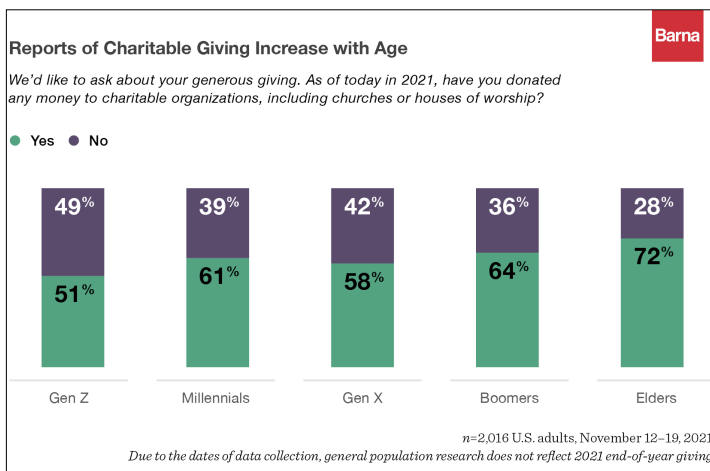


Generosity & Giving

Now that fall is just around the corner, it's that time of year when we are invited to think more about generosity and giving. The landscape and demographics of Holy Cross have been changing. Our core membership appears to be trending younger with proportionally more children in worship since 2019, and thereby more families too. What might the future hold for generosity and giving?

The Barna Group is an evangelical Christian polling firm based here in the US, and it has been busy gathering data and information for years. Recently, they have completed a multi-volume work called *The State of Generosity*, which looks more closely at generosity and stewardship, looking ahead to the future of generosity. Here are a couple of their most recent insights, as drawn from a recent publication entitled *A New Era of Giving*.

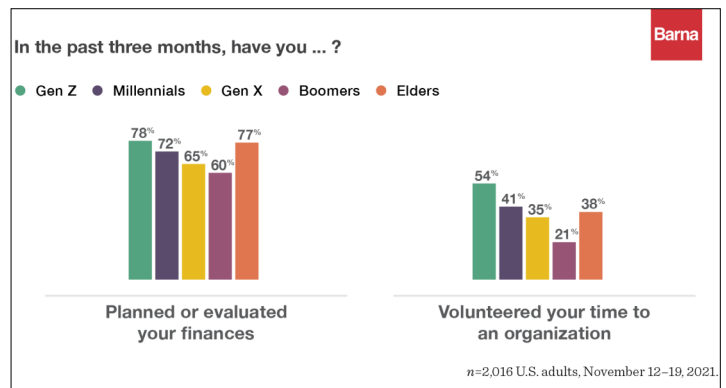


This first one is definitely shocking at first glance. There is a definite trend here and it appears that it doesn't bode well for the future of charitable giving. However, one must keep in mind some of the life experiences that each of these generations would be going through right now. Many Gen Zs may be in a situation where finances are especially tight, such as paying off student loans from college and/or graduate school. Gen Zs may also be at the beginning stages of raising a family, which immediately requires financial backing. Since the time of this survey, the situation has become financially even more difficult as of late with the inflation that our country has seen.

Meanwhile, the elders and boomers have already successfully navigated through these challenges while building up the resources, disciplines, and experiences to be in a position to give generously.

For the younger generations, it can be extremely beneficial to have a system of automatic withdrawal in place for the finances, so that a good pattern can be established early on that can be tweaked or modified later, rather than starting from scratch at a later point in life.

Though the data on financial giving is troubling, the report showed that Gen Z and Millennials are generous and give in other ways:



Here we see that Gen Z easily outpaces all other adults with regards to volunteering time, with over half of Gen Zs that responded to the survey having volunteered their time to an organization. This generation seems to seek out some practical and hands-on ways to share those things that God has given to them.

What is also encouraging about this graphic is that Gen Zs appear to be very financially conscious as well, planning and evaluating their finances more than any other generation ahead of them. This too is an encouraging sign, that they are even more aware of all the blessings that God has given them (whether or not they realize or acknowledge that it is in fact given by God). As this planning and evaluating continues, perhaps it will bring with it even more growth in generosity. ~ Pastor Gimbel

Information in this article is drawn from the following website. Head here for even more data and infographics: "How Millennials & Gen Z Are Stepping into Generosity." Barna Group, 2 Aug. 2023, www.barna.com/research/young-adults-giving/.



