



News & Notes

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 15-16 2022

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
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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
Pastoral Team

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
636.272.4505
secretary@hcross.com

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:

Joy Adams; Alvin Ahrens; Gloria & John Anderson; Dennis Benassi; Barbara Benigno; Paul Bertram; Mary Kay Bethke; George Beyer; Karen & Jean Binder; Nancy Caldwell; Dominic Cissell; Mike Dawdy; Kathleen & Jeremy Day; Carolyn Delohi; Carolyn Dement; Becky Edgar; Renea Erickson; John Estill & Family; Ken Fattmann; Jan Flentke; Peggy Gallagher; Connie Gamache; Jennifer Goris; Phyllis Gronewald; Michael Halm; Tricia Hogan; Lizzie Johansmann; Deborah Kiely; Michelle Kincaid; Elma Jane Kramer; Judy Koprowski; Janet Kuesel; Betty & Ken Lee; Adeline Meyer; Dina Polashek; Judy & Ron Rutledge; Mary Sampl; Carol Santoyo; Amy Schlesselman; Eileen Seckel; Betty Shaw; David Stewart; Winnie Thornton, Bill & Alice Wichern; Ernestine Wilson.

We pray for our family and friends:

**Roger Altenberger (Shelby Morgan)
Debbie Anderson (Craig Dement)
Bob Buchmeier (Judy Andrews)
Sandy Bush (Kari Spearman)
Elizabeth Cash (Heather Koepke)
Karen Clark (Dawn Kahler)
Charles Claxton Jr. (Matthew Claxton)
Braedyn Dawson (Ron & Lois Dawson)
Teresa Doerr
Dennis Helms (Norma Helms)
Sharon Hesse (Barb Krieger)
Lois Jobe (Jan Flentke)
Shane Johnson (Kevin Smith)
Frank Kardasz (Ingrid & Albert Marhanka)
Henry Lucio (Shawn Huber)
Margaret Meyer (Nancy Caldwell)
Bob Meyers (Malinda Meyers)
Mike (Debbie Parks)
Atina Parris (Liane Higgins)
Tony Pearia (Emily Kahler)
Michael Pierce (Laura Hackney)
Paul Rau (Elma Jane Kramer)
Shirley Rector (Michelle Sliger)
Eileen Scaglione (Nancy Scaglione)
Dolores Schaper (Snyders/Spearmans)
Rosemary Schreiber (Peggy Gallagher)
Tim Sutton (Amy Estill)
Christine Valasco (Joy Kelly)**

**Larry Walton (Bob & Sue Williams)
Jason Wehmeyer (Karl & Dena Schoenike)
Bobbette Wetzel (Ryan Blackwell)
Sandy Wischmeyer (Marilyn Mana)
Carson Aston, Chlaara Aston Sharon Staten
(Lisa Aston & Family)
Don & Linda Beehn (Chris Ehlers)
James Fox, Darrel Gibson,
Kevin Klette, Donna Mayes,
Jeanette McMillin (Cissell Family)
Kenny Rogers, Wesley Heins
(Jeff & Becky Coomer)
Joel Erickson, Carol Zeigler
(Ralph & Renea Erickson)
Betty Christman, Grace Scheu
(Ken Goodwin)
Michelle Creese, Eugene Gronewald
(Phyllis Gronewald)
Kyle McCarthy, Frank Wachter
(Elaine Howard)
Linda Elrod, Marian Schwentker
(Michelle & Chuck Kincaid);
George & Sandra Roberts (Elma Jane Kramer)
Milt & Nancy Kuball, Roxanne Kuerschner
(Dave & Peggy Kuerschner)
John Bach, Taylor Lee, Rachel Long,
Mark Lee, (Ken & Betty Lee)
Gorman Cooper, John Perotti
(Tina Morrison)**

We pray for those who mourn:

For the family and friends of **Eugene Fishbeck** who entered the Church Triumphant on Monday., Jan 10, 2022, after a long illness. Funeral arrangements are pending.

