



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
Pastor

Charity Smith
Director of Christian Education

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Director of Music

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Preschool Director

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Services held in Sanctuary:
Saturdays, 3PM,
Sundays, 8AM & 10:45AM
LIVE STREAM ON SUNDAY AT 8AM
EDUCATION HOUR AT 9:30AM
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 also send out bulletins,
weekly newsletters, and DVD recordings
(visual) to those who request them.*

CHURCH OFFICE

CHECK WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR UPDATES
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Third Sunday after the Epiphany

News & Notes for January 20-21, 2024

WELCOME TO EVERYONE joining us for worship today in the Sanctuary or by live stream.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Submit prayer requests by calling or emailing the church office. Confidential prayer requests are shared with the Pastor but not published.

WE PRAY for our members: John Anderson; Lisa Aston; Dennis Benassi; Barbara Benigno; Marie Benigno; Paul Bertram; Mary Kay Bethke; George Beyer; Kacey Booth; James Boyd; Nancy Caldwell; Dominic Cissell; Mike Dawdy; Shirley Day; Bob & Carolyn Delohi; Edna Deubel; Brenda Duncan; Renea Erickson; Rich Franzer; Janice Fred; Peggy Gallagher; Connie Gamache; Jennifer Goris; Phyllis Gronewald; Rick Johns; Terry Hardy; Karen Heckman; Norma Helms; Marie & Vernon Herrington; Florence Kempf; Al Ketsenburg; Ron Kettler; Deborah Kiely; Judith Kirby; Debra Korte; Jim Kramer; Janet Kuesel; Bob Kunz; Joyce Lang; Betty & Ken Lee; Dottie Nagel; Donna Nordmeyer; Dina Polashek; Ron Rutledge; Jim Salarano; Carol Santoyo; Vita Sayers; Ruth Sevick; Winnie Thornton; Larry Williams; Ernestine Wilson.

WE PRAY for our family and friends:

Andrew Bonney (Greg & Judy Bonney)
Susan Bradley (Jerry Bradley)
Rachel Butkovich (Haywoods)
Elizabeth Cash (Heather Koepke)
Mark Chiodini (Nicholas Chiodini)
Charles Claxton Jr. (Matthew Claxton)
Debbie Collier (Ron Rutledge)
Gorman Cooper (Tina Morrison)
Norma Cooper (Harringtons)
Jim Coots (Doris Coots)
Michelle Creese (Phyllis Gronewald)
Teresa Doerr
Lowell Duncan (Don Duncan)
Sandra Fleak (Becky Edgar)
Darrel Gibson (Meg Cissell)
Mark Gilson (David Gilson)
Mark Grannemann (Darren Marhanka)
Denise Heins (Becky Coomer)
Dennis Helms (Norma Helms)
Sharon Hesse (Barb Krieger)
Jan Hilton (Zeita Reed)
Marcia Hoemann (Mark Hoemann)
Lois Jobe (Jan Flentke)
Jeff Johns (Denice Johns)
Lisa Markel (Grace Randazzo)
Malu Martin (Dawn Kahler)
Darlene McCarthy (Elaine Howard)
Roger Meihak (Brian Storm)
Kenny & Lois Meyer
(Carla Cooper, Karen Copper)
Mike (Debbie Parks)
Shirley Moore (Judy Bonney)
Sarah Nichols (Brenda Marhanka)
Rosemarie Opp (Bob Williams)
Paul Palombi (Diane Palombi)
Virginia Pendley (Shawn Huber)
Jim Saunders (Ralph Erickson)
Rosemary Schreiber (Peggy Gallagher)
Jennifer Schueddig (Wayne Wiese)
Sara Shroth
Shirley Tebeau (Ron Hunter)
Stanika Todorova (Paul & Juliana Frerichs)
Dennis Tracy (Bonnie Walkenhorst)