*Morgan Calcaterra
Preschool Director*

23-24 PRESCHOOL STAFF

We are so glad to have these amazing women on our team as preschool staff. These well qualified teachers are eager to start the year. We plan to integrate fun, exciting lessons that incorporate our Christian faith. If you or someone you know needs a great faith-based preschool program for their family, please contact our Director!



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We would love to bring one more after school care staff member to our team!
If you or someone you know is in need of a part time employment opportunity, please contact our Director!



ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT FOR SCHOOLS

Round up friends and family for a fun day of golf!

The Golf for Schools Annual Tournament will be held **Sept. 10 at The Falls at Turtle Creek starting at 1:30PM**. New site! New price—\$100 (from \$120 last year). Brochures with registration forms are available in the Welcome Center and Church Office. Sign up either as a team or as an individual to be assigned to a team.

Any business or individual interested in sponsoring a hole, game, or drink cart can contact Scott Birk at skirk@swbell.net or 314-607-2825. Proceeds benefit Holy Cross Preschool and Child of God Lutheran Schools. Thrivent Action Teams will be used to support the event.

Monthly Music Minute for September 2023

*A series in which the music director shares some thoughts
about the music coming up in church this month*

September is here! Summer is just about over, fall is beginning, and a new season of our life as a church is beginning. The first big mile marker for this season, at least for your church music director, is Holy Cross Day. Celebrated September 17th this year, it is a time for celebrating not just our founding and heritage as a congregation, but our founding and heritage as Christians — for it is on that cross that our place in eternity was secured.

In celebration of this day, we will be singing a newly-composed hymn as our sermon hymn. The text, entitled "Covenantal Cross of Splendor," was written by my close friend, Vicar Joshua Teggatz. The text was chosen as the winner of the seminary's annual Prevallet hymn-writing competition. So, when he asked me to write the music for the text, I jumped at the chance. The text goes like this:

- 1) Covenantal cross of splendor,
Gleaming portal of God's heart,
Sign of grace for the offender,
Canvas of love's highest art.
Fullness of His words of old,
Key of promises foretold.
- 2) Satan bruised the second Adam,
Nailed Him to the cursed tree.
But the Lamb of God, victorious,
Crushed the serpent's jubilee.
Second tree of plenteous fruit,
Symbol of our substitute.
- 3) Through the promised seed of Abram,
Heaven's gates stand open wide,
Heralding sublime adoption
To all who by faith abide.
Portal of our Promised Land,
Token of God's loving hand.
- 4) Jesus Christ, foretold Messiah,
Broken in humility,
Took our sin upon His shoulders,
Answered our most desperate plea.
Cross of reconciling love!
Sign of favor from above!
- 5) Covenantal cross of splendor,
Gleaming portal of God's heart,
Sign of grace for the offender,
Canvas of love's highest art.
Final word of saving grace,
On our heads the cross we trace.

I asked Josh to share a few thoughts on the text, its meaning, and his thought process on writing the hymn. He writes:

"The cross means a lot to us as Christians. Just as we see it in so many different places and behold so many different artistic depictions of it, so Scripture gives us several different lenses with which to examine the cross and to appreciate its beauty and significance for us as redeemed children of God. This text, "Covenantal Cross of Splendor," focuses on how the cross fulfills the promises and prophecies of God in the Old Testament and what that fulfillment means for the believer. It especially centers on the idea that God has always been a covenantal God who desires to be with His people and be their God. The cross is the site where this covenant is sealed and ratified with the very blood of Christ. This is the place where we see God revealed in all of His mercy, grace, and love. It is the battleground where Satan is defeated. It is the entrance into God's heavenly kingdom. It is the altar by which reconciliation and forgiveness are achieved. When we look at the cross, we are reminded of all these promises God has fulfilled for us in Jesus Christ, always looking at it with the glorious backdrop of Christ's Easter victory. It was a pleasure to collaborate with David on this hymn and I hope this text allows you to be brought once again to that covenantal cross of splendor."

~ David Gilson

GET INVOLVED IN MUSIC AT HOLY CROSS!

