

Conflict in the Middle East

At the time of this writing, the world is watching as conflict has arisen in Israel and Gaza. Because of the geographical location of this conflict, there seems to be a closer eye on this conflict than usual. According to 2015 Pew Research Center data on the World's Largest Religious Groups Over Time, it shows that more than half of the world's population follows a religion with theological significance in the Holy Land.

Christianity has a part of its story in that part of the world, with the Old Testament Israelites receiving a promise from God that they would inherit that land as the Promised Land. Christianity links that part of the world with the life of Jesus Christ, born in that region, doing ministry there, and culminating with his death, resurrection, and ascension in or around Jerusalem.

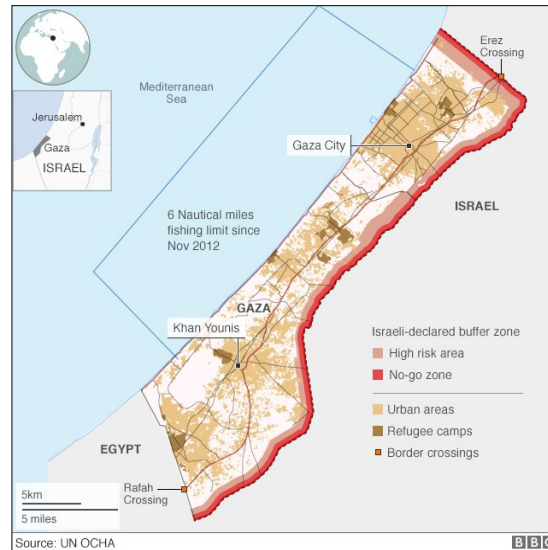
Islam, the second most popular religion in the world, and the fastest-growing one percentage-wise, also finds theological significance in Jerusalem. This city is said to be a holy city, and the Temple Mount is said to be the place where their chief prophet Muhammad ascended into heaven.

Finally, **Judaism** holds onto some of the same Scriptures as Christianity but still finds significance in the land of Jerusalem and the area surrounding it.

Therefore, when we turn on our television newscasts or browse the web for our favorite news stories, it's no surprise that we have perhaps a more heightened awareness of what's happening in that part of the world because the current conflict invokes so many of those Scripture passages that took place on that same land.

The land itself has gone through a long and varied history, and it has been a magnet of conflict and political fluidity. By my count, at least 11 different groups or nations have at one point staked their claim on the land we now know as Israel or Palestine.

Sharp Biblical students will be familiar with many of these nations that have claimed that land to be their own. It started with the Canaanites, who were overrun by the Israelites as they entered the Promised Land. The



Gaza: https://ichef.bbci.co.uk/news/640/cpsprodpb/16D2F/production/_101578439_thisonegza-nc.png

Assyrians took over, followed by the Babylonians, the Persians, and the Greeks. By the time Jesus was born in that land, the Romans had taken over and could stake their claim on Jerusalem and the Holy Land. The revolving door of ownership continued even after the fall of the Roman Empire.

- In AD 300, the Christian Byzantine Empire begins when Emperor Constantine is converted to Christianity
- By 640, Muslim armies drove Byzantine Christians from the Holy Land, ruling for a while from Baghdad
- From 1099 to 1291, European crusaders established the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem

- In 1516, Ottoman Turks overwhelmed the Holy Land, taking it under Muslim control until World War II
- In 1947, the United Nations divided Palestine into two states, one Jewish, and one Arab, and keeping Jerusalem to be administered by the UN to avoid conflict. In 1948, Israel proclaimed itself a nation.

So how are we as Christians supposed to view the Holy Land today, especially in light of the recent conflict? Thankfully, Jesus Christ changes everything! His death on the cross and resurrection from the grave fulfilled every one of God's promises, even ones that are tied to geographical land. Today, the kingdom of God is not bound to a specific location. The kingdom of God is where God's gifts can be found--the means of Grace; namely, the Word and Sacraments.

