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Holy Cross Lutheran Church
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and
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State of the Church

Each year in January, the President of the United States shares his "State of the Union" address. Since we are in that same time frame, I would like to take an opportunity to likewise share a "State of Holy Cross."

Looking back at 2023, it will for better or worse, be one that will be marked by its challenges and transitions. The most impactful one was the departure of Pastor Meyer and his family to serve at Emmanuel - St. Michael Lutheran School in Fort Wayne, Indiana, this past summer. This transition seemed to be an unexpected and unpleasant surprise to many, and I have gotten the sense that we are still grieving his departure in many ways.

At the same time, however, it has been fun to see this congregation be so willing to help and adapt during this vacancy. A large part of the help during this vacancy is the return of our residential field education students from Concordia Seminary this fall: Vince Otto and his wife Dana, and Owen Duncan and his wife Evangeline. Each of these two families have been willing and able to jump right in and help, bringing with them all of the growth and learning from their respective vicarage internships.

I have also been grateful during this time of transition for all of the support given to me and to my family, from a little extra verbal encouragement to additional gestures of love and support. My wife, my children, and I are beyond grateful! Thank you!

Holy Cross was also affected by a second big transition following Darlene Birk's retirement as Preschool Director at the end of the last school year. She was the heart and soul of that ministry week in and week out, and we are so grateful for all of her faithful service in getting the message of Jesus to the children, their families, and even to the other staff members for so many years.

Unlike the pastoral vacancy, though, the preschool director position was filled this summer, and we welcomed Morgan Calcaterra into our midst as director, along with three new staff members. Thus far the ministry has gone well, and I look forward to see it continue to grow as the team works together this semester and, Lord-willing, into the future.

While we have certainly been in times of transition with those two key positions at Holy Cross, there have been many other wonderful things this year. I have received many wonderful comments about how many children and families there are - even more so it seems than before. In 2023 we leaned in on those things and expanded our Wednesday night midweek program. We added a beginning handbell choir consisting primarily of middle school and high school students as well as a children's choir. All of these new groups found success beyond what we expected! Even the number of children at the weekly children's talk remains strong and is even growing!

I cannot wait to see what 2024 has in store for us at Holy Cross. We have some wonderful opportunities in front of us--opportunities for God to continue to bring about change and growth. We look forward to see how God will provide for us through the call process and set our sights now on Call Day at the seminaries in late April. We look forward to the opportunities to think more seriously about a structure and governance that better suits the dynamics of our congregation. We look forward to see how God can use another year of operating in the black and the surplus funds.

Most of all, we look forward once again to receiving God's gifts in the places where He has promised to be -- in His Word and Sacraments. I cannot wait to see what God has in store for us in 2024!

~ Pastor Gimbel



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Hello All! It feels wonderful to be back after my maternity leave! Our family was blessed on Nov. 4 with a beautiful and healthy baby girl, Piper Jean Calcaterra. She is just the sweetest girl. Holy Cross Preschool and I are so thankful to have an amazing staff and thankful for how they graciously covered our school responsibilities while I had maternity leave with my daughter. I did, however, miss my preschoolers SO much! They have been learning so quickly and growing at an amazing pace. The kiddos are almost through learning the full alphabet, they have almost all mastered writing their names, and they are also learning all the sounds the letters make! Below are some photos of our recent fun. **Enrollment is open for church members NOW and opens to the public 1/29! Scan the QR code for more information!** ~ Morgan Calcaterra