Adult Choir rehearses Wednesdays
from 6:45-8PM in the choir room

Intermediate Adult Handbell Choir meets
Mondays beginning Sept. 11
from 6:30-7:30PM in the balcony.

Beginning Handbell Choir (grades 6-adult)
meets Wednesdays
from 6-6:30PM in the balcony.

Children's Choir (grades K-5) meets
Wednesdays from 6-6:30PM in the choir room.

Questions, or want to get involved? Talk to
David Gilson or call the church office for more
information (dgilson@hcross.com).



Holy Cross has many opportunities for its members to participate in Bible classes. Choose the one right for you!

Sunday School

Sunday School meets during the Sunday Education Hour, at 9:30AM. Classes are offered for children ages 3 through high school. Little Lambs has been added for those under age 3 with a parent.

Sunday Adult Bible Class

Adult classes gather on Sunday mornings during the Education Hour in the gym. Usually held in the gym.

Tuesday Women's Bible Study

The class meets weekly at 10AM with Pastor Gimbel in Rm 1-2. Recently, the class has read *The Story*.

Tuesday Evening Adult Bible Class

The Tuesday night class meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 6:30PM to 8PM with Bruce Linn as presenter. Join them on Tues., Sept. 12. discussion.

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

This monthly gathering resumes **Wed., Sept. 13 at 6:30AM**. Sign up in the Welcome Center on Sept. 9-10 or call the church office by Sept. 12 for an attendance count. Following a breakfast served up by the Elders, Pastors will lead a Bible study. If interested in preparing breakfast, contact Don Wischmeyer.

Wednesday Adult Bible Class This class meets at 9:30 AM on Wednesdays in the gym. They go through the Bible on a deeper level, exploring the historical context of passages and books, tracking thematic development, and exploring the theological realities presented in scripture.

Midweek & Confirmation & High School

Evening classes are offered for children in grades 3 through 8. Classes are held August through May on Wednesdays from 6:15 – 8PM. High School students meet in the LYF Room. During Advent and Lent, class times change to accommodate the 7PM service which allows children to attend the midweek worship service with their families. See separate calendar, on the right.

20s&30s Bible Study Thursdays

The 20s&30s Bible Study is simply a group of youngish adults (some are over 40) who get together weekly for fellowship and study. The Bible Study is led by different

members of the group who take turns facilitating the instruction and conversation each week. They meet every Thursday from 6:30-8PM in Rooms 1&2; and they usually go out to eat somewhere afterward for social time and fellowship outside of the church walls. Please join us!

B.A.S.I.C.S. (Brief Adult Study In Christianity & Service)

As needed, this class is offered for those who wish to know more about Holy Cross and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. B.A.S.I.C.S. is open to anyone of high school age or older, both prospective and current members of the congregation. Those wishing to become members of Holy Cross are welcome to do so upon completion of B.A.S.I.C.S.

T.L.C. (Transfer for Lutherans Class)

Class is held on a group or individual basis as needed for those who desire to transfer their church membership from another Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation to Holy Cross. The orientation introduces new members to the various ways they can get involved and serve in the congregation as members. A New Member Luncheon, sponsored by the Board of Evangelism, is held twice a year where new members are introduced to the congregation.

MIDWEEK & CONFIRMATION NEW WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Activity	Room	Time
Open Gym Dinner (families can bring their dinner in)	Gym	5:30-6PM
Children's Choir	Choir Room	6-6:15PM
Beginner Bell Choir	Sanctuary	6-6:30PM
2nd-3rd Grade Class	Rooms 4&5	6:15-7PM
4th-5th Grade Class	Room 7&8	6:15-7PM
Confirmation Level 100	Room 3	6:30-7:30PM
Confirmation Level 200	Rooms 1 & 2	6:30-7:30PM
High School Class	Room 11	6:30-7:30PM
2nd - 5th Grade Games	Gym	7-7:15PM
6th - 12th Grade Games	Gym	7:30-7:45PM

What Holy Cross Did on its Summer Vacation



Remember that familiar writing prompt at the start of a school year: "What did you do on your summer vacation"? Well, Holy Cross did a lot!