Knowing this truth, regardless of how this conflict may play itself out in the future, we can still continue to rely on those gifts and promises of God that will always be there for us in our lives. We have a God who loves us, who cares for us, and who gives us so many blessings, regardless of our geographical location! We continue to pray for our world's leaders and pray for a peaceful resolution to this conflict.

Pastor Gimbel

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Morgan Calcaterra
Preschool Director



"Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. —John 15:5

We are busy bodies here at Holy Cross Preschool! We spend our time learning, growing in God, and playing together. We have made so many new friendships in such a short amount of time. We have been learning our letters, making applesauce, and playing with playdough. Enjoy some photos of our preschool friends!



Emma is learning to trace her name. We work heavily on pencil grip, tracing in 3s, and moving to independent writing in the 4s class. It is very important that each child learns correct pencil grip and is able to write their name.



Amelia is making shapes with playdough. We love playdough in preschool because it allows us to create freely, make shapes, and see colors. Making shapes is fun because we get to learn a new one each week!



Emma uses scissors to cut her playdough. Scissors are great practice for fine and gross motor skills, and toy scissors are safe to use with our playdough. Emma loves to cut small pieces to practice how to use real scissors.

At the end of October, we have our Nursery Rhyme party coming up! Each child may dress up as a nursery rhyme character, and we will play games centered around various songs and rhymes. We have games for Jack be Nimble, Humpty Dumpty, and more. We also have activities with pumpkins centered around fall. These times are very fun because it allows our students to have some time to learn and bond outside of the walls of our classrooms.

Enrollment for 2024-25 begins in January for Holy Cross members and current enrollees. Tuition figures will be ready then.

Our Program

The Preschool program prepares students for Kindergarten and beyond by providing a balanced schedule of planned activities and play which develop the Missouri Early Learning Standards of Literacy, Science, Mathematics, Physical Development, Social/Emotional skills and Spiritual Development. Small group activities meet individual needs, and large group time encourages social interaction and cooperation. Learning centers build skills which lay the foundation for future reading and academic interests. This core curriculum is taught during the Preschool class time for 4-year-old students on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 8:30 – 11:30AM or 12:30 – 3:30PM, and for 3-year-old students on Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 – 11:30AM.

Once a Preschool class time is chosen, families may add times of Extended Education Mondays through Fridays 7AM – 6PM. Students have a structured schedule where they participate in activities to reinforce and enhance the Preschool Curriculum including stories, art, centers, computer and games. Large motor activities are outside or in the gym. Students staying for lunch bring their own sack lunch.

Monthly Music Minute for October 2023

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

Happy November! November provides us with the final weeks of the church year. As it is the end of the church year, the lectionary provides us with readings about the end times - a seemingly fitting conclusion to our church year. But when the calendar turns over to December, Advent and our new church year begins. And in Advent, we spend time talking about the...end times. Wait a minute - why are we talking about the end times twice?

Perhaps you've heard the phrase "Now and Not Yet." The idea is that, through Christ's redemption on the cross, through Word and Sacrament, in this life, we have forgiveness, life, and salvation. This is the Now. Christ has come.

And yet, in this life, we don't see salvation in its fullest completion - that happens on the Last Day, when the trumpet sounds, the dead are raised, and the perishable become imperishable. This is the Not Yet. Christ will come again.

So, we live in the knowledge of both worlds. We are waiting for Christ to come, and yet He has already come. We are waiting in hope for the completion of salvation, and yet we already have salvation. We celebrate the end times at the end of the year - the Now - and we celebrate them at the beginning too - the Not Yet.

On November 12, we will sing a hymn that captures this paradox perhaps better than any other: Phillip Nicolai's iconic Lutheran hymn, "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying." The hymn is hard to categorize - some hymnals put it in the Advent section. The Lutheran Service Book puts it in the End Times section. So, which is it?

