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With the help of God,  
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# News & Notes

## Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 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.

**We pray for our members:**

**Delores** Ahrens; **Gloria & John** Anderson; **Dennis** Benassi; **Barbara** Benigno; **Paul** Bertram; **Mary Kay** Bethke; **Maggie** Brueggeman; **Nancy** Caldwell; **Dominic** Cissell; **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; **Michelle** Kincaid; **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);  
**Susan** (Janet Crowder);  
**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);  
**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 Slinger);

**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,  
**Kevin** Klette, **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,  
**John** Kincaid; (Michelle & Chuck 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: Steven & Denise Lackey** will celebrate their 37th wedding anniversary on Tues., Oct. 12; **Kevin & Sarah Smith** celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary on Oct. 4.

**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.

## Weekly Church Calendar

### **STEWARDSHIP I: TREASURE**

#### **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

#### **Monday, October 11, 2021**

**OFFICE HOURS 9:00AM-NOON, 1PM TO 4PM**

8:30AM TOPS (RM 1-2)

9AM Mail Ministry (Office)

10AM Ministry Team Meeting (Office)

10AM Counters (RM 3)

11AM Line Dancing (gym)

6PM LWML Fall Rally Committee (Wel.Ctr)

6:30PM Executive Council (Rm 1-2)

#### **Tuesday, October 12, 2021**

**OFFICE HOURS: NOON TO 4PM**

9AM Preschool Chapel

10AM Women's Bible Study (RM 1-2)

NOON Staff Meeting (RM 1-2)

6PM Grace Guild (gym)

7PM Adult Bible Class (Rm 1-2)

#### **Wednesday, October 13, 2021**

**OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON**

6:30AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

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 14, 2021**

**OFFICE HOURS 9AM TO NOON, 1PM TO 4PM**

CIRCUIT MEETINGS FOR PASTORS, DCE

8AM News & Notes **Deadline**

5:30PM DCE Event

6PM 20s&30s Bible Study (RM 1-2)

#### **Friday, October 15, 2021**

**OFFICE HOURS 9AM TO NOON, 1PM TO 4PM**

**November Koinonia Deadline**

**Council Reports Due**

### **STEWARDSHIP II: TALENT**

#### **Saturday, October 16, 2021**

**3PM Worship +Preschool Sings**

5:30PM DCE Event

#### **Sunday, October 17, 2021**

8AM Holy Communion + Live Stream

9:15AM Education Hour (GYM/CLASSROOMS)

9:15AM BASICS (RM 1-2)

10:30AM Holy Communion

Noon NYG Adult Leaders Info Meeting

5:30PM DCE Event

## **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 October 2-3, 2021**

Service	Attendance	Communion
3PM	43	42
8AM	77	67
10:30AM	105	82
<b>Total</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>191</b>

### Bible Class Attendance

Week of October 3

**InPerson (Online)**

*NA=not applicable; NR=not reported*

Sunday Adult Bible Class	32
BASICS	3
Sunday School: PreK to 5th	15
Sunday School: 6th to 12th	7
Tuesday Women's AM	14
Tuesday Evening	NA
Men's Breakfast & Bible Study	—
Wednesday AM	NR
Midweek (gr 3-5)	7
Confirmation (gr 6-8)	18
LYF (High School)	0
20s&30s Thursday	10

### **Weekly Offerings: Sept. 27-Oct. 3, 2021**

General Fund	\$ 18,986.94
Building Fund	\$ 145.00
Endowment	\$ 95.00
MOTQ-weekly	\$ 520.00
<b>MOTQ3 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,150.00</b>
<b>MOTQ4 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 130.00</b>
Pavilion Fund	\$ 1,100.00
<b>Pavilion Fund TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 30,370.53</b>

### **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](mailto:badams3013@aol.com); Anita Linneman, [Treasurer@hcross.com](mailto:Treasurer@hcross.com); or Brenda Marhanka, [Bookkeeper@hcross.com](mailto:Bookkeeper@hcross.com). Brenda can be reached by calling the church office on Tuesdays and Thursdays, ext.105.

## Fall 2021 Stewardship Emphasis for Holy Cross, O'Fallon

### "Biblical Portraits of Stewardship"

Join us this month for our sermon series, "Biblical Portraits of Stewardship." This series will highlight Biblical characters, diving into these "heroes of the faith" and seeing how they were good stewards of their time, talents, and treasures. The goal is that by looking at these people they might strengthen the faith and thus the stewardship responses of those hearing it.