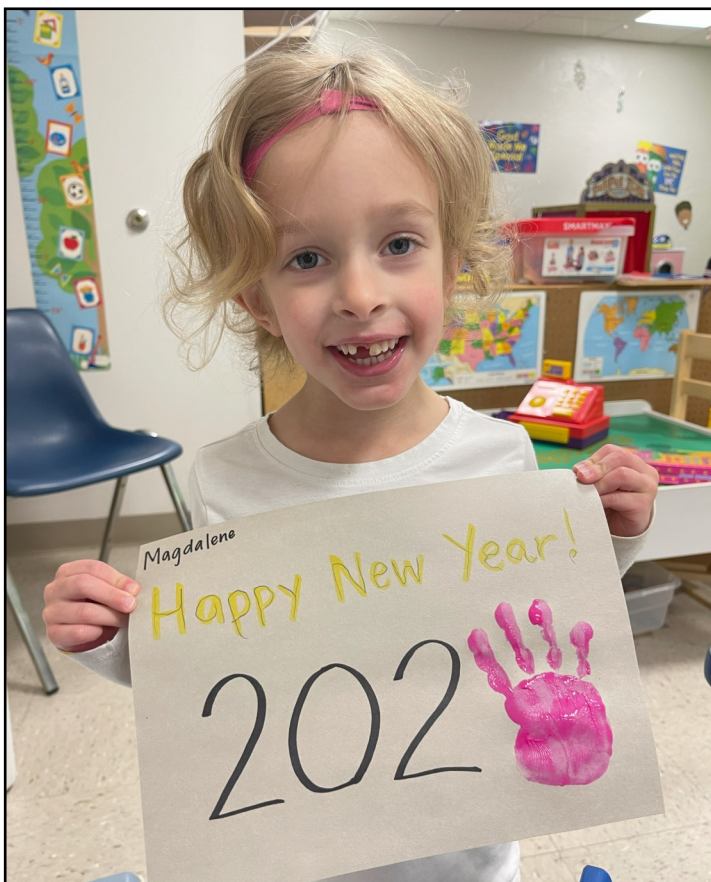


Pic one: Our baby Piper

Pic Two: We celebrated 2024 with our handprints! The kids were very confused because we usually paint their thumbs, but for this one we skipped them! We talked about why we only needed 4 fingers- because it is 2024!

Pic Three: One of our favorite things to do is BUILD! Whether it is big blocks or small blocks, building with our friends is fun. We work together to make tall towers!

Pic Four: We love to spend chapel with Ms. Charity and Pastor Gimbel. Learning about the word of God is so much fun. We have recently been talking about Jesus as a child, just like we are children!



SUBSTITUTES NEEDED Interested in being a substitute teacher for Preschool? The need is there for caring adults to work with our young ones. Contact Preschool Director Morgan Calcaterra for details (contact information above).



HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

2024-2025 Enrollment and Registration



2024-2025
TUITION
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ABOUT
OUR
PROGRAM



2024-2025
ENROLLMENT
FORM

We hope to hear from you soon!



We view our preschool program as a Christian outreach to families with young children. Our intent is to support, encourage and provide opportunities that enhance the educational process already present in your home. Our program provides an environment where young children can explore and learn about God, themselves, others, and the world around them in an atmosphere of Christian love and acceptance.

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 the 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 8AM - 5:30PM. 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.

Enroll now for 2024-2025! See the QR Codes above for more information.



Calling a Pastor

The Call Committee received the names of 7 candidates to consider from the two seminaries. The committee 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 were 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 Holy Cross will receive an associate pastor. This work is still in God's hands.

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

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

• *welcome* •
NEW MEMBERS

new member luncheon

Save the Date on **Feb. 4** for a celebration for 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 current church members to furnish sides:

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

The Evangelism Board will provide the meat dish, and Grace Guild will take care of serving! Remember to wear your name tags!

Service Opportunity: Alleluia Baskets



Once again, the Board of Stewardship is sponsoring packing **Easter baskets with Alleluia Baskets** on **Feb. 29 from 10AM to 11AM**. Alleluia Baskets is located at 1016 Rock Creek Elementary Dr., O'Fallon, MO 63366. (Lower Level, First Brick Building on the Right) If

you would like to join us, please sign up on the sheet in the Welcome Center.