Mary Tucker (Verna Tucker)
Vita Walkenhorst (Rick Walkenhorst)
Mike Weiss (Mike Hanna)
Stephen Wichern (William Wichern)
Amy Wisa (Joy & Rick Wisa)
Ken Wischmeyer (Don Wischmeyer)
Sandy Wischmeyer (Marilyn Mana)
Mary Young (Elaine Alton)
Carol Zeigler (Ralph & Renea Erickson)
Carol Ziegler (line dancer at Holy Cross)
John Allquist III, Duane Stuewe
~ (Janet Allquist)
Carson Aston, Chlaara Aston,
Sharon Staten (Lisa Aston)
Jim & Amy (John Bertram)
Maureen King, Ryan Wells
(Kathleen Day)
Don & Linda Beehn (Chris Ehlers)
Linda Elrod, Alicia Kleb, Jeanette Kruse,
Jane Redhage, Marian Schwentker, Andy
& Alicia Kincaid & 5 children; Cindy
Kincaid (Michelle Kincaid)
Bill Knehans, Charlotte Taggart
(Bob & Barb Knehans)
Paul Rau, George & Sandra Roberts
(Elma Jane Kramer)
John Bach, Rachel Long
~ (Ken & Betty Lee)
Pat McCarty, Serena Whiteside
(Orion Melton)
Marsha Brown, Tim Colvert
~ (Neil & Cynthia Menscher)
Diane Rippen, Virginia Niewald
(Joyce Niewald)
David Oshia, Chase Russell, Carol Sills
(Barb Parson)
Allan Miller, Loyce Sagez
(Randy & Denise Sagez)
Amy Mueller, Larry Schenk
~ (Carol Santoyo)
Blake Schmalzer, Susan
(Rebecca Schmalzer)
Nisseem, Daniel (Sandra Semler)

We pray for those who mourn: For the family and friends of **Gloria Anderson**, who entered the Church Triumphant on Fri., Jan. 19, 2024.

Holy Cross Weekly Calendar

Saturday, January 20, 2024

9AM Cradle Roll Book Exchange (WC)
10AM TO 2PM: Quilting Fellowship (gym)
2PM Easy Gardening (gym)
3PM Holy Communion

Sunday, January 21, 2024

8AM Holy Communion
9:30AM Education Hour
10:45AM Holy Communion
Noon 4 Family Life

Monday, January 22, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON, 1PM—4PM
Koinonia (February) Mailing
9:30AM TOPS
11AM Line Dancing
6:30PM Handbells

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11AM, 12:30PM—4PM
9AM Preschool Chapel
10AM Women's Bible Study
12:30PM Staff Meeting
6:30PM Adult Bible Class (rescheduled)

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON, 1PM—4PM
9AM/1PM Preschool Chapel
9:30AM Adult Bible Class
5:30PM Midweek Open Gym
6PM Beginning Bell Choir
6PM Children's Choir
6:15PM Midweek Grades PreK-Gr5
6:30PM Confirmation & High School
6:45PM Adult Choir
7PM Games in gym

Thursday, January 25, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON, 1PM—4PM
8AM News& Notes Deadline
6:30PM 20s&30s

Friday, January 26, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON, 1PM—4PM
7-10PM Middle School Late Night
At Immanuel St. Charles

Saturday, January 27, 2024

3PM Holy Communion
4:30PM Pastoral Call Committee

Sunday, January 28, 2024

8AM Holy Communion
9:30AM Education Hour
+ Directory photographer in Rm 1&2
10:45AM Holy Communion

Preschool enrollment is open for church members NOW and opens to the public 1/29! Scan the QR codes on page 4 for more information!

Church Attendance for January 13-14, 2024

Service	Attendance	Communion
3PM	57	52
8AM	55	40
10:45PM	47	40
TOTAL	159	132

Bible Class Attendance Week of January 14, 2024

NA=not applicable
NR=not reported
C=cancelled

Little Lambs, Sunday	6
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	32
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	4
Sunday Adult Bible Class	29
BASICS/TLC	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	10
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	C
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM	23
Midweek/Confirmation/HS	42
20s&30s Thursday	9

Weekly Offerings: January 8-14, 2024

General Fund	\$ 7,531.66
Endowment	\$ —
Building Fund	\$ —
Missions Weekly	\$ 120.00
Missions Total 2024 To Date	\$ 1,348.75
Missions Total 2023 [final]	\$ 24,269.95

Year to Date as of 11/30/2023

Income	\$ 702,821.54
Expenses	\$ 643,316.21
Surplus	\$ 59,505.33

H.O.P.E. FOOD MINISTRIES Weekly Totals

January 17, 2024
Families: 57
Individuals: 183

HOLY CROSS LADIES GUILD collects **food** and all types of **soap** for the Concordia Seminary Food Bank. Food should not be perishable or out-of-date. Place items on the LWML table in the Welcome Center.

STAMP COLLECTION: The Holy Cross Ladies Guild collects canceled postage stamps which are turned in to raise money for mission projects worldwide. Stamps should be torn or cut from the envelope with about half an inch of paper left all the way around. There is a collection basket upstairs on the shelf in the Welcome Center and another one downstairs on the shelf above the coat rack by the kitchen. Please consider saving your stamps and turning them in at your convenience for this worthwhile effort. Thank you.

MITES: Pick up a Mite box from the LWML table to collect loose change to be used for LWML grants to missions around the world.

MISSION BOARD brings **fresh fruits and vegetables** to the Seminary. To contribute, write your check to Holy Cross with a memo line for *Mission Board Fresh Foods to the Seminary*.