Here's an overview:

Youth Lock-in June 9-10

Summer Lock-in **New Member Luncheon June 11** (see the July Koinonia) — 23 new members were introduced to the congregation while enjoying a potluck meal.

Grace Guild Diaper Drive ended June 18 (Father's Day) — donations were sent to Concordia Seminary-St. Louis.

VBS June 19-23 (See page 6) — See page 6 for photos

Darlene Birk Retirement Reception June 25 — see July Koinonia — The Preschool Director retired after 17 years.

The Missions Board sponsored a **luncheon on June 28 for Rev. Clausing** (see right for more of Mission activity this summer).

On **July 1**, Holy Cross launched one of its own, **Grace Conrad**, into her career as a DCE in Kentucky, with a blessing & sending, and cake **reception** (see p. 7).

The CWST (Church Workers Support Team) had its second **Pork Steak Dinner and Cornhole Tournament on July 22** (see page 7).

Consecration of Stained Glass Artwork created by Zeita Reed and placed by the Property Board took place on **July 23** for the larger panel, and **Aug. 6** for the smaller panels (see page 7).

Pastor Jonathan Meyer accepted a call to Fort Wayne, Indiana. His farewell reception was **Aug. 6**. Holy Cross gathered for a potluck dinner. The CWST had some fun things planned. Tears amid laughter ...

August 12 was a busy day! The Holy Cross Ladies Guild held its annual **Rummage Sale** (see page 9), and the Board of Evangelism reached out to the community with **Pony Rides and Petting Zoo** (see page 7).

Back-to-School Bash on Aug. 13 was a big day for Holy Cross Education! Bibles and catechisms were handed out, teachers for Midweek, Sunday School, and Preschool were installed, young people signed up for Midweek, Confirmation, and other youth activities. Another big day is **August 30** when Midweek, Confirmation, Bell choirs, and Children's choir start their activities.

In August, the Property Board had a new kitchen floor installed; and with a grant, new plumbing was installed to the pavilion and to the community gardens.

Whew! ~ Now, look at September's calendar (page 10)!

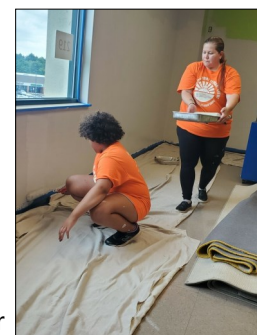
MISSIONS: Lutheran Schools

This summer sure was busy for Holy Cross as a whole, and the Missions Board was no exception to that. On June 28, we hosted a lovely luncheon for guest speaker Missionary Rev. Jonathan Clausing. We had about 60 people in attendance to hear about the wonderful things he is doing to train future church workers in Tanzania, in Eastern Africa. We took up a free-will offering at the luncheon and were able to send along \$2000 to further his ministry. Holy Cross has a connection to Rev. Clausing that began when he served 11 years as the Director of Campus Ministry at Lutheran High in St. Charles. Rev. Clausing always makes Holy Cross a part of his church visits when he is able to return stateside.

On Aug. 4, we sent 11 volunteers to Child of God to paint classrooms and get them ready for the school year. Everything from pre-taping to moving furniture out of the way to the actual painting was conducted during eight hours of work. A few volunteers even returned on Monday to help finish the job. What a great opportunity to provide hands-on service for one of the schools that we are supporting this year with our year-long mission of Lutheran Schools.

As we look to the fall we are planning speakers from Lutheran High, Immanuel Wentzville, and Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. We will also be working together with the Stewardship Board to put together care packages for first-year seminary students as they enter finals week towards the end of the semester. Be on the lookout for items we are looking to collect from the congregation to fill these care packages.

Please keep our year-long mission in your prayers and prayerfully consider donating your time, talents, and treasures to this cause. We are so thankful for the more than \$10,000 that has been donated so far. Some of this money already went to help buy new desks for Child of God.



VBS: Shine Jesus' Light ~ June 19-23

For five nights in June, Holy Cross hosted young people through fifth grade in a themed VBS setting.

Artwork, song and dance, outdoor activities, food, and Bible stories kept their interest from 6:30 to 8PM.

Adults and older youth seemed to have as much fun as the younger ones!