If you would like to donate items for the baskets, they are requesting: bags of goldfish or animal crackers, baby wipes, small play balls, small journals (examples can be seen on their Amazon wish list through their website, but no need to buy from there.) Please, place these items in the tub marked Alleluia Baskets in the back of the church by Sunday, Feb. 25.

If you have any questions, call Darlene Drilling 636-293-2353. Go to alleluiebaskets.org for more information.

LENT SCHEDULE

5:30-6:45 pm Dinner

6-6:15 pm
Beginning Bells & Children's Choir

6:15-7 pm Midweek, Confirmation & LYF

7-8 pm Service

FEB 14, 21, 28
MARCH 6, 13, 20

SPONSORED BY
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

MOVIE NIGHT

February 9
Time: 6:30pm

\$2 PER TICKET AT THE DOOR

RSVP DUE FEB 7
SIGN UP IN WELCOME CENTER

Questions: Jennifer Reed
longnoseboys@gmail.com

Featured Film: **Puss in Boots**

Location: Town Square Cinema in Dardenne Prairie

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

The FRUIT of the SPIRIT

<p>DEUTERONOMY 7:9</p> <p>LOVE</p> <p>never fails</p>	<p>He is my JOY</p> <p>1 PETER 1:8</p>	<p>We are blessed with PEACE</p> <p>PSALM 29:11</p>
<p>PATIENCE</p> <p>My hands are in your hands</p> <p>PSALM 31:14-15A</p>	<p>JAMES 1:19</p> <p>KINDNESS</p> <p>Be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger</p>	<p>GOODNESS</p> <p>I will see only a good harvest</p> <p>in the land of the living</p> <p>PSALM 27:15</p>
<p>ROMANS 1:17</p> <p>THE RIGHTEOUS SHALL LIVE BY FAITH</p>	<p>GENTLENESS</p> <p>LET YOUR GENTLENESS BE KNOWN</p> <p>PHILIPPIANS 4:5</p>	<p>I shall not be moved</p> <p>SELF-CONTROL</p> <p>PSALM 18:8</p>

Galatians 5:22, 23

Monthly Music Minute for January 2024

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

Happy Lent! Can you believe it? I certainly can't. It seems like we just finished Christmas, and we're already heading into the season of Lent. If it feels early to you as well, you're right; Easter is earlier than normal this year, falling at the end of March.

As we prepare for Lent, then, I'd like to share with you our theme for our Lenten midweek services this year. The series is entitled The Shadow and the Substance — How Old Testament Individuals Point to Christ. Each week as we look at a different character from the Old Testament, we will ponder specifically how this character's life and actions point to the events of Holy Week, of Christ on the cross.

The series is based on a new hymn written by one of our seminary fieldworkers, Owen Duncan. The hymn is entitled "Before the Crowd the Most High God". I asked Owen to share some background about this hymn. He writes:

"The hymn we are going to use during our Wednesday and Holy Week Lenten services this year is one that I wrote especially for this sermon series. A year or so ago, a friend of mine who was on his vicarage told me that his congregation was doing a sermon series about the types of Christ (figures in the Old

Testament who point us forward to Christ). He also said that they were having trouble finding a good hymn for the series, and he asked if I might be willing to write a hymn for them. Finding myself with a little time on my hands, I did.

This hymn, then, is about some of the figures in the Old Testament who point forward to Christ—Adam, Moses, David, Jonah, Noah, Joshua, Melchizedek, and Isaac—and how each of these figures points forward to Christ. I pray that throughout this series—and as you sing this hymn again and again—you might reflect on what the book of Hebrews reminds us of: that "In many and various ways God spoke to His people of old through the prophets, but now, in these last days, He has spoken to us through His Son." Rejoice this Lenten season over the fact that we have a God who has certainly not hidden Himself throughout the history of His people, but who has especially revealed Himself in His incarnation, when He came to this earth in human flesh and suffered and died—and rose to life—for you and for me."