For the family and friends of **Delores Ahrens** who entered the Church Triumphant on Monday., Jan. 10, 2022. Visitation is Sun., Jan. 16, at Baue Cave Springs, from 4PM TO 8PM. Funeral is Mon., Jan. 17, at 11:30AM at Baue Cave Springs.

For the family & friends of **Mike Arnold**, who died Thurs., Jan 13, 2022. Mike is the friend and fishing buddy of Dennis Sweeso, Holy Cross' custodian and grandfather of Harrison Sweeso.

Weekly Church Calendar

Saturday, January 15, 2022

8 AM Church Leadership Meeting
3PM Holy Communion

Sunday, January 16, 2022

8AM Holy Communion
9:15AM Education Hour
10:30AM Holy Communion

Monday, January 17, 2022

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
HOLY CROSS PRESCHOOL CLOSED
CHURCH OFFICE OPEN: 9AM-NOON, 1-4PM
8:30AM TOPS
11 AM Line Dancers
11:30am Ahrens Funeral at Baue Cave Springs
1PM Quilting Setup
6PM Evangelism Board
7PM Church Council (Virtual)

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11AM, 2PM TO 4PM
KOINONIA-MARCH DEADLINE
9AM Preschool Chapel
9AM Quilting
10AM Women's Bible Study
NOON Staff Meeting — Office closed

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS 9AM TO NOON.
9AM Preschool Chapel
9:30AM Adult Bible Class
6:45PM Choir
6:45PM LYF, Midweek, Confirmation

Thursday, January 20, 2022

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS 9AM TO NOON. 1-4PM
DCE CIRCUIT MEETING
News & Notes Deadline
5:30PM DCE Event
6PM 20s&30s Bible Study

Friday, January 21, 2022

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS 9AM TO NOON. 1-4PM
Koinonia Production

Saturday, January 22, 2022

3PM Holy Communion

Sunday, January 23, 2022

8AM Holy Communion
9:15AM Education Hour
10:30AM Holy Communion
Noon NYG Youth & Parent Meeting

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 January 8-9, 2022

Service	Attendance	Communion
3PM	28	28
8AM	64	53
10:30AM	100	85
Total	192	166

Weekly Offerings: Dec. 13, 2021-Jan. 2, 2022

General Fund	\$ 44,253.64
Building Fund	\$ 365.00
Endowment	\$ 261.65
MOTQ-weekly	\$ 1,764.02
MOTQ4 TOTAL	\$ 8,588.90

Year to Date as of 11/30/2021

Income*	\$ 667,239.57
Expenses	\$ 658,571.34
Surplus	\$ 8,668.23
*Income now includes \$52,398.00 due to PPP loan forgiveness	

Bible Class Attendance Week of January 9, 2022 NA=not applicable; NR=not reported C= cancelled

Sunday Adult Bible Class	31
Sunday School: PreK to 5th	8
Sunday School: 6th to 12th	2
Tuesday Women's AM	10
Tuesday Evening	5
Men's Breakfast & Bible Study	12
Wednesday AM	16
Confirmation (gr 6-8)	14
Midweek (gr. 3-5)	8
LYF Midweek	0
20s&30s Thursday	11



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, Douglas Mundt, Justin Quinn, Joshua Rainwater, Matthew Thornton, Glenn Throne, and Conner Walkenhorst.

Please help us update the prayer list. Email or phone the church office to let us know whether your request is still needed. Thanks!

SERMON SUMMARY: There is the old adage, which is also a song, "save the best for last". In some ways it's a lesson in delayed gratification, going out with a "bang". It also happens to be very similar to what the master of the feast said in response to Jesus' work. His observation is one that holds true to the larger body of Christ's work, and as we understand that more and more, we also begin to understand the implications it has in our own lives.
— Pastor Meyer

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed today to the glory of God in honor of the birthday of Cynthia Schwab.

LADIES GUILD QUILTERS meet at 9AM on Tues., Jan. 21.

WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS: THE 2ND GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD! Starting Jan. 12, the Wednesday morning class will begin looking at a very familiar story. It also happens to be second place in terms of great stories. The greatest is always of Christ and His work, but this story is not that different. It involves intense moments of suspense, grand actions, reunions, and happy moments. In understanding this story, you also understand more about the story of Jesus, and what He had come to do. So join us at 9:30 on Wednesday mornings. Enjoy some coffee, some fellowship, and unpacking a story as you've never heard it before!