The truth is, it's both. The hymn is a retelling of the parable of the ten virgins. The first verse reminds us of the story:

"Wake, awake, for night is flying,"
the watchmen on the heights are crying:
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"
Midnight hears the welcome voices
and at the thrilling cry rejoices;
"Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?"
The Bridegroom comes, awake!
Your lamps with gladness take! Alleluia!
With bridal care Yourselves prepare
To meet the Bridegroom, who is near."

The Bridegroom, our Lord, is coming! So, as we wait in the Not Yet, we must prepare to receive him when he comes. But, in verse 2, our Lord has already come:

Zion hears the watchmen singing,
And all her heart with joy is springing;
She wakes, she rises from her gloom;
For her Lord comes down all-glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious.
Her Star is risen; her Light is come.
Now come, Thou Blessed One,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son, Alleluia!
We enter all The wedding hall
To eat the Supper at Thy call.

And so, we celebrate and eat the Lord's Supper each week. In the Now. But on that Last Day, there will be an even greater banquet, as Christ, the Bridegroom, is finally and completely joined to his Bride, the Church. And the glorious marriage of the Now and Not Yet will look something like the final verse:

Now let all the heavens adore Thee,
Let saints and angels sing before Thee
With harp and cymbals' clearest tone.
Of one pearl each shining portal,
Where, joining with the choir immortal,
We gather round Thy radiant throne.
No eye has seen the light,
No ear has heard the might of Thy glory;
Therefore will we Eternally
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

And so, we wait in the Now, confident in the certain assurance of that glorious Not Yet.

- David Gilson

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**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER
5
4P.M.**

Event is free & open to the public
A freewill offering in support of the Chamber Orchestra
will be received.

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Christ at the Center

UPDATE

Calling an Associate Pastor

A call committee has been formed per our bylaws to lead us in the calling of an associate pastor. The call committee consists of Joe Snyder, chairman; Paul Helvey, and Liz Belter. Additional advisory members are Pastor Gimbel, Ralph Erickson, Vickie Glasstetter, Eric Lacey, Sherry Piazza, David Schlesselman, and Chris Storm.

With leadership from the Missouri District, the committee has formulated a survey to gain valuable information from all members 13 or older. Everyone is encouraged to complete the anonymous survey online as that will simplify the tabulation of results. Either of the following links will provide access to the congregational survey:

www.hcross.com/survey or <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HolyCrossOFallon>

You may also access the survey using the QR code found below.



If you prefer to complete a paper copy, you will find them available by the Call Committee bulletin board in the Welcome Center. Most importantly, we want you to prayerfully consider the questions and complete the survey by Oct. 29.

The survey results will provide valuable information to help the Call Committee in putting together a job description for our next associate pastor. This job description will be shared with our District President to assist him in providing us with a call list of pastors serving other congregations if we chose to call from the field. If we decide to call a candidate from the seminary, the job description will be given to the seminaries to find us the best candidates to match our needs. The survey results will also provide valuable information to the person we call in terms of the makeup and perception of our members.

Thank you for your prayers and for taking the time to complete the survey. Survey results will be shared with everyone later in November. Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will work through our process to lead us to the man God has selected for us.

Walk Through the Park Expands

The City of O'Fallon will be sponsoring the Celebration of Lights in Ft. Zumwalt Park this Christmas. Because of increased demand they will have 3 Walk-Through-Nights this year. That means that Holy Cross gets to serve more community people at our facility. The nights will be Sunday, Monday and Tuesday on Dec. 3, 4 & 5. We will be looking for members to assist on one or more nights by:

- ♦ Donating cookies to serve at our reception in the gym
 - ♦ Parking cars in our parking lots
 - ♦ Helping serve refreshments in the gym
- God is bringing more people to us with the opportunity to share with them the real Light of Christmas. Watch for the announcements and signup sheets coming in November.



