon, Missouri is seeking a qualified candidate for the position of Director of Music. Duties for Director of Music include playing organ for worship services, direction, supervision, and delegation of choral music, youth music, music coordination for worship, and general encouragement of congregational members to participate in the music life of the Church. Please visit www.hcross.com/musicdir for more information.



'Thankful' for the Blessing of Baby Smith!!



DCE Charity Smith and husband Jesse will be welcoming their second child in November. The Church Worker Support Team, along with Church leadership, will be hosting a Family Shower on Oct. 10 following the 10:30AM service to usher in the joy of this new blessing.

Bring the whole family for lunch, games, and fellowship! Gifts are welcome but not required. Need ideas? Baby wipes, baby shampoo/lotion, and gift cards are always good ideas.

If you plan to attend, grab a lunch ticket from a member of the CWST Committee to help them plan the celebration. Let's wrap our newest family to Holy Cross in love and support as they prepare for their little gift!



YOUTH EVENTS

Fall Family Gathering on Oct. 20, 6:45-8PM: All 3rd to 12th graders and their families, please join us out by the fire pit at church for a Fall Family Gathering complete with smores, bonfire and camp songs.

Fall Festival on Oct. 24, 5-7PM: Mark your calendars! More information TBA.

MIDWEEK: All third through fifth graders — Midweek is now meeting on Wednesday from 6:45-8PM.

LYF Night: All high schoolers, we are having weekly LYF meetings every Wednesday, 6:45-8pm. Please join us in the Sr High room.

Attention 6th-8th graders! There is a **Higher Things retreat Nov. 5-6** at Village Lutheran Church in St. Louis. \$35 per person includes everything. Overnight accommodations are onsite. If you are interested please contact Sarah Miget (573) 768-0719 or DCE Smith (314) 529-1960. RSVPs due Oct 17. More details TBA. Parents, we will need chaperones!

Calling all High Schoolers! The Missouri District is having its annual youth gathering Nov. 5-7 at **Cross Pointe Retreat Center**, Rocky Mount, MO. Registration is \$125 per person due Oct. 17 to Sarah Miget (573) 768-0719 or DCE Smith (314) 529-1960. More details TBA. Parents, we will need chaperones!

Grace Guild Craft Expo

Saturday, Nov. 6, from 9AM to 3PM

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
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New Vendors booth rental is \$35
Previous Vendors booth rental is \$25
(Booths include 8-foot tables)

Contact: Joy Kelly: 314.920.6930 or joykelly12@icloud.com

OR Elaine Howard: 314.705.1171
or elaine63368@charter.net

Registration forms can be found on
the Welcome Center central table.

PROCEEDS WILL BE SENT TO
SIBERIAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY



HOPE Seeds meets Thurs.,
Oct. 7, from 9AM to NOON in
the gym to pack seeds to send
overseas.
Come join this activity **Oct. 7!**

From the Mission Board:

The Fourth Mission of the Quarter for 2021 is The
Lutheran Bible Translators. Please view the bulletin board
in the Welcome Center for more information.

ONLINE GIVING UPDATE: Holy Cross is happy to
announce the updated online giving page is now
available. The Stewardship Team has been working with
Vanco to upgrade the online giving platform known as
Simply Giving. You can still find Simply Giving on our
website by clicking on Electronic Giving. If you have existing
login information, please use that to access your account. If
this is your first time using online giving, please use the
Sign Up option or check out as a guest. If you do not
access the new online giving page, there will be no change
to your established recurring online giving contribution
amount, giving frequency, and bank account or card used
to make the contributions.

Have questions or need more information? You
may contact the Stewardship Team in person or by email:
Bill Adams, Anita Linneman, Brenda Marhanka or call the
church office and give your name and number and one of
the team will be in touch with you.

October 3 Sausage Dinner in Augusta -- Christ Lutheran
Church will have its 70th Annual Whole Hog sausage &
Sauerkraut Dinner on Sun., Oct. 10, 2021; it's a drive-thru
dinner from 11AM to 5PM. Menu includes pork sausage,
sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce,

Board of Elders approved these COVID precautions:

For Saturday: The 3PM service still requires masks; all COVID
precautions remain in place: spaced seating, no pre-service
greeting, continuous communion, individual cup only.

For Sunday: Masks are not required; open seating; pre-service
greeting; communion at the rail, and common cup offered.

If you have questions about this current policy, please contact
Don Wischmeyer, Board of Elders Chairman, or any Elder.



**ORDER
Deadline
is Oct. 10!**

ANNUAL LADIES GUILD CANDY & NUT SALE

Time is running out to place your order for premium nuts,
decadent confections, and savory snacks! Place your order
today and help us support *The Salvation Army of O'Fallon
Food Bank and Concordia Seminary Guild*.

Try this healthy, no bake, 3-ingredient recipe using dark
(or semi sweet) chocolate chips and Terri Lynn's Turkish
apricots (Product No. 60076) and pecans (Product No.
60010).

DARK CHOCOLATE-COVERED NO-BAKE APRICOT PECAN BAR

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup Dried Apricots
- 1 cup Pecans
- 1 cup Dark (or semi-sweet) Chocolate Chips

DIRECTIONS

MIX apricots and pecans in a food processor until blended.
PRESS mixture into the bottom of an 8x8 parchment lined
pan.

MICROWAVE chocolate chips on medium heat in 30 sec-
ond intervals until melted (mixing in between inter-
vals).

SPREAD melted chocolate over apricot/pecan mixture.
FREEZE for 30 minutes.

REMOVE the frozen mixture from the pan and CUT into
bars.

Calling all 6th - 12th graders! At the pool par-
ty, the youth who attended made a list of activi-
ties they would like to do in the coming
year. Below is a QR code, scan it and vote for
your top 10 events. You have until Oct. 4 to
vote. The Youth Board will look at the results on Tuesday.
Keep your eyes peeled for more information about up-
coming events.



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LWML MITE BOX in the
Welcome Center: Add your spare
change to fund mission grants
from around the world. New
LWML Mission grants for this
biennium were chosen at the
national convention in June. Take
a smaller version of the Mite Box
home as a reminder to add your
spare change to it daily.



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