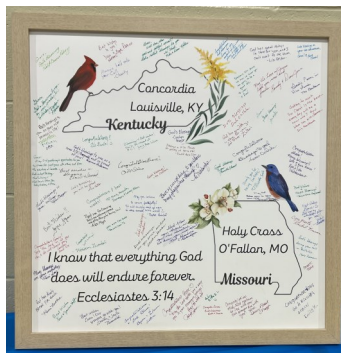
From the gym stage to classrooms to the new outdoor pavilion, young people learned about their Savior and what He has done for them.

Looks like the adults had fun, too!

Sponsored by the Board of Education, chaired by Linda Ziolk, the annual event provided Good News for those seeking Him.



Photos courtesy
Holy Cross Sunday School



To my Holy Cross family--

Thank you so much for the love, prayers, and support you've shown to me over the years and especially for the wonderful celebration last weekend! I was overwhelmed by the generosity of your kind words, cards and gifts, the choral offering, and the Kentucky-themed games, food, and decorations! I'm thankful for how you've formed me as a Christian and a servant of God since I was in middle school, and you are always in my prayers.

Love, Grace Conrad

Petting Zoo and Pony Rides a Big Success

On Sat., Aug. 12, the Evangelism Board had a great turnout for this community event. A constant stream of children from the congregation and community enjoyed petting and feeding the animals.



Two ponies had continuous riders for most of the two hours. The barnyard sounds of a crowing rooster and squealing pig were the highlights of the morning. Most importantly, the Evangelism Board handed out many religious books and pamphlets to those present. It was a great event to connect with people from our

community and share the friendly care of Holy Cross. A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped to make the morning a success.

~ David Schlesselman



The Pork Steak Dinner

On July 22, The Called Workers Support Team sponsored its 2nd Pork Steak Dinner and Cornhole Tournament. The event was another huge success raising over \$2300 to be used for Seminary Student Support. These funds will help Seminary Students from Holy Cross with rent, food costs, gas for their vehicles, lunch programs at the Seminary, or whatever needs they have in everyday life.

The success of this event is possible because of generous monetary support from the Elders (we are a committee of its Board) in providing the money to pay for those beautiful prime pork steaks, as well as all the helping hands that make the dinner possible.

When you are preparing 135 dinners it takes a lot of hands! Some of those hands came from the Ladies Guild, who prepared all the delicious brownies we served for dessert- others hands helped with setting up the "dining rooms", hosting, serving, cleanup, running the tournament and all the glorious food prep. Everyone working together made it a fun and successful event.

Lastly, thank you to all who ordered and attended our dinner. We hope you enjoyed it and put it on your calendar for next year so we can continue this endeavor. Thanks again for your generous and continued support.

~ The Called Workers support Team



SACRED ART: Zeita Reed, Holy Cross member and glass artist, created three stained glass panels that were consecrated and placed above the front doors in the Welcome Center. They represent the gifts that Christ gives us in His Word and Sacrament. PHOTOS BY JOHN BERTRAM

HOLY CROSS SUNDAY is **Sept. 17**. The Anniversary Potluck and Field Day is from 12:30 to 5PM. Lunch will be served from 12:30PM to 1:30PM, and gym doors will close at 1:15PM. We will be serving fried chicken for adults, or hotdogs for the little ones.

Ticket count: Grab a meal ticket from the committee. If at any time you realize you are unable to attend, please turn in your tickets so that an accurate count can be kept.

Potluck: Families with last names starting with A-F should bring a dessert, G-P bring a side, and Q-Z bring a salad. Please have all food delivered to the kitchen by 11:30AM on Sun., Sept. 17.

Attractions this year include Kona Ice, inflatables, face painting, the Dorsett Street Jazz Band, balloon toss, sack races, giant Jenga, washers, cornhole, ladder golf, and 3-legged races. For the little ones, there will be chalk, bubbles, and a duck pond. Our doors will be open wide to the community to participate in games and fun. So be sure to invite your families, friends, and neighbors to the Field Day portion.



Kids are invited to participate in a cross processional at the 10:45 am service.

HOLY CROSS SUNDAY POTLUCK & FIELD DAY

SEPT 17, 2023 | 12:30 PM TO 5 PM
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND NEIGHBORS
GAMES, MUSIC, AND PRIZES FOR ALL!