It is my prayer this Lenten season that, as we sing this hymn each week and as we ponder all the different characters and stories of scripture, we may grow richer in the knowledge and promises of our God. I hope you will join us— Happy Lent! ~ David Gilson



Come!
Join us for
HOPE Seeds
on Thurs., **Feb. 1,**
gym,

as more seeds are packed for those in need around the world.

Sponsored by Holy Cross Stewardship Board.

THE BOARD OF MISSIONS thanks everyone who so generously supported missions 2023.

For 2024 the mission focus is based on the Deut. 10:18, which points to the needs of orphans, widows, and travelers. For the first four months of the year, we will emphasize the needs of orphans by seeking the support of Lutheran Family and Children's Services. Informational materials are available at the Mission Board display in the Welcome Center, and a guest speaker will visit in February. God bless you as you consider this very worthy charity.

The Mission Board is short of members. Please give this chance to serve Jesus by spreading His message of salvation to others here in the U.S. and around the world prayerful consideration.

Lent Service & Supper Schedules

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.

If this tradition continues, groups will need to sign up to host a dinner. Four of the six dates currently are without a host.

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14

11AM/7PM Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes
5:30PM Lenten Dinner: Host to be decided
6PM Beginning Bells, Children's Choir
6:15PM Midweek, Confirmation & LYF

Midweek Lent 1, Wed., Feb. 21

11AM/7PM Lenten Service
5:30PM Lenten Dinner: Host to be decided
6PM Beginning Bells, Children's Choir
6:15PM Midweek, Confirmation & LYF
8PM Choir

Midweek Lent 2, Wed., Feb. 28

11AM/7PM Lenten Service
5:30PM Lenten Dinner: Host to be decided
6PM Beginning Bells, Children's Choir
6:15PM Midweek, Confirmation & LYF
8PM Choir

Midweek Lent 3, March 6

11AM/7PM Lenten Service
5:30PM Lenten Dinner: Grace Guild
Menu: Baked pasta, salad, breadsticks, dessert
6PM Beginning Bells, Children's Choir
6:15PM Midweek, Confirmation & LYF
8PM Choir

Midweek Lent 4, Wed., March 13

11AM/7PM Lenten Service
5:30PM Lenten Dinner: Host to be decided
6PM Beginning Bells, Children's Choir
6:15PM Midweek, Confirmation & LYF
8PM Choir

Midweek Lent 5, Wed., March 20

11AM/7PM Lenten Service
5:30PM Lenten Dinner: Board of Elders
Menu: Hot dogs and hamburgers
6PM Beginning Bells, Children's Choir
6:15PM Midweek, Confirmation & LYF
8PM Choir

Contact the Church Office to get your group scheduled.

LCMS Foundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

A good gift plan within one's
estate plan can
help manage taxation.

Kelly and Lisa were having lunch. Both of their husbands have passed in the last couple of years, and they are learning to take over the responsibility for finances. This has been a big transition for both.

Kelly said to Lisa, "I have adapted well. I have come to appreciate all that Howard did all those years. The one thing that still intimidates me is the taxes. I am thankful I have a good tax preparer that makes this less stressful."

Lisa responded, "For the first time in my life I am paying more attention to taxes as well. In my mind, I never really made the connection between my contributions to Church and other ministries and the amount of tax we pay. This year my Church is in a campaign to enable a building expansion for more ministry. Joe and I had already settled on a certain portion of our estate that we would give to our Church. My tax lady told me that if I give some of that now in the campaign, I can reduce my income taxes this year by 60%. I think that will make a difference in paying for the higher-than-expected pharmacy bills I have been having. It is amazing how the Lord provides His gifts at just the right time, in the right way."

Is the Lord leading you to use His gifts for ministry purposes? Would you like to discuss whether gifts now or in the future make more sense, especially considering taxes?

Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Teresa Nelson at (319)351-6529 or Teresa.Nelson@lfnd.org.