The time to celebrate the birth of our Savior is just around the corner. An important part of the celebration is bringing the good news of our Savior's birth to our community. Holy Cross is participating in the Celebration of Lights (COL) to spread the good news and the true meaning of Christmas.

Our participation includes setting up our scene and providing volunteers for two gate nights. Gate night duties include directing traffic at the front and rear gates and scanning entry tickets. Holy Cross' gate nights are Dec. 4 and Dec. 14 from 5:30 to 8:30PM; 5 volunteers are needed for Dec. 4 (Stroll through the Park) and 6 volunteers for Dec. 14 gate night (drive-through the park).

Some things to remember:

Tickets must be purchased ahead of time before entry into the park. Follow the links found on this page (Website: <https://www.ofallon.mo.us> > celebration-of-lights) Or, visit the Renaud Center to buy drive-through or Old-Fashioned Holiday Stroll tickets in person. All tickets must be bought before visiting the display. In addition, specialty ride reservations must be made well in advance.

2023 Admission Pricing:

- Cars \$14
- Stroll ("Walk Through") \$5

COL Opens Nov. 24, 2023

COL Closes Dec. 30, 2023

COL Website:

<https://www.ofallon.mo.us> > celebration-of-lights

HCLC Gate Nights: Dec. 4 and Dec. 14

Volunteers needed! See signups in the Welcome Center when they become available.

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& Lutheran High Cheer

Date Night

November 4, 5-8 pm

Scan to RSVP for childcare.



DATE NIGHT: Holy Cross Lutheran Church has paired with Lutheran High School of St. Charles County's cheer team to bring a connect point of Cradle Roll to life.

Cradle Roll is an effort to have multiple intentional touch points as a way for Holy Cross to care for, support, and connect with our families who have an infant to 3-year-olds at home.

Also, this is a benefit to the cheer team because they will be competing in Nationals in Dallas, TX. They need to fundraise to attend so we will be hosting this date night for any family who wants to use it.

Childcare will happen at Holy Cross. We will be limited to 60 children and will use state regulations to guide our in-room ratios. The cost is \$30 CASH per child. Please see the website (QR code) to complete the form reservation ahead of time.

Gym doors open at 5PM for a pajama party themed evening for the children. Parents will bring a packed meal, pillow, and water bottle for each child at check-in. PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS. Keep in mind that microwave and refrigerator access are limited. Sibling sets will be kept together as desired. After dinner is done, children can choose to either play in the classrooms or watch Wreck-It Ralph. Parents must check out their kids by 8PM.

If you have questions, please see the website or contact DCE Charity Smith (csmith@hcross.com).



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! SCAN HERE

The Board of Education and Youth is doing a congregation-wide survey on VBS through the month of November.

Retirement Recognition
January 13 & 14

Writes ups and pictures must be turned in by January 5th to Joyce at secretary@hcross.com

RETIREMENT RECOGNITION

As part of Milestone Ministries, the Boards of Youth and Education will recognize those who have retired in 2023 on the weekend of Jan. 13&14, 2024.

Much like the graduation recognition held in June, individuals are encouraged to send in a brief bio and a picture to the church office by Jan. 5. These will be printed in the service bulletin. During the service, individuals will be asked to come forward for recognition and prayer.

Don't be shy! If you retired in 2023, let us know so that your church family can share with you this milestone in your life.

YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT
Leaf Raking
NOVEMBER 11

9-NOON

TO RSVP YOUR HOUSE* OR YOUR YOUTH, PLEASE CONTACT DCE SMITH AT CSMITH@HCROSS.COM

ALL RSVPS ARE DUE NOVEMBER 5

HOUSES MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN BAGS

Ushers Needed

Are you willing to serve?

USHER MEETING, NOV. 5: Thank you to those who have provided last-minute usher coverage for services. We still need volunteers willing to regularly schedule themselves to provide coverage.

An **ushers' meeting on Sun., Nov. 5 in the Sanctuary at 9:30AM** will be held to discuss present duties and any needed changes.