THINGS TO KNOW:

HOPE Seeds Sept. 7

9AM to noon in the Holy Cross gym. Pack seeds for missions. Sponsored by Holy Cross Stewardship Board.



QUILTING FELLOWSHIP will meet Sat., Sept. 30, from 10AM to 2PM in the gym. Bring your projects, your sewing machine, and your curiosity as participants learn and teach each other about quilting.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE on Sept. 14, 10AM to 3PM.

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter HolyCrossLC to schedule an Appointment. (This is the fourth attempt to have a blood drive at Holy Cross this year. Red Cross staffing problems have canceled the others.)

Tracts Available in the Welcome Center

Check if these tracts or others on the rack in the Welcome Center might be something for you or for someone you know. This is an excellent way to reach out and care for a friend.

Helping Your Child Grow Through Faith Conversations

is an excellent pamphlet sharing ideas of how you as a parent can help that baptismal faith to grow in your child. It shares five methods used by Jesus to share important topics and answers questions about when and where to have these conversations.

You Are Gifted is a children's booklet sharing with children how each child is uniquely gifted by God with special interests and abilities. We use these gifts to bless others and bring glory to Jesus, our greatest gift.

Stressed But Connected points out that everybody has stress but not everyone is stressed out. It shares how setting healthy personal boundaries to eliminate procrastination can help you to manage stress. God understands our situations and is ready and able to help when we call on Him.



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2023 CONFIRMATION CAMP

• BIBLE STUDY • GAMES • FOOD •
• CAMP ACTIVITIES • MEET NEW FRIENDS •

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Friday, Sept. 15 - Sunday, Sept. 17

Camp Wartburg in Waterloo, IL
\$50 per student
Must be entering 6th-8th grade



To register, contact Dana Otto: dcedotto@gmail.com or 636-541-7177
Registration deadline is August 27!

CAMP WARTBURG

New Congregational Directory

Thanks to each of you who edited your address and contact information to help in the production of our new directory. These should be available by the weekend of Sept. 17 to any member who wants a copy. We will print a limited number. If you do not get one the first weekend, just keep looking as we will print more.



STARTING SEPT. 9
SATURDAY SERVICE TIME
SHIFTS TO 3PM
UNTIL MEMORIAL DAY 2024

Celebrating 90 Years

The Holy Cross Ladies Guild recently celebrated the birthday of one of our members. Shirley Niewald turned 90 on August 19. Shirley is a treasured member of the Ladies Guild, and we hope that you will join us in thanking God for the many blessings He has bestowed on Shirley during her 90 years!



RUMMAGE SALE

The Holy Cross Ladies Guild recently held its annual rummage sale. About \$2225 was raised and will be donated to Share Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support, Inc. The mission of this organization is to serve those whose lives are touched by the tragic death of a baby through pregnancy loss, stillbirth, or in the first few months of life. Our sincere thanks to the Holy Cross congregation, family, and friends who supported the rummage sale with donations and purchases. We appreciate your support!

~ Sandy Dietz, President, Holy Cross Ladies Guild



Holy Cross has two LWML groups:

Holy Cross Ladies Guild meets **Fri., Sept. 8, 10AM.**

Grace Evening Guild will meet **Tues., Sept. 12, 6PM.**

All women of Holy Cross are invited to attend meetings of either or both Guilds. Join us as we "serve the Lord with gladness" and raise funds for missions at home and around the world.



Tie-Quilting will be on **Tues., September 13 at 9AM in the gym.** If you want to help the ladies tie quilts for missions, please join them at this time. Quilt-top makers needed. Bring a sack lunch, if desired. Contact: Norma Helms at 314.808.1579.

CANDY & NUT SALE KICKS OFF

Brochures and order forms for Terri Lynn candy and nut packages will be available on a table in the Welcome Center **starting Sept. 2-3.** **NEW ITEMS** — Check them out! Orders can be placed until Oct. 8. Cash or check must accompany the order form for your order to be processed.

Orders should arrive in plenty time for the holiday baking season: walnuts, pecans, peanuts, cashews, pistachios, dried apricots, and more!