All women of Holy Cross are invited to attend meetings of either or both Guilds. Join us as we “serve the Lord with gladness” by raising funds for missions at home and around the world.
Holy Cross has two LWML groups:
Holy Cross Ladies Guild meets **Fri., Feb. 9, 10AM.**
Grace Evening Guild meets **Tues., Feb. 13, 6PM.**



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 used 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. A collection basket sits upstairs on the Welcome Center bookshelf and another one is 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.

The Holy Cross Ladies Guild recently presented a check for \$2,422.00 to Hope Ministries Food Pantry in O'Fallon. The check represented the money earned from the Fall Candy & Nut Sale.

Pictured are Cheryl Barta from Hope Ministries (center) and Ladies Guild members Norma Helms and Christel Hundt. Thank you to all who supported the Fall Candy & Nut Sale.



Ladies Guild Quilters meet at **9AM, Tues., Feb. 6**, in the gym to piece and sew quilt tops. They have added an extra day to their quilting schedule to stay on track with creating the quilt tops they later will tie.

Two weeks later, on **Tues., Feb. 20, at 9AM** they will meet to do **tie the quilts.**

Do you have an interest in quilting for missions? Need a new hobby?

These witty ladies bring spice to their labors of love! They bring a new meaning to the LWML motto: “Serve the Lord with gladness!” Join them! Bring a lunch!

This group is sponsored by Holy Cross Ladies Guild. Quilt tops are sewn and tied during this time. All projects are given to those in need. Contact Norma Helms.

Sound the Trumpets

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Holy Cross Ladies Guild’s **2nd Annual Flower Fundraiser** will be happening in the spring!

We are still in the planning stages. All proceeds will be donated to a charity (TBD).

More details on the sale and delivery dates will follow in the months ahead. Watch News&Notes!
TOGETHER we will make it a *success!*

Contacts:
 Kathy Weseman 636-399-8225
 Sandy Dietz 314-570-4961

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. Currently, the LWML Missouri District is in a Mite Challenge: it’s Eastern Missouri vs. Western Missouri in an effort to increase Mite-giving to fund the mission grants chosen two years ago at the district convention. Stay tuned to how the challenge is going

Quilting Fellowship meets Sat., Feb. 10, from 10AM to 3PM in the gym. Bring your quilting projects and get help from experienced quilters. All experience levels are welcome. Contact Cynthia Menscher for more information.



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:

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!

Immanuel Lutheran Church
 115 S. Sixth Street
 Saint Charles, Missouri

Annual Sausage Dinner
Sunday, February 4, 2024
11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Adults \$15

Sausage

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Sauerkraut Green Beans

Applesauce Bread

Dessert

Cash, Check or Credit Card

Dine in or Carry out



Save a Life, Give Blood

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024

10AM TO 3PM

PLEASE VISIT RedCrossBlood.org
 and enter: HolyCrossLC
 to schedule an appointment

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
GYM

8945 VETERANS MEMORIAL PARKWAY, O'FALLON, MO

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., 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

SAUSAGE DINNER

ALL YOU CAN EAT

Hosted by Salem Men's Club,

Sun., Feb. 4, 2024,

11AM to 5PM,

in the cafeteria of

Salem Lutheran School,

5025 Lakewood Ave.,

Aftton, MO 63123

More information available at

<https://slcas.org/church/mens-club/mens-club-sausage-supper/>

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Calendar of Events — February 2024