HOPE MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY asks Holy Cross to help out with the following food items during January:

Cereal Canned Soup Canned fruit
Dry boxed potatoes Pasta Sauce

Put food items in bins under the Missions Board display in the Welcome Center.

HOPE Ministries served 3,930 families and 13,995 individuals in 2023. Your contributions matter to our community!

REMINDERS:

- * Deadline for News&Notes items is Thursdays, 8AM. Please email submissions.
- * *The Divine Service* is the topic for this month's issue of *Lutheran Witness*. Pick up your copy at the Welcome Center table.

SERMON SUMMARY: This week's sermon, "Worth It?" is based on the Old Testament reading from Jonah 3. Have you ever thought to yourself, "That was a big waste of time?" Chances are that you probably have. Have you ever thought that about things related to church? Chances are that you probably have as well. Today we hear about how God called Jonah a second time, and we cannot help but wonder if that same thought was in Jonah's mind too. Today we will hear that God's ways are higher than Jonah's ways, and that His thoughts are greater than Jonah's thoughts too. We will hear what God had to say to Jonah—and also to us in 2024.

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed to the glory of God by Gordon & Phyllis Robinson who celebrate their 68th wedding anniversary on Sun., Jan. 21; and by John & Linda Jackson who celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Thurs., Jan. 25.

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT is open for church members NOW and opens to the public 1/29! Scan the QR code (see page 4) for more information!

LAST CHANCE for Family Pictures: Are we missing your family picture for our pictorial directory? We will have a photographer in Rooms 1 & 2 between services on Jan. 28 and again on Feb. 4 to take family photos. If you prefer, you can email a jpeg photo to directory@hcross.com before the end of January. The directory will not be complete without your family picture. A big THANKS to all of you who have already sent yours.

NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON:

Save the Date on **Feb. 4** for a celebration embracing our newest congregation members! This luncheon is always fun because we get to meet the newest among us and eat great food! The time is right after the 10:45AM service that day. We ask church members to help furnish food.

Last Names A to K: bring a side dish and salad
Last Names L to Z: bring a side dish and dessert

Evangelism Committee and Grace Guild will take care of the rest! Remember to wear your name tags!

LENTEN SUPPERS — Historically, Holy Cross boards and groups have donated time and energy in creating Lenten Suppers served prior to the 7PM service each Wednesday in Lent from 5:30 to 6:45PM. Diners provide a free-will offering to offset expenses and provide funds for the group's chosen cause. Here are the dates:

Feb. 14 — Ash Wednesday

Feb. 21

Feb. 28

March 6— Grace Guild

March 13

March 20—Board of Elders

LAY BIBLE INSTITUTE at Concordia Seminary St. Louis: Join the Lay Bible Institute, "The Bible We Read in Church" presented by Dr. Vilson Scholz, visiting professor of Exegetical Theology. During the workshop, Scholz will delve into the Three-Year Lectionary of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to demonstrate how the Sunday lessons "talk to each other" and the principle of Scripture interpreting Scripture. Sat., Feb. 10, 2024; 10AM to 3PM; Room 202, Sieck Hall. Registration deadline is Jan. 26: csl.edu/lbi or 314-505-7286. Cost \$20 (without lunch), \$35 (with lunch). Check website for further details.

Update: Calling an Associate Pastor

The Call Committee received the names of 7 candidates to consider from the two seminaries. The committee has reviewed the profile of each candidate. They met on Sat., Jan. 13, to discuss their insights and decide who they wanted to interview in person. They have outlined their interview process and determined the questions for each candidate. They continue to be in contact with the placement director at each seminary.

Interviews: In-person interviews with each of the top candidates will be set up for the end of January. Once those interviews are concluded and the committee has had the opportunity to pray and discuss the results, they will schedule a Special Voters Meeting to extend a call. [This could be as early as Sun., Feb. 11, so look for further notes in the weekly newsletter.]

Pray: Please remember that there will be more congregations requesting a candidate than there are candidates available. Therefore, this process does not guarantee that we will receive an associate pastor. Our work is still in God's hands.

Options: Voters will have an opportunity to extend an exclusive call for the one candidate we feel best meets our needs, or a call ranking our top two or three candidates. In this second scenario, we could receive our second or third choice if our first choice is assigned to another congregation. The Call Committee will be bringing a recommendation for which avenue to pursue once we have interviewed all the candidates.

Pray: Please continue to pray that God will lead and guide the interview process and those involved as we work to accomplish His will for the ministry at Holy Cross.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

On Jan. 11, 19 donors were able to give 23 productive units of blood. Our goal was 15! These units will help almost 69 patients in need at area hospitals! Thank you!

