



News & Notes

The Baptism of Our Lord

January 8-9, 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 & Delores 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; 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; 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)
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)
Shirley Rector (Michelle Slinger)
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 Wetzler (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)**

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!



Weekly Church Calendar

Saturday, January 8, 2022

8AM Music Search
 10:30AM Degreen the Church
 3PM Holy Communion, Installation
 5:30PM DCE Event

Sunday, January 9, 2022

Officer Installation
 8AM Holy Communion
 9:15AM Education Hour
 10:30AM Holy Communion
 1PM Board of Elders Meeting

Monday, January 10, 2022

OFFICE HOURS 9AM TO NOON, 1PM -4PM
 8:30AM TOPS
 11AM Line Dancers
 11am Ladies Guild Executive Meeting
 5:30pm Stewardship Board
 5:30pm DCE Event
 6:30pm Church Executive Council

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11AM
 9AM PRESCHOOL CHAPEL
 10AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
 NOON Staff Meeting — Office closed
 6PM Grace Guild
 7PM Adult Bible Class

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS 9AM TO NOON. 1-4PM
 6:30AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
 9AM Preschool Chapel
 9:30AM Adult Bible Class
 6:45PM Choir, LYF, Midweek, Confirmation
 7PM Music Search

Thursday, January 13, 2022

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS 9AM TO NOON. 1-4PM
 News & Notes Deadline
 Circuit Meetings
 6PM 20s&30s Bible Study

Friday, December 14, 2022

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS 9AM TO NOON. 1-4PM
 Council Reports Due
 10AM Ladies Guild Meeting

Saturday, December 15, 2022

8 AM Church Leadership Meeting
 3PM Holy Communion

Sunday, December 16, 2022

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

Monday, December 17, 2022

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
 HOLY CROSS PRESCHOOL CLOSED
 CHURCH OFFICE OPEN: 9AM-NOON, 1-4PM
 11AM LINE DANCERS
 6PM EVANGELISM BOARD
 7PM CHURCH COUNCIL

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 1-2, 2022

Service	Attendance	Communion
3PM	22	21
8AM	33	28
10:30AM	53	46
Total	108	95

Church Attendance for Christmas Eve — December 24, 2021

Time	Attended	Communed
3PM	138	100
5PM	108	70
7PM	128	101
11PM	85	74
Total	459	345

Church Attendance for Christmas Day — Dec. 25, 2021

9:30AM	72	61
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NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE — CANCELED

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

Church Attendance Sun., Jan. 26, 2021

Time	Att.	Comm.
8AM	41	37
10:30AM	88	57
Total	129	94

Bible Class Attendance
 Week of Jan. 2, 2022
 NA=not applicable; NR=not reported
 C= cancelled

Sunday Adult Bible Class	22
Sunday School: PreK to 5th	7
Sunday School: 6th to 12th	2
20s&30s Thursday	8

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS: This will take place this weekend Jan. 8-9, 2022, at all church services. Newly elected Council members, officers of Ladies Guild and Grace Guild, and incumbents of all boards and groups are asked to attend the installation rite at one of the regularly-scheduled services this weekend.

GRACE EVENING GUILD meets at 6PM on Tues., Jan. 11.
HOLY CROSS LADIES GUILD meets at 10AM on Fri., Jan. 14.

CONFIRMATION and MIDWEEK start up this Wednesday, 6:45PM.

MEN'S BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY will take place this Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 6:30AM. Please sign up in the Welcome Center.

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 2nd 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: The Missions Board is so happy to report that the final MOTQ for 2021 brought in almost \$8,560 for Lutheran Bible Translators. What a blessing Holy Cross has been to the mission field this last year: **THANK YOU!** Total money donated for missions in 2021 was \$32,790.90, an increase of 37% over 2020.

This month brings us to a new year and a new MOTQ. 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!

THANK YOU to all those who helped with the Celebration of Lights this year. Volunteers came out to help add new features, to maintain and repair what we had, to setup the display and man the gate nights. All your efforts resulted in a beautiful display. We received many compliments from visitors during the Holiday Stroll nights saying they were glad to see the Nativity scene, saying "this is what Christmas is all about". We are already planning and looking forward to next year.

TONER SHORTAGE & ITS AFFECT ON PUBLICATIONS: A fire in a Japanese factory has limited the supply of copier toner until January. 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.

THANK YOU: Ron & Lois Dawson want to thank the Holy Cross Carolers who appeared at their door on Dec. 22. They said that they really enjoyed hearing your singing!

PRESCHOOL DONATION REQUEST

One of our classroom microwaves quit working. We are looking for a new or used small microwave that will fit on a 21" x 21" surface. Please contact Darlene Birk at 636-272-4505 or 314-607-2751 if you are able to help.

SHOEMAN – Collection of used shoes for missions is on hold. If an individual or group would like to be responsible for coordinating shoe collection and drop-off to a charity or distributor, please let the church office know. Otherwise, our association with this project will come to an end.

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.

H.O.P.E. FOOD MINISTRIES

Weekly Totals for January 5, 2022

Families:	60
Individuals:	234

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!

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.