Vendors Wanted

Grace Guild Craft Expo

NOVEMBER 4, 2023

9AM to 3PM

CONTACT APPLICATION
COORDINATOR ELAINE HOWARD
BY TEXT 314.705.1171 OR EMAIL Mikey63368@live.com

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Holy Cross Lutheran Church Calendar of Events — September 2023

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
27	8 AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour 10:45AM Holy Communion	28	Koinonia Mailing 9:30 AM TOPS 11AM Line Dancers 6:30PM Handbells — bell polishing (balcony)	29	10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meetings 6:30PM Adult Bible Class Preschool Meet & Greet 6PM — 3s 6:30PM — 4s	30	9:30AM Adult Bible Class 5:30PM Open Gym/Dinner* 6PM Beginner Bell Choir 6PM Children's Choir 6:15PM Midweek (gr. 2-5) 6:30PM Confirmation 6:30PM High School 6:45PM Adult Choir 7PM Gym	31	8AM News & Notes <u>Deadline</u> 6:30PM 20ss.30s	1	10AM Ladies Guild Setup	2	Ladies Guild Candy & Nut Sale begins 5PM Holy Communion
3	CANDY & NUT SALE 8 AM Holy Communion +Baptism (Smith) 9:30AM Education Hour 9:30AM TLC 9:30AM VBS Training 10:45AM Holy Communion +Baptism (Gooding) 1:30PM Board of Elders	4	LABOR DAY	5	Preschool opens 10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meetings 6:30PM Evangelism Board 6:30PM Preschool Board	6	9:30AM Adult Bible Class 10AM Ladies Guild Exec 5:30PM Open Gym/Dinner* 6PM Beginner Bell Choir 6PM Children's Choir 6:15PM Midweek (gr. 2-5) 6:30PM Confirmation 6:30PM High School 6:45PM Adult Choir 7PM Gym	7	8AM News & Notes <u>Deadline</u> 9AM HOPE Seeds (gym) 6:30PM 20ss.30s 7PM Financial Peace University (Virtual)	8	10AM Ladies Guild	9	CANDY & NUT SALE 3PM Holy Communion
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September 2022 Celebrations

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

Happy Birthday!

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| 1: Benjamin Piazza | 10: Ray Karl, Kiersten Tichenor | Don Wischmeyer |
| 2: Isabel Cross, Susan Reidel,
Andrew Schnoor, Chyril Smith | 11: Harper McCulloch | 22: Ryan Blackwell, Pamela
Schweitzer, Lucas Van Wave |
| 3: Ian Claxton, Raymond Karl II | 12: Nicholas Benigno, Neil McDaniel,
Mabel McKinney, Bill Price | 24: Jameson Alton, Jeremy Berjer,
Albert Marhanka |
| 5: Collien Beyer, Logan Brown, Zeke
Emerick, Hailey Fink, Laura
Hoffman, Mark Losch | 13: Eric Cagle, Bailey Hunte,r | 25: Solomon Conrad, Tom Gallagher,
Curt Paulson, Phyllis Robinson,
Sarah Halm |
| 6: Melissa Eaton, Bess Frayne (96),
Rick Walkenhorst | 14: Robin Cross, Addisyn Freand,
Connie Gamache, Kaitlyn Markham | 26: Claire Ulrich |
| 7: Jennifer Schlueter, Alex Wiese | 15: Becky Edgar, Ian Laufer | 27: Norma Helms |
| 8: John Anderson (93), Eugene
Buehne, Erika Cross | 16: Jill Danchus, Jim Kramer, Payton
May | 28: Christopher Polashek, Gordon
Robinson Jr. |
| 9: Gary Hardebeck, Mikayla Kirk,
Alec Wardenburg | 17: Edna Deubel, Steven Schweitzer | 29: Judith Brueggeman, Gloria
Rariden, Judie Woelfer |
| | 18: Debbie Raymond | 30: Kara Klette, Emma Rheinecker |
| | 19: David Kunzweiler | |
| | 20: McKenzie Kiely | |
| | 21: Beth Cissell, Marc Maull, Ray
Schroeder, Justin Shouse, | |

Happy Baptism Anniversary!