Please attend this meeting if you are interested in joining a team.

If you cannot attend, please contact Elder Ralph Erickson at Smarsfarm@yahoo.com or 314-249-7136.



Holy Cross has two LWML groups:

Holy Cross Ladies Guild meets **Fri., Nov. 10, 10AM.**

Grace Evening Guild will meet **Tues., Nov. 14, 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.

Grace Guild November News:

HELP NEEDED: Muscle help for table set up for the Craft Expo is needed on Fri., Nov. 3, at 1PM in the gym and Sat., Nov. 4, around 3PM to reset the gym for Sunday Adult Bible Study. Contact Joyce Niewald.

COME & SHOP Invite friends and neighbors to the Craft Expo on Nov. 4. A variety of hand-made crafts will be available from 9AM to 3PM. What a good way to get a jump on holiday shopping!

JOIN US Grace Evening Guild invites the Ladies of Holy Cross and young ladies (8+) in your life to join us in a service project close to our hearts. On Tues., Nov. 14 at 6PM, we will assemble Thanksgiving "we care" bags and cards for our Holy Cross shut-ins. Please bring a small item (total of 30 items) to put in each bag. Child care will be available if needed, contact Karen Copper at kkcopper@gmail.com or call 314-497-7024.

LWML Saint Charles Zone Retreat

"God's Quilt of Comfort – Wrapping Up in the Psalms" on Sat., Nov. 11, at Immanuel Lutheran Fellowship Hall in St. Charles. Cost is \$15 per person. Retreat program runs 9am to 2:30pm. Activities include Bible Study, faith journaling, lunch, project, and speaker Ann Hazelwood, local author and quilt expert. Register by Oct. 31.

Link to QR or hyperlink for details about :
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lwml-st-charles-zone-biennial-retreat-registration-715407291467?aff=oddttdtcreator>



Grace Guild Craft Expo

NOVEMBER 4, 2023

9AM to 3PM

COME & SHOP!

Local crafters and vendors will offer a variety of hand-crafted items.

Get started on Christmas shopping!

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Tie-Quilting will be on Tues., **Nov. 14 at 9AM in the gym.**

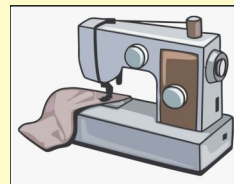
If you want to help the ladies tie quilts for missions, please join them at this time.

Bring a sack lunch, if desired.

Contact: Norma Helms at 314.808.1579.

Like to sew?

Holy Cross **Quilting Group** would love to have more church members involved with this mission. Consider joining us! All willing hands and all levels of experience are welcome. If you



have sewing experience, you will love using our new sewing machine to sew quilt pieces together. It's very easy to tie quilts, and the camaraderie shared around each quilting frame is tons of fun! The Quilting Group meets in the gym monthly on a Monday to set up the quilt frames; this takes about an hour. Our next date to set up quilt frames is Nov. 13 at 1:15 PM. Then, on **Tues., Nov. 14**, we will quilt in the gym from **9AM to NOON**. Coffee and pastries are provided in the morning. Please remember to bring your lunch! For information, call Norma Helms at (314) 808-1579.

Koinonia-Fellowship Newsletter, a publication of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 8945 Veterans Memorial Parkway, O'Fallon, MO 63366, is published monthly with information for its members. Deadline for the December 2023 issue is Nov. 10—earlier than usual due to holiday schedules.

Email submissions **prior** to deadline at secretary@hccross.com.



HOPE Seeds meets November 2

at 9AM to noon
in the Holy Cross gym
Pack seeds for missions.

Did you know that in 2022:
HOPE Seeds served 11 countries:
Bahamas, Dominican Republic,
Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras,
Kenya, Nicaragua, Sierra Leone,
Uganda, USA, Zimbabwe

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The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
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**American
Red Cross**



Holy Cross Blood Drive

8945 Veterans Memorial Parkway, O'Fallon, MO
Gym

Thursday, Nov. 30

10am to 3pm

Please visit:
RedCrossBlood.org and enter HolyCrossLC
to schedule an appointment.

