



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.*

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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

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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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The Transfiguration of Our Lord

News & Notes for February 10-11, 2024

WELCOME TO EVERYONE joining us for worship today.

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; Bob Aubertin; Lisa Aston; Dennis Benassi; Barbara Benigno; Marie Benigno; Paul Bertram; Mary Kay Bethke; George Beyer; Kacey Booth; James Boyd; Nancy Caldwell; Dominic Cissell; Jenny Conrad; 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; Karen Heckman; Norma Helms; Marie & Vernon Herrington; 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; Neil W. McDaniel; 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:

Milton Alton (Byron & Elaine Alton)
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)
Maggie Dawdy
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)
Malaya Jenkins (Dani Richardson)
Lois Jobe (Jan Flentke)
Jeff Johns (Denice Johns)
Lisa Markel (Grace Randazzo)
Malu Martin (Dawn Kahler)
Darlene McCarthy (Elaine Howard)
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)
Vita Walkenhorst (Rick Walkenhorst)
Mike Weiss (Mike Hanna)
Sandy Wischmeyer (Marilyn Mana)
Carol Zeigler (Ralph & Renea Erickson)
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)
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)
Virginia Niewald, Paul Picard
~ (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 the friends and family of Ken Wischmeyer, brother of Don Wischmeyer, who died Feb. 6, 2024. Ken has been on our prayer list for more than a year; for the friends & family of Susan Bradley, sister-in-law of Jerry & Darlene Bradley, who lost her two-year battle with liver cancer this past week. Her funeral will be in Rock Island, IL, so we pray also for safe travel for Jerry & Darlene; and for the friends and family of Roger Meihak, uncle of Brian Storm, who died Feb. 8, after battling lung cancer.

SPECIAL VOTERS ASSEMBLY TO CALL AN ASSOCIATE PASTOR**Sun., Feb. 11, following the 10:45AM service, in the Sanctuary**

Current Voters Assembly members must sign in to vote for the Call Committee motion.

*This is a one-topic meeting; only current Voters Assembly members may vote.***Holy Cross Weekly Calendar****Saturday, February 10, 2024**

10AM –2PM Quilting Fellowship

3PM Holy Communion

Sunday, February 11, 2024

8AM Holy Communion

9:30AM Education Hour

Sunday School in Rm 1-2

10:45AM Holy Communion

Noon: Special Voters' Meeting (Sanctuary)**Monday, February 12, 2024****OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON**

9:30AM TOPS

11AM Line Dancing (gym)

6:00PM Church Boards

6:30PM Handbells

7:30PM Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, 2024**OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11AM**

9AM Preschool Chapel

10AM Women's Bible Study

10:30AM Preschool Party (gym)

12:30PM Staff Meeting

6PM Grace Guild

6:30PM Adult Bible Class

Wednesday, February 14, 2024**ASH WEDNESDAY: SERVICES AT 11AM & 7PM****OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON**

6:30AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

9AM/1PM Preschool Chapel

9:30AM Adult Bible Class (sanctuary)

10:30AM/2:30PM Preschool Parties (gym)

11AM Holy Communion

1PM Florence Kempf Visitation—Baue O'Fallon

2PM Florence Kempf Funeral—Baue O'Fallon

5:30PM–6:45PM: Bring Your Own Dinner (GYM)

6PM Beginning Bell Choir, Children's Choir

6:15PM Midweek, Confirmation & High School

7PM Holy Communion

Thursday, February 15, 2024**OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON, 1PM—4PM**8AM News & Notes & Koinonia Deadlines

6:30PM 20s&30s

Friday, February 16, 2024**OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON, 1PM—4PM****PRESCHOOL CLOSED****Saturday, February 17, 2024**

3PM Holy Communion

Sunday, February 18, 2024

8AM Holy Communion

9:30AM Education Hour

+ Midweek Teacher Training

10:45AM Holy Communion

WE'RE HIRING!

Come and be a part of our awesome staff at Holy Cross.

We are looking for a part time communications coordinator, part time custodian, and substitutes for our preschool.