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
28	8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour 10:45AM Holy Communion	29	9:30 AM TOPS 11:00AM Line Dancers 6:30PM Handbells	30	9:00AM Preschool Chapel 10:00AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meetings	31	9:00AM Preschool Chapel 9:30AM Adult Bible Class 1:00PM Preschool Chapel 5:30PM Open Gym 6:00PM Beginning Bell Choir 6:15PM Midweek Prek—5th 6:30PM Confirmation, LYF 6:45PM Adult Choir 7:00pm Gym	1	FEBRUARY 8AM News & Notes <u>Deadline</u> 9AM HOPE Seeds (gym) 6:30PM 20s&30s	2		3	9 AM New Member Luncheon Setup 3PM Holy Communion
4	8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour 10:45AM Holy Communion Noon New Member Luncheon 1:30PM Board of Elders	5	9:30 AM TOPS 11:00AM Line Dancers 6:30PM Handbells	6	9:00AM Preschool Chapel 9:00AM Quilting (gym) 10:00AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meetings 6PM Mission Board 6PM Stewardship Board 6:30PM Boards of Educ & Youth	7	9:00AM Preschool Chapel 9:30AM Adult Bible Class 1:00PM Preschool Chapel 5:30PM Open Gym 6:00PM Beginning Bell Choir 6:00PM Children's Choir 6:15PM Midweek Prek—5th 6:30PM Confirmation, LYF 6:45PM Adult Choir 7:00pm Gym	8	8AM News & Notes <u>Deadline</u> <u>Circuit Meetings</u> 6:30PM 20s&30s	9	10AM Ladies Guild TO BE DECIDED Church Movie Night	10	10AM TO 2PM (GYM) —Quilting Fellowship 3PM Holy Communion
11	8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour 10:45AM Holy Communion Noon: Special Voters' Meeting (To be decided)	12	9:30 AM TOPS 11:00AM Line Dancers 6pm Church Boards 6:30PM Handbells 7:30PM Council Meeting	13	9:00AM Preschool Chapel 10:00AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meetings 2:00PM Preschool Board 6:00PM Grace Guild 6:30PM Adult Bible Class	14	ASH WEDNESDAY 6:30AM Men's Breakfast 9AM/1PM Preschool Chapel 9:30AM Adult Bible Class 11AM Holy Communion 5:30PM Lenten Supper 6:00PM Beginning Bell Choir & Children's Choir 6:15PM Midweek, Confirmation, LYF 7PM Holy Communion	15	8AM News & Notes <u>Deadline</u> Koinonia Deadline 6:30PM 20s&30s	16		17	3PM Holy Communion
18	8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour + Midweek Teacher Training 10:45AM Holy Communion Noon: 4 Family Life	19	President's Day Preschool Closed Koinonia Mailing 9:30 AM TOPS 10:00AM Quilt Setup 11:00AM Line Dancers 6:30PM Handbells	20	9:00AM Preschool Chapel 9:00AM Quilting (gym) 10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meetings	21	MIDWEEK LENT II 9AM/1PM Preschool Chapel 9:30AM Adult Bible Class 11AM Holy Communion 5:30PM Lenten Supper 6:00PM Beginning Bell Choir & Children's Choir 6:15PM Midweek, Confirmation, LYF 7PM Holy Communion 8:00pm Adult Choir	22	8AM News & Notes <u>Deadline</u> 6:30PM 20s&30s	23	Koinonia Production	24	3PM Holy Communion
25	8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour 10:45AM Holy Communion + Children's Choir	26	Koinonia Mailing 9:30 AM TOPS 11:00AM Line Dancers 6:30PM Handbells	27	9:00AM Preschool Chapel 10:00AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meetings 6:30PM Adult Bible Class	28	MIDWEEK LENT III 9AM/1PM Preschool Chapel 9:30AM Adult Bible Class 11AM Holy Communion 5:30PM Lenten Supper 6:00PM Beginning Bell Choir & Children's Choir 6:15PM Midweek, Confirmation, LYF 7PM Holy Communion 8:00pm Adult Choir	29	8AM News & Notes <u>Deadline</u> 10AM Alekua Baskets (off-site) 6:30PM 20s&30s	1	MARCH 6:30PM Trivia Night Setup	2	3PM Holy Communion Holy Cross Youth Presents: Trivia Night—TBD

February Celebrations 2024

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

Happy Birthday! ... and Many More!