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| 1: Alice Buehne, Tom Haywood,
Dianne Helvey, June Kirk,
Doug Koepke, Lauren
Kunzweiler, Jerry Lancour,
Pat Temple, Keri
Wardenburg, Melanie
Wardenburg | Lackey |
| 4: Nancy Caldwell, Pam
Ciskowski, Katherine
Hoylman, Hazel Langley,
Benjamin Wiese | 10: Tim Paitz, Wes Wardenburg |
| 5: Will Wiese IV | 11: David Alton, Jan Paulson,
Zeita Reed |
| 6: Nick Chiodini, Josh Linn,
Sandy Macke, Brianna
McNiff, Jennifer Powers | 13: Lena Cissell |
| 7: Emma Estes | 16: Brianna Heger, Tidus Willis,
Shana Ziolk |
| 8: Olivia DeRubeis, William
Wichern | 18: Jeannine Bisesi, Penelope
Elick, Jessica Maull |
| 9: Floyd Darling Jr., Matt | 19: Mark Losch |
| | 21: Mia Blackwell, Cassa
Morrison |
| | 22: Kevin Smith |
| | 23: Autumn Jones, Aylah Jones, |
| | 24: Andrew Schnoor |
| | 26: Carter Danchus |
| | 27: Mikayla Kirk |
| | 28: Phyllis Gronewald |
| | 29: Kayleigh Hardebeck |

Blessed Wedding Anniversary!

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| 4: Mark & Christine Eaton, 49
Kevin & Janine Martens, 24
Clint & Liz Morrison, 3
Mark & Tina Morrison, 30 |
| 5: Ronald & Judy Rutledge, 63
Paul & Judie Woelfer, 42 |
| 7: Bob & Judith Brueggeman, 55
Kevin & Lauren Rheinecker, 10 |
| 8: Lisa & Roy Byers, 33 |
| 10: Mark & Kathy Unger, 46 |
| 11: Dale & Christy Witte, 24 |
| 14: Martin & Diane Paitz, 32 |
| 16: Dale & Karen Dusheke, 45 |
| 17: Mike & Christine Ehlers, 29 |
| 19: Justin & Chyril Smith, 11 |
| 20: Robert & Cindy Aubertin, 27
Michael & Susan Halm, 48 |
| 22: Karl & Dena Schoenike, 22 |
| 23: Dennis & Marilyn Benassi, 51 |
| 24: Werner & Laurie Heizmann, 18
Matthew & Angela Maue, 33
Kelly & Ryan Schlereth, 18 |
| 25: Rachel & Ryan Tichich, 2 |
| 27: Tony & Carol Crafton, 43
Bob & Susan Williams, 54
Bob & Barb Knehans, 37 |
| 28: Erick & Ashleigh Wallace-Lacey, 4
Albert & Ingrid Marhanka, 65
Roger & Mary Sawall, 49 |

Local Charity Shop Needs Volunteers

The Lutheran Resale Shop is struggling to stay open. They are an important charity for North County. Their customers rely on them for affordable clothing and household goods. The staff are all volunteers, and money they raise goes to Lutheran Families and Children's Services and to Lutheran Senior Services. They also support Lutheran North High School with uniform sales of gently worn uniforms.

Volunteers are needed: The **Lutheran Resale Shop** is looking for volunteers on **September 11** from 9AM until 3PM. They are having their semi-annual "change-over" and need willing people to hang clothing, carry light weight boxes, and organize shelves. They are also looking for several new volunteers to commit to helping on a weekly or monthly basis. You will receive a gift of \$10 in merchandise for volunteering that day. Bring a friend or a carload and enjoy a great time helping. Bring a sack lunch. Please call the **Shop** at 314-389-9970 to let them know you are coming. The Shop is at 6701 W. Florissant, St. Louis, 63136.

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With **Little Lambs** (under 3s with a parent)

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class: 9:30AM in the gym

BASICS: For those who want to join the Lutheran Church
Call the church office for more information

TLC (Transfer for Lutherans Class): Call the office for next date.

Women's Bible Study: Tuesday mornings at 10AM

Adult Bible Class: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 6:30PM

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study: September 13, 6:30AM

Adult Bible Class: Wednesdays at 9:30 AM

Confirmation (grades 6-8); MidWeek Classes (grades 3-5)
— 6:30pm, Wednesdays

High School Wednesdays, 6:30PM, Wednesdays

20s & 30s Bible Study: Thursdays, 6:30PM, Rm 1&2.