Go to www.hcross.com/employment for more information.**Church Attendance for February 3-4, 2024**

Service	Attendance	Communion
3PM	62	58
8AM	100	75
10:45PM	114	104
TOTAL	276	237

**Bible Class Attendance
Week of February 4, 2024**NA=not applicable
NR=not reported
C= cancelled

Little Lambs, Sunday	2
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	16
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	8
Sunday Adult Bible Class	54
BASICS/TLC	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	14
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	NA
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM	23
Midweek/Confirmation/HS	47
20s&30s Thursday	10

**Weekly Offerings:
January 29-February 4, 2024**

General Fund	\$	26,634.91
Endowment	\$	604.29
Building Fund	\$	165.00
Missions Weekly	\$	87.25
Missions Total 2024 To Date	\$	2,151.19

Year to Date as of 12/31/2023

Income	\$	782,161.99
Expenses	\$	703,396.45
Surplus	\$	78,785.54

H.O.P.E. FOOD MINISTRIES**Weekly Totals: Feb. 7, 2024**

Families: 86

Individuals: 293

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. Collection baskets are upstairs on the Welcome Center bookshelf and 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.

HOPE MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY:

Supplies are getting low at HOPE Food Pantry, so they are asking Holy Cross to donate the top 10 needed items:

Canned Pasta, Soup, Canned fruit,**Beef Stew, Gravy, Jelly, Peanut****Butter, Peas, Pancake Mix, Syrup;****Peas.** Put food items in bins under the Missions Board display in the Welcome Center.**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.***MITES:** Pick up a Mite box from the LWML table to collect change for LWML grants to missions around the world.

SERMON SUMMARY: This week's sermon "Spoiler Alert" is based on the Transfiguration account from Mark 9. Wouldn't it be nice to know which team was going to win the big game this weekend? If so, we would know how it all ends and be even more tempted to side with the winners. Today, Peter has the opportunity to get a spoiler of sorts as an eyewitness to Jesus' transfiguration. Just as Peter is encouraged by such a miraculous display of Christ's glory, so too we will see that we can be likewise encouraged by Christ by knowing how that same story "ends."

MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY is this Wed., Feb. 14, at 6:30AM. Please sign up in the Welcome Center.

LENTEN SUPPERS Lenten Suppers are 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. The menus:

Feb. 14—Bring Your Own Dinner (BYOD)

Feb. 21—Bring Your Own Dinner (BYOD)

Feb. 28—Mission & Stewardship Boards: Sloppy Joes

March 6—Grace Guild: Baked Pasta, Breadsticks, Salad

March 13—Bring Your Own Dinner (BYOD)

March 20—Elders: Hot Dogs & Hamburgers

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: Alleluia Baskets

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, and 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 at 636-293-2353. Go to alleluiabaskets.org for more information.

Holy Cross Ladies Guild's 2nd ANNUAL FLOWER FUNDRAISER happens this spring!

Keep it in mind when planning future gardens! An order table will be in the Welcome Center the first 3 weekends in March. Pickup will be May 4-5 between services.

Proceeds will be donated to a charity, to be announced at a later date.



Update: Calling an Associate Pastor

The Call Committee has conducted interviews with the top four candidates received from the seminary and has been very impressed with each of them. Please continue to pray for the direction of the Holy Spirit as Holy Cross extends a call for an associate pastor to the Council of Presidents.

Voters Meeting: There will be a special one-topic Voters Meeting on Sun., Feb. 11, following the 10:45 service with the express purpose of calling an associate pastor. The Call Committee will not be recommending an exclusive call for one particular candidate as we felt that any of the four could serve us well. Instead, we will be recommending a designated call for any one of the four candidates. The four candidates are Jason Kohm, Trey Dille, Paul Hammes, and Timothy Mehl. Short bios for each of them are available on the Call Committee bulletin board in the Welcome Center. We will explain our rationale for the recommendation at the Special Voters Meeting. This process does not guarantee that we will receive an associate pastor. Our work is still in God's hands.