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ADVENT BEGINS DEC. 2- 3

ADVENT 1,2,3: REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE HOLY COMMUNION AT ALL SERVICES

Advent 1: Dec. 2&3

Advent 2: Dec. 9&10

Advent 3: Dec. 16&17

**Advent 4: Dec. 24 at 9:30AM
(NO EDUCATION HOUR)**

Midweek Services at 11AM & 7PM

**Midweek Advent Dinners
Wednesdays, 5:30-6:45PM (NEW TIME)**

Dec. 6: Baked Pasta, Breadsticks, Desserts
Hosted by Grace Guild

**Dec. 13: NO DINNER
HOST NEEDED BY NOV. 15**

Dec. 20: Hosted by Board of Elders

Freewill Offering supports host organization's chosen ministry.



Do You Know Our Members? Do They Know You?



Can you name our new members in the three pictures above? Would those members be able to call you by name? The answer to both questions could be "Yes" if we had a pictorial directory. You can help us create one!

We just need you to submit a family picture in jpeg form, and we will do the rest.

You may snap your personal or family photo with your phone, have someone take your photo, or use a holiday photo you had

taken. Send your picture to directory@hcross.com and you are done!

The church office has pictures for our newest members taken at New Member Luncheons. If you want to choose this picture (see past *Koinonias*), let the church office know.

If you prefer to have your picture taken by a photographer, we will have someone here taking pictures on **Sunday, Nov. 5, 12, and 19 between services in Room 1&2 downstairs.** You simply stay

after early service or come early for the late service, and we will take your family picture for free.

A new pictorial directory will be very helpful to our new associate pastor who will need to learn all these new names and faces.

Thank you for helping us be even more friendly and caring about each other.

New members from left: Jim & Nancy Redfield, The Wes Dafler Family (Bennett, Wes, Eve, Melanie, Spencer), and Rachel Tichich



Updated phone directories were published in September & October —yes, we're already into our second edition!

The plan is to drop photos into the phone directory format and create our own pictorial. Thanks to David Schlesselman of the Evangelism Board for getting this project off the ground!

Holy Cross Voters' Assembly

Sunday, Nov 19, 2023

after the 10:45AM worship service
In the gym

All Holy Cross Voting Members are encouraged to attend.

Attendance counts!

Contact Council Secretary Barb Grosch
(councilsecretary@hcross.com or 314.368.8142)
if you are unable to attend to get an excused absence.

Agenda Items Include:

- ◆ Officer & Board Elections
- ◆ 2024 Budget Approval
- ◆ Council Board Reports
- ◆ Call Committee Update

Please sign in when entering the meeting;
only a physical signature records attendance.

New Members to Holy Cross:

Contact your Elder or the church office about becoming a Voting Member of Holy Cross.

MENU: A Potluck will be held before the meeting.

Fried chicken and drinks will be provided.

Voters are asked to bring side dishes:

Last names A-K: bring side dish & salad

Last names L-Z: bring side dish & dessert



Help us decorate
the church for
Christmas

Nov. 25

9AM

Bring the family!

TREAT BAGS FOR SEMINARY STUDENTS

The Mission and Stewardship Boards are teaming up for an end-of-semester Treat Bag Donation Drive for first-year Seminary students. Help us fill Treat Bags by donating **pre-packaged and snack/travel sizes** of the following items:

Candy	Chips
Fruit	Pretzels
Toiletries	Peanuts
Caffeine drinks	Cookies
Granola bars	Donuts
Crackers	

The Treat Bag Donation drive will run from Oct. 28 to Nov. 26. A box to collect donated items will be in the Welcome Center under the Mission Board table.