Future blood drives at Holy Cross have been scheduled for these dates:

Thurs., March 14

Thurs., May 16

Thurs., July 11

Thurs., Sept. 12

Thurs., Nov. 14

Times are 10AM to 3PM in the Holy Cross Gym.

For more information, check out www.RedCrossBlood.org

RSVP DUE JAN 21

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH ST. CHARLES

\$10 PER YOUTH

LATE NIGHT

Middle School

JANUARY 26
7-11PM

BRING FOOD DONATIONS FOR ST. TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

PIZZA

DOOR PRIZES

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

CHILDREN'S CHOIR CHOIR ROOM PREK - 5TH GRADE 6-6:15PM	BEGINNING BELLS CHOIR LOFT 6TH GRADE TO ADULT 6-6:30PM
ELEMENTARY CLASSES 6:15-7PM PREK - 1ST ROOM 12 & 13 2ND & 3RD ROOM 7 & 8 4TH & 5TH ROOM 3	6TH - 12TH GRADE 6:30-7:30PM LEVEL 100 WELCOME CENTER LEVEL 200 ROOM 1 & 2 LYF ROOM 11
OPEN GYM STARTING AT 5:30PM PARENT SUPERVISED	GAMES ELEMENTARY 7-7:15PM PREK - 1ST IN ROOM 2ND - 5TH IN GYM 6TH - 12TH 7:30-7:45PM IN GYM

NOTES

PARENTS, PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CHECK YOUR CHILDREN IN AND OUT WITH TODD RASCHE OUTSIDE THE KITCHEN DOORS.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO SCHEDULE AND ROOM ASSIGNMENT DURING ADVENT AND LENT.

6th - 12th Grade

JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

DISTRICT YOUTH GATHERING

NOW

GALATIANS 2:20

April 5-7, 2024

CROSS POINTE RETREAT CENTER
LAKE OF THE OZARKS

\$75 Per Person

Registration

Closes March 15

Contact DCE Smith

SAUSAGE DINNERS on FEB. 4:

- ◆ **Immanuel Lutheran, St. Charles,** from **11AM to 5PM.** Adults \$15. Dine in or carry out. Cash, check, or credit card. Menu: Sausage, mashed potatoes & gravy, sauerkraut, green beans, applesauce, bread, dessert.
- ◆ **ALL YOU CAN EAT at Salem Lutheran Church in Affton.** Hosted by the Salem Men's Club, from **11AM to 5PM,** in the school cafeteria (5025 Lakewood Ave., Affton, MO) More information available at <https://slcas.org/church/mens-club/mens-club-sausage-supper/>

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MOVIE NIGHT

February 9
Time: TBA

\$2 PER TICKET

RSVP Due Feb 7

Featured Film: **TBA**
Location: **TBA**

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

2024-2025 Enrollment and Registration

2024-2025
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PROGRAM

2024-2025
ENROLLMENT
FORM

We hope to hear from you soon!

LHS NEWS

The Cheer Team is heading to the NCA High School Nationals for the first time in school history! We wish them luck as they perform both their Game Day & Half Time routines on Sat., Jan. 20 & Sun., Jan. 21.

Coaches needed for the Spring & Fall season! LHS is looking for a Boys Varsity Head Tennis Coach, Boys Baseball Assistant Coach and Head Football Coach! Contact Director of Activities Melvin Bethany at bethany@Lhssc.org.

Join us for our **Annual Trivia Night! Fri., Feb 9** in the LHS Commons! Doors open at 6PM, Trivia starts at 7PM. Registration information is now available on the Lutheran High website!

Congratulations to **Dr. Kuhlmann** who was installed as **Head of School** during Chapel! This was the first time a School Administrator has been installed on our campus during a Chapel service. Many thanks to Rev. Ryan Taylor from Immanuel-St. Charles and Circuit Visitor for St. Charles County, for performing the service of installation. Rev. Mark Rouland from Zion Lutheran shared the

message, spoke about the model of servant leadership that we see in Jesus, and spent time encouraging LHS students to consider church work careers. They can be incredibly rewarding! Thank you to our Board of Directors and Association Pastors for attending and supporting our students, faculty, and staff for this special occasion. We are excited about our leadership team and the future of our ministry!

Nominations are being accepted for inductees into the **Lutheran High School Hall of Honor** for 2024. The Hall of Honor is organized as a way of maintaining the rich heritage and tradition at Lutheran High School. In addition, it will serve as a means of recognizing, preserving, and honoring the school leaders, athletes, teachers, and individuals who have made significant contributions to LHS programs and the community at large. The Hall of Honor honors the contributions and accomplishments of these individuals who are worthy of recognition as examples for others to emulate. The online nomination form is available on our website at lutheranhighstcharles.com under the Support tab. *Nominations are due March 15, 2024.*