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| 1: Steven Cooper,
Vickie Glasstetter | 9: Melissa Kreyling | 20: Scott Bollinger, Vince Ogar |
| 2: Paul Kirby, Cassie Stover, Kyle Walkenhorst | 11: Valorie Peters | 21: Gloria Anderson, Roy Bumstead, Sharon Evans, Megan Gaglio, Carter Price |
| 4: Greg Cissell, Kathy Weseman, Dale Witte | 12: Bob Grayson, Michael Halm, Gus Waltersdorf | 22: Lainey Alton, Carolyn DeMent |
| 5: Meg Cissell, David Gilson, Kay Hardman | 13: Darlene Drilling, Karen Dusheke, Evelyn Estes, Wendy Tentschert, Carolyn Tichenor, Julia Tichenor | 23: Becky Coomer, Mark Drilling, Loretta Ezell, Alan Kirk |
| 6: Richard Green | 14: Matthew Alton, Florence Kempf, Barb Smock | 24: Courtney Buehne, Jayne Jepsen, Rich Schindler |
| 7: Ashton Estill, Ken Fussner, Andrew Gaglio | 15: Dennis Gamache, Mollie Linn, Dani Richardson | 25: Diane Pierce |
| 8: Jacob Davison, Shirley Day, Brenda Duncan, Brad Henningfeld, Veigh Hogan, Nancy Redfield, Anna Schnoor | 16: Darlene Bradley, Michelle Freand, Megan Goodman | 26: Joan Darling, Ron Dawson, Janet Kuesel, Idel McCullough, Neal Menscher |
| | 17: Susan Halm | 27: Frieda Karl |
| | 19: Andrew Darst | 28: Bryan Meyer, Sara Thoene |

Baptism Anniversaries: God's Blessings to You!

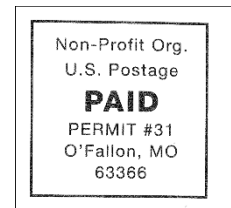
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| 1: Jim Boyd, Lovisa Davison, Sandra Semler | 13: Jessica Mincher | 22: Lydia Sumski |
| 2: Kyle Walkenhorst, Carla Wiese | 14: Karen Gaglio, Lily Witte | 22: Lydia Sumski |
| 3: Valentina Smith | 15: Faith Blackwell, Alison Blundell, Dani Richardson, Wayne Wiese | 24: Anna Koepke |
| 4: Zeke Emerick | 16: Ella Emerick, Jacob Klootwyk, Jenna Rincand | 25: Madelyn Jennings, Samantha Kessels, Kaitlyn Markham |
| 5: Renea Erickson, Diane Gade | 17: Maverick Bartlett, Chris Mizel | 26: Greg Cissell, Karen Dusheke, Hailey Fink, Peggy Gallagher, Lacey Sumski, Sara Thoene |
| 6: Lucas Buehne, Richard Green | 18: Spencer Dafler, Joshua Strubelt | 28: Darlene Drilling, Gary Hardebeck |
| 7: Maddie Dawdy, Rob Dawdy Jr., Madeline Maull | 19: Rory Fink, Holden Karl | |
| 9: Lincoln Chinnici, Elise Martens, Janine Martens, Payton May | 20: Chris Gaglio | |
| 12: Dorothy Morrison | 21: Madalyn Bartlett, Logan Brown, Camden Kreyling, | |

Wedding Anniversaries!

- 1: Bill & Shirley Day
- 7: Mike & Pat Hanna
- 9: Rick & Carolyn Grayson
- 11: Doug & Heather Koepke
- 16: Loren & Debra Herr
- 22: Harry & Carolyn Gasaway
- 27: Barb & Roger Grosch
- 27: George & Judith Kirby

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

Women's Bible Study: Tuesday mornings at 10AM

Adult Bible Class: Tuesdays, Jan. 9, 23, 6:30PM

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study: Feb. 14, 6:30AM

Adult Bible Class: Wednesdays at 9:30 AM

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

High School Wednesdays, see calendar

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