MISSION OF THE QUARTER: Ninety-eight percent of Deaf or Hard of Hearing individuals do not know Jesus. Romans 10:17 says, "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ." So how do we minister to those who cannot hear? **Lutheran World Deaf Outreach** is working hard to train leaders for Deaf outreach; however, the number of trained individuals is dwindling. Their goal is to provide resources and training specifically designed for Deaf people so that they too may learn more about the love of Jesus and share it with others. The organization may only have about 3-4 months of financial coverage in the bank, but Rev. John Reinke says, "God always provides for us and our mission!" The Missions Board is glad to bring this organization to light in our congregation, and we are looking forward to welcoming Rev. Reinke in March for a Missions Festival focusing on Deaf Outreach. Mark your calendars!

HOLY CROSS PRESCHOOL

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year remains open. Children must be 3 or 4 years old before August 4.
3-year-olds meet Tuesday and Thursday;
4-year-olds meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
Classes are from 8:30 – 11:30AM and 12:30 – 3:30PM.

Extended education hours are available to preschool families. Check the brochure for details. Brochures are available in the Welcome Center and church office.
Contact Preschool Director Darlene Birk at 272-4505, ext. 106, to schedule a personal tour and to answer any questions.

CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES NEEDED: Have you moved recently? Changed contact information? If so, please let the church office know. We need your help in knowing how to contact you. Contact the church office at secretary@hcross.com or call **636-272-4505**. Thanks!

TONER SHORTAGE & ITS AFFECT ON PUBLICATIONS:
A fire in a Japanese factory has limited the supply of copier toner. The **January Koinonia** was not printed, but February Koinonia is being planned. Other changes will be made to publications, including bulletins, in order to stretch current resources. Communion hymns are listed but not printed in the bulletin; other services may rely heavily on using the hymnal for liturgy and hymns.

BOARD OF ELDERS has approved 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. Starting Dec. 19, offering plates will be passed during Sunday services only. The Tithe Box is available for offerings as well.

For questions about this current policy ask an Elder.



EPIPHANY HYMN FESTIVAL

**3PM Sunday, Feb. 6
in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus**

Featuring Dr. Stephen Starke, commentator, the St. Louis Lutheran Chorale and the Seminary String Ensemble
Celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ with Concordia Seminary this Epiphany season! Join them in person or via livestream at csl.edu/live. Find details on the [events calendar](#) and learn more about the [Concordia Seminary Concert Series](#).

WINTER LAY BIBLE INSTITUTE

10AM - 3PM Saturday, Feb. 12

Lay people, ministry leaders and pastors: Mark your calendars for the [2022 Winter Lay Bible Institute](#), "Strength for Today and Bright Hope for Tomorrow." Please join us as Emeritus President Dr. Dale A. Meyer gives traditional and true Lutheran emphases a fresh look for congregational ministry in today's changed and challenging culture.