Pray: Please continue to pray that God will lead and guide the Voters Assembly on Feb. 11. Also, please continue to pray for the Council of Presidents, the seminary placement director, and the candidates we are considering. Pray that God's will is accomplished at Holy Cross and in the church at large.

MISSION BOARD is concentrating its efforts on Lutheran Family & Children's Services (LFCS) for the months of January through April. This aligns with the year-long theme of orphans, widows, and sojourners, with orphans as the first focus. Our guiding verse for the year is Deut. 10:18. We have many exciting opportunities coming up to get involved! Our team has decided that monetary donations made during this term will go towards purchasing backpacks. If you attended the Education Hour last Sunday, you would have heard about the need for backpacks to assist foster children in moving to new places. Also, keep your eye out for Mental Health First Aid Training from LFCS shortly.

On Sat., March 9, the **Perry County Lutheran Chorale** will lead 3PM worship and perform a concert at 5PM. These 20 semi-professional LCMS members formed a community choir in 2006 to sing advanced repertoire to listeners in local settings and beyond. Their hour-long concert is based on Psalm 23. The concert is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be collected to support the ensemble.



2024 GIRLFRIEND GATHERING
Chapel of the Cross - St. Peters

GIRLFRIEND GATHERING 2024: Chosen, A Study of Esther

Join us at Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church, St. Peters, MO on **Feb. 23-24** as keynote speaker Donna Snow leads us through a study of Esther and encour-

ages us to recognize God's plan and work in our own lives. Refresh yourself with God's Word and fellowship with your Sisters in Christ as the speaker and breakout sessions point us to God's presence in our lives *for such a time as this*. Registration will be **open Jan. 28-Feb. 18**. Learn more by scanning the QR Code or Chapel's Facebook page.





HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

2024-2025 Enrollment and Registration





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ABOUT
OUR
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2024-2025
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We hope to hear from you soon!



Holy Cross Youth Presents: TRIVIA NIGHT



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**PROFESSIONALLY
DESIGNED BY
STL TRIVIA GUY**

\$15 per person or \$100 per table

In-between Round Games, Mulligans, 50/50 Raffle, Silent Auction. Register online at hcross.com/youth

MARCH 2ND

6-9pm Doors open at 5:30pm
Holy Cross Lutheran Church

6th - 12th Grade
JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH
DISTRICT YOUTH GATHERING

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April 5-7, 2024

CROSS POINTE RETREAT CENTER
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\$75 Per Person Registration

Closes March 15

Contact DCE Smith

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.

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

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.

FAMILY CAMP at CAMP WARTBURG:

Fri., Aug. 30 – Mon., Sept. 2, 2024

The Board of Stewardship is planning a Family Camp for all ages on **Labor Day weekend**. We are asking anyone interested in attending the event to sign up on the sheet on the center table in the Welcome Center. Signing the sheet is NOT a commitment to attend, and not signing up will not make you ineligible to attend. We need a general count of participants to know if there is enough interest to book the camp.

A variety of activities include swimming, canoeing, archery, crafts, a rope course, games, etc. A variety of lodging accommodations include bunkhouses, family cabins, and rooms for couples or singles.

The cost per person is \$65. Participants will be able to opt in on fundraisers to help with the camp fee.

The **sign-up** sheet will be available until **Feb. 11**. Or email the Board of Stewardship at stewardship@hcross.com if you are interested in attending.

Lutheran High

Grow + Serve in Christ

The LHS Sapphires compete this weekend in the Dance Team Union (DTU) National Championship in Orlando, Florida.

Grandparents/VIP Day reservations for Wed., March 20 open Tues., Feb. 13 at 6:30PM. Space is limited! Registration opens early February!

Nominations are being accepted for inductees into the **Lutheran High School Hall of Honor for 2024**. The Hall of Honor is a way of maintaining the rich heritage and tradition at Lutheran High School by honoring the contributions and accomplishments of individuals worthy of recognition as examples for others to emulate. The online nomination form is available at lutheranhighstcharles.com under the Support tab. Nominations are due March 15, 2024.

For God

so loved the world,
that he gave his
only
begotten
Son,
that whosoever
believeth
in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