On Dec. 2 after the Saturday Family Christmas service, all families participating in the Christmas program as well as anyone else in the congregation are invited to help fill the Treat Bags and write letters and cards to the first-year Seminary students. Dinner will be served. Family pictures will be taken. See the poster below. For more information about the Family Christmas service, contact DCE Charity Smith at csmith@hcross.com



Christmas Preview



Light One Candle

Preschool Christmas Service
Sunday, Dec. 3, 3PM
HOLY CROSS SANCTUARY



**GATEWAY
RINGERS
HANDBELL
CONCERT**
AT HOLY CROSS,
Dec. 10, at 4PM

Lessons and Carols

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023
8am & 10:45am by Holy Cross Music Department,
David Gilson, Music Director

Family Christmas Service

December 2, 2023

Service 3:00-4:00 PM

4:00-6:00 PM

Family Photos
Service Project: Packing care
packages for the seminary
Dinner

CHRISTMAS SERVICES



ADVENT IV/CHRISTMAS EVE
PLEASE NOTE : Christmas Eve is on a Sunday.

The only Sunday morning service
will be at 9:30AM
where Advent IV will be the focus.
Holy Communion will be served.

For the rest of the day,
we celebrate Christmas
at 3PM, 5PM & 7PM
without Holy Communion.

The 11PM Candlelight service
will have Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY

Holy Communion at 9:30AM.

NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND, Dec. 30-31

Since this is the 5th Sunday of the month,
all services will be Matins.

3PM Saturday
8AM & 10:45AM Sunday

NOVEMBER 2023

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Calendar of Events

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
29	REFORMATION	30		31		1	NOVEMBER	2		3		4	
8AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour 10:45AM Holy Communion 12:30-3PM: Fall Festival (gym) Reformation Theme		9:30AM TOPS 11AM Line Dancing 6:30PM Handbells		9AM Preschool Chapel 10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meeting		9AM/1PM Preschool Chapel 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, LYF 6:45PM Adult Choir		8AM News & Notes <u>Deadline</u> 9AM HOPE Seeds (GYM) 6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Class		Craft Expo Setup Vendors Load		9AM to 3PM: CRAFT EXPO 3PM Holy Communion 4PM: Charity Babysitting Date Night	
5	ALL SAINTS' DAY	6		7	ELECTION DAY	8		9		10		11	
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS 8AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour 9:30AM Directory Pictures 9:30AM Ushers' Meeting 10:45AM Holy Communion 1:30PM Board of Elders 4PM Concert: Concordia Chicago Chamber Orch.		9:30 AM TOPS 11AM Line Dancing 6:30PM Handbells		Preschool Closed Candy & Nut Delivery 10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meetings		6:30AM Men's Breakfast/Bible Study 9AM/1PM Preschool Chapel 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, LYF 6:45PM Adult Choir		8AM News & Notes <u>Deadline</u> Candy & Nut Bagging (HCLG) Circuit Meetings 6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Class		EARLY KOINONIA DEADLINE 10AM Ladies Guild 6PM Wedding Rehearsal		8AM to 2PM — LWMIL St. Charles Zone Retreat at Immanuel St. Charles 12:30PM WEDDING 3PM Holy Communion	
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November 2023 Celebrations