#### **Week 1 (October 9/10) - TREASURE**

For this weekend, we will be looking at Biblical characters who give generously of their wealth and money God had given to them. For the Old Testament reading, we will hear of wealthy Abraham and how he immediately gives gifts to the priest-king Melchizedek. In the Epistle reading, we will be hearing from 2 Corinthians and how Paul shares that the churches of Macedonia gave generously of their tithes and finances. Finally, in the Gospel reading from Luke, we will hear of the story of Zacchaeus and how he repaid people back four times the amount he had cheated them.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are placed to the glory of God by Steven & Denise Lackey for their 37th wedding anniversary on Oct. 12.



**BELLS OF JOY:** We welcome the handbell choir from Messiah Lutheran in Weldon Spring on Sunday as they perform several bell anthems for preservice and worship. The Bells of Joy Handbell Choir has been ringing at Messiah Lutheran Church and in the community for 22 years. Their mission is ringing praises to God and witnessing to the congregation and community through the gift of music. They are happy to be at Holy Cross on Sunday, worshipping with us and making a joyful noise unto the Lord! Choir members are: *Brian Bear, Mark Bear, Morgan Berg, Janet Hessler, Deb Hiatt, Liane Higgins, Scott Leigh, Deborah Lein, Rachel Versemann, Rachel Wilhelm, Amy Williams, Director Sue Stuert*

**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!

**SERVICE NOTE FOR OCT. 16:** Saturday worship on Oct. 16 will be worship only, no communion. Preschool students will be singing at the start of the service.

## 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](http://www.hcross.com/musicdir) for more information.



### 'Thankful' for the Blessing of Baby Smith!!



**D**CE 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!

**OCTOBER PORTALS OF PRAYER and LUTHERAN WITNESS** available on Welcome Center table.

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**SALTED CARAMEL COOKIES**

**INGREDIENTS**

- Sugar Cookie Dough
- Terri Lynn Dark Chocolate Sea Salt Caramels

**DIRECTIONS**

- MAKE dough according to package instructions.
- SCOOP a heaping tablespoon of sugar cookie dough and flatten into a disk.
- PLACE one of the Salted Caramels in the center of each disk of cookie dough.
- COVER with another heaping tablespoon of sugar cookie dough pressing the dough together so the caramel is inside
- BAKE 350° for 8-10 minutes.

**Grace Guild Craft Expo  
Saturday, Nov. 6, from 9AM to 3PM**

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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](mailto:joykelly12@icloud.com)

OR Elaine Howard: 314.705.1171  
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Registration forms can be found on the Welcome Center central table.

PROCEEDS WILL BE SENT TO  
SIBERIAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY

**SHOW YOUR GRATITUDE!!!**



October is Pastor Appreciation Month! Let's instead make **October Church Worker Appreciation Month.** We are blessed with a great team of people who work together to share God's Word with the entire congregation, the

preschool, and by means of outreach. All month there will be a mailbox in the Welcome Center for you to place letters of encouragement and thanks. Write a small note to whomever you like: Pastor Gimbel, Pastor Meyer, DCE Charity, Joyce our secretary, the preschool teachers, Greg our choir director, etc. Please write the recipient on the outside of the cards and the CWST team will make sure that they are delivered throughout the month.

Thanks from Church Workers Support Team (CWST)

**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.



**FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

**MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY** – This monthly gathering meets on Wed., Oct. 13, at 6:30AM. Sign up in the Welcome Center for a meal-planning count. Following a breakfast served up by the Elders, Pastors will lead a Bible study. If interested in helping prepare breakfast, contact Don Wischmeyer.

**GRACE EVENING GUILD** meets Tues., Oct. 12, at 6PM in the gym.

**Tuesday Evening Bible Class** meets at 7PM IN RM 1-2.

**Oktoberfest at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in New Melle!** Sunday, Oct. 17, Noon to 6PM. German Sausage, Sides, Desserts. Kids Corn pit. Polka Band. Beer Garden with Good News Brewing Company. Cornhole Tournament: Register for Tournament at [stpauls-oktoberfest.org](http://stpauls-oktoberfest.org)

**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.

**HOPE SEEDS** met Oct. 7 at Holy Cross gym. They packed 2100 packets of seeds. A shipment of 150,000 seed packets has been sent to Haiti by the organization!

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

**Weekly Totals for Oct. 6, 2021**

Families: 59  
Individuals: 229

**September Totals:  
278 Families; 1,054 Individuals**

**KEEP US UPDATED!**

**REVIEW** the prayer list. Send updates to [secretary@hcross.com](mailto:secretary@hcross.com) or 636.272.4505

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