January Celebrations 2021

The Lord will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1: Jen Haug, Gracie Niemeyer, Bev Smith
- 3: Lisa Byers, Charles Lewis, Marcie Sutton
- 5: Karen Belter, Don Grzina
- 6: Zachary Aston, Earl Dietz
- 7: Marilyn Benassi, Anna Koepke, Karin Nieman, Randy Sagez, Lacey Sumski, Mark Ziolk
- 8: Diane Gade, Laurie Heizmann, Denise Lackey
- 9: Lovisa Davison, Jacob Klootwyk, Lacey Mitchell
- 10: Levi Bowers, Christian Eaton
- 11: Madalyn Cagle, Derek Freand, Bentley McNiff, Diane Palombi, Wayne Wiese
- 12: Alexa Berjer, Ellie Berjer, Owen Berjer, Mike Ehlers, Peggy Gallagher, Laura Gimbel, Lizzie Johansmann, Dorothy Morrison
- 13: Erik Busse, Aurora Edison
- 14: Maverick Bartlett, Jonathan Ehlers, Iris Hackbarth
- 15: Dixie Booth, David Darst, Kaylee Diedrich, Brad Downs, Brandon Downs
- 16: Carmel Dotson, Madison Kiely, Cynthia Schwab
- 17: Cooper Dunajcik, Barbara Parson
- 19: Susan Bollinger, Chris Gaglio
- 20: Dylan Crider, Don Otto, Landon Henningfeld, Michael Vesper, Steve Vesper
- 21: Karen Gaglio, Shelby Morgan, Tracey Schuler, Sandra Semler
- 22: Luciano Chinnici, Michelle Dunajcik, Jocelyn Gibbs
- 23: Jaidyn Benson, Scott Reinhold, Tidus Willis
- 24: Elaine Howard, Jennifer Pound, Joanne Strawn
- 25: Justin Haffer
- 26: Jim Boyd, Camden Danchus, Terry Hardy, Elliot Haug, Debra Korte
- 27: Andrea Byers, Cheryl Landgraf, Gavin Meyers, Carla Wiese
- 29: Charlotte Olaes, Nancy Plesia
- 30: Baylee Albano, Cindy Buehne, Floyd Darling Jr., Jack Estill, Anthony Losch
- 31: Trudy Aston, Liz Hitt, Brody Van Wave

Hope of Christ for Cancer Patients Phil's Friends — \$70,000

Phil's Friends sends a care package containing a Bible, fleece blanket, knit hat, fuzzy socks, dental hygiene items, unscented lotion, and more that arrives at the door of a cancer patient. For the next 12 months Cards of Hope are sent with encouraging messages and uplifting Bible verses. The mission of Phil's Friends is to introduce and strengthen relationships with Christ to those walking through cancer. For more information, go to lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-6.

Take a smaller version of the BIG Mite Box home as a reminder to add your spare change to it daily. See table in Welcome Center.



JANUARY BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

- 1: Rachel Bauer, Carolyn Bertram, Jerry Bradley, Megan End, Paul Helvey, Liane Higgins, George Paubel, Valerie Schnefke, Charles Wardenburg, Ernestine Wilson
- 3: Laura Irvin
- 5: Mary Camfield
- 8: Terry Amos
- 11: Emma Rheinecker
- 12: Aleeah Ray
- 14: Greg Emerick, Jared Klootwyk, Justin Klootwyk
- 15: Christina McNiff
- 16: Doris Coots, Kate Mittler
- 17: Adam Karl, Julie Northrup, Sara Schwab,
- 18: Anna DeMent, Kaylee Diedrich
- 19: Shirley Amos
- 20: Don Otto, Sarah Schnoor, Mark Ziolk
- 22: Diana Snyder
- 23: Jacob Drilling, Chase Markham, Alyssa Parks
- 24: Charlie Meyer, Jennifer Pound, Alli Smith
- 25: Eric Polashek
- 27: Susan Haywood, Amelia Neporadny, Nicole Schmidt
- 28: Ricky Marhanka
- 29: Laura Gimbel
- 30: Sandy Feller
- 31: Riley May

JANUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 3: Vickie & Quinton Glasstetter
- 4: Sal & Barbara Benigno
Mike & Dawn Kahler
- 8: Mark & Darlene Drilling
- 10: John & Gloria Anderson
- 11: William & Pam Beck
- 15: Jeff & Miriam Gibson
- 19: Bobby & Amanda Meyers II
- 20: Paul & Jennifer Goris
- 21: Doris & Jim Coots
- 21: Gordon & Phyllis Robinson Jr.
- 22: Joe & Delise Rion
- 25: Carl & Kay Hardman
John & Linda Jackson
- 27: Ron & Linda Kettler
- 29: Don & Bridget Grzina
- 30: Bev & Charles Smith



GIRLFRIEND GATHERING
FEB. 25 – 26, 2022
CHAPEL OF THE CROSS
LUTHERAN CHURCH
ST. PETERS, MO

The theme for the gathering is **"Pray More, Worry Less,"** based on Philippians 4:6-7. Registration online begins Jan. 30. More information next week.