A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance. ~ Ecclesiastes 3:4

November Birthdays

- 1: John Estill, Michelle Kincaid
- 2: Kayleigh Hardebeck, Pat Schindler
- 3: Brian Belter, Matthew Claxton, Harry Gasaway, Jan Hummel, Mike Kahler, Kevin Martens, Nathan Temple, David Weseman
- 4: Madeline Alton, Kent Haffer, Doris Hewkin, Laura Irvin, Rob Paoletti
- 5: Jenny Conrad, Peter Laufer, Danielle Mizel
- 6: **Andy Gimbel**, Lydia Smith
- 7: Emily Kahler
- 9: Carol Crafton, Craig DeMent, Bob Knehans, John Poindexter, Winnie Thornton
- 10: Shirley Amos, Eva Dafler, Jan Flentke, Braylyn Stephens
- 11: Lincoln Chinnici, Alyssa Parks
- 12: Paul Frerichs
- 13: Grace Randazzo, Bernice Sutliff, Anya Ziolk
- 15: Lisa Aston, Braylyn Stephens
- 16: Greg Emerick, Karen Heckman, Austin James, Riley May, Matthew McKinney, Gary Schuler, Skylar Spearman, Dylan Wardenburg
- 19: Cadence Reed
- 20: Doris Coots, Lois Dawson, Aldena Herman, Camden Kreyling, Alexander Schlereth
- 21: Michael Buhlinger
- 23: Sandra Kohrs, Rick Wisa
- 24: Peggy Jean Kuerschner
- 25: Jody Bey, Jacob Reed
- 27: Renea Erickson, Drew Linn, Charles Wardenburg
- 29: Jacob Cooper, Deb Heim, Joy Wisa
- 30: Holly Kamer, Dan Spearman

November Wedding Anniversaries

- 3: Rich & Pat Schindler (61)
- 5: Sherry & Robert Piazza (35)
- 6: Terry & Sue McCann (58)
- 7: Rob & Dee Paoletti (37)
- 9: Tim & Rachel Laufer (4)
Mick & Nancy Thoene (38)
- 12: Mark & Kathy Losch (12)
- 13: Rachel & Tom Bauer (31)
- 17: Paul & Jen Brown (14)
Steven & Pamela Schweitzer (45)
- 18: William & Alice Wichern (62)
- 20: Scott & Susan Bollinger (30)
- 22: Terry & Carleen Hardy (54)
Don & Nancy Tabor (35)
- 23: Veigh & Tricia Hogan (21)
- 27: Chris & Karen Gaglio (31)
- 28: Dave & Deb Heim (8)

November Baptism Anniversaries

- 1: Paul Bertram, Michelle **Bettdur**, John Estill, Don Wischmeyer
- 2: Elaine Alton, Dominic Chinnici, Clay Jones, DJ Spearman, Alex Wiese
- 3: Maxine Salarano
- 4: Shawn Duncan, Austin James, Jason Klootwyk, Shirley Mercurio
- 5: Rick Wiese III
- 6: Briana Hodges, Lucas McDaniel, Clint Morrison, Ben Piazza
- 7: Savannah Berjer, Margie Biegener, Jeanette Stewart
- 8: Alexis Taylor
- 9: Alexander Eaton
- 11: Nathan Temple
- 13: Mary Sawall
- 14: Owen Gooding, Raymond Karl II, Peter Laufer, Albert Marhanka, Darren Marhanka
- 16: Ryan Anderson, Gayle Pacheco
- 19: Charles Lewis, Alec Wardenburg
- 20: Jacob Hardenbeck, Homer Langley, Kevin Rheinecker
- 22: Rebecca Schutz
- 23: Rob Williams
- 24: Mark Hoemann, Ren Koepke, Warner Macke, Drew Miget
- 25: Madeline Alton, Andy Gimbel, Leah Miget
- 26: Claire Ulrich
- 27: Joan Darling, Jesse Estill
- 28: Grant Jennings
- 29: Grace Randazzo

ALL SAINTS DAY — 2023

SHIRLEY FISHBECK
SANDY FELLER
EILEEN SECKEL
JIMMY MITCHELL
JOHN SCHERFFIUS
CYNTHIA SCHWAB
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Preschool for 3s & 4s — Weekdays, varying hours.
Call for details.

Sunday School for ages 3 through High School —Sundays, 9:30AM
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
Currently at 9:30AM on Sundays

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: November 8, 6:30AM

Adult Bible Class: Wednesdays at 9:30 AM

Confirmation (grades 6-8); MidWeek Classes (grades 3-5)
— *Wednesdays, see calendar*

High School Wednesdays, 6:30PM

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