



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

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Director of Christian Education

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Director of Music

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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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The Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Day

News & Notes for March 31, 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: Joy Adams; 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; Jenny Conrad; Mike Dawdy; Kathleen Day; Shirley Day; Bob & Carolyn Delohi; Edna Deubel; Brenda Duncan; Renea Erickson; Rich Franzer; Janice Fred; Peggy Gallagher; Connie Gamache; Jennifer Goris; Phyllis Gronewald; Mike Hanna; Karen Heckman; Norma Helms; Marie & Vernon Herrington; Emily Kahler; Al Ketsenburg; Ron Kettler; Deborah Kiely; Judith Kirby; Barb Knehans; Debra Korte; Jim Kramer; Janet Kuesel; Bob Kunz; Joyce Lang; Betty & Ken Lee; Neil W. McDaniel; Matthew McKinney; Dottie Nagel; Donna Nordmeyer; Dina Polashek; Bill Price; Ron Rutledge; Jim Salarano; Carol Santoyo; Vita Sayers; Winnie Thornton; Larry Williams; Ernestine Wilson.

WE PRAY for our family and friends:

Peggy (Bob & Cindy Aubertin)
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)
Kathryn Cooper (Brian Storm)
Jim Coots (Doris Coots)
William Dafler (Wes Dafler)
Maggie Dawdy (former member)
Teresa Doerr
Lowell Duncan (Don Duncan)
Sandra Fleak (Becky Edgar)
Jim Fowler (Lovisa Davison)
Charlotte Gaines (Sandra Semler)
Darrel Gibson (Meg Cissell)
Mark Grannemann (Darren Marhanka)
Patty Gunnufson (Chris Price)
Sharon Hesse (Barb Krieger)
Jan Hilton (Zeita Reed)
Marcia Hoemann (Mark Hoemann)
Malaya Jenkins (Dani Richardson)
Lois Jobe (Jan Flentke)
Jeff Johns (Denice Johns)
Penelope (P.K.) Karrenbrock (Amanda Alton)
Sandy Longo (Randy Jones)
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)
Jack Morrison (Sue Williams)
Sarah Nichols (Brenda Marhanka)
Paul Palombi (Diane Palombi)
Virginia Pendley (Shawn Huber)
Rosemary Schreiber (Peggy Gallagher)
Jennifer Schueddig (Wayne Wiese)
Sara Shroth

Shirley Tebeau (Ron Hunter)
Stanika Todorova (Paul & Juliana Frerichs)
Vita Walkenhorst (Rick Walkenhorst)
Mike Weiss (Mike Hanna)
Sandy Wischmeyer (Marilyn Mana)
Carol Zeigler (Ralph & Renea Erickson)
John Allquist III, Duane Stuewe
~ (Janet Allquist)
Lindsay Jaco, Abigail Chavez (Amanda Alton)
Carson Aston, Chlaara Aston,
Sharon Staten (Lisa Aston)
Jim & Amy (John Bertram)
Denise Heins, Kevin Huber (Becky Coomer)
Maureen King, Ryan Wells (Kathleen Day)
Laura & Mark Gilson (David Gilson)
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)
Sue Adams, Dennis Tracy
~ (Bonnie Walkenhorst)
Rosemarie & Steve Opp (Bob Williams)

Active Military Prayer List: Dominic Bisesi, Andrew Chema, Timothy Daniels, Nathaniel Einfeldt, Isabella Huber, Zackary Huber, Cody Kieffer, Kameron Klette, Jeff Kuerschner, Josh Linn, Clint Morrison, Douglas Mundt, Justin Quinn, Joshua Rainwater, Jesse Smith, and Matthew Thornton.

Holy Cross Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 31, 2024: Easter Day

DONUTS & FELLOWSHIP IN GYM BETWEEN SERVICES
 7AM Holy Communion
 9AM Holy Communion
 11AM Holy Communion

Monday, April 1, 2024

EASTER MONDAY
CHURCH OFFICE & PRESCHOOL CLOSED
 Preschool Easter Break: March 25-April 2

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

CHURCH OFFICE & PRESCHOOL CLOSED
COUNTY ELECTION in gym
Preschool Teacher Meetings
 2PM Preschool Board

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON, 1-4PM
 9AM/1PM Preschool Chapel
 9:30AM Adult Bible Class (gym)
 6PM Beginning Bell Choir, Children's Choir
 6:15PM Midweek PreK-5th
 6:30PM Confirmation, LYF
 6:45PM Adult Choir

Thursday, April 5, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
8AM NEWS & NOTES
 9AM HOPE Seeds
 6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Study

Friday, April 5, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
 District Youth Gathering April 5-7

Saturday, April 6, 2024

10AM TO 2PM Quilting Fellowship
 3PM Holy Communion

Sunday, April 7, 2024

8AM Holy Communion
 9:30AM Education Hour
 10:45AM Holy Communion
 1:30PM Board of Elders

Church Attendance for March 23-24, 2024

Service	Attendance	Communion
3PM	69	66
8AM	150	113
10:45PM	139	112
TOTAL	358	291

Church Attendance for Maundy Thursday, March 28, 2024

Service	Attendance	Communion
11AM	44	39
7 PM	118	107
TOTAL	162	146

**Bible Class Attendance
 Week of March 24, 2024**

NA=not applicable; NR=not reported; C= cancelled

Little Lambs, Sunday	5
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	18
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	7
Sunday Adult Bible Class	65
BASICS/TLC	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	12
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	NA
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM	29
Midweek/Confirmation/HS	NA
20s&30s Thursday	NA

**Weekly Offerings:
 March 18-24, 2024**

General Fund	\$	13,320.35
Endowment	\$	0.00
Building Fund	\$	220.00
Missions Weekly	\$	215.00
Missions Total 2024 To Date	\$	5,139.44

Year to Date as of 2/29/2024

Income	\$	127,968.36
Expenses	\$	106,998.15
Surplus	\$	20,970.21

**H.O.P.E. FOOD MINISTRIES
 Weekly Totals: March 27, 2024**

Families: 70
 Individuals: 227

**Lutheran Education
 Tuition Assistance**

Holy Cross Lutheran Church supports families who desire a Lutheran Education. Students who, along with parent(s) or legal guardian(s), are members of Holy Cross are eligible for Tuition assistance. Students must be enrolled in grades K-12 at an LCMS Lutheran school in St. Charles County or in a Concordia University System (LCMS) higher education institution.



**Applications are in
 the Welcome
 Center and must be
 turned in by
 March 31.**

Please join us!
*Concordia Seminary
 Guild Luncheon*

Date: Friday, May 3, 2024

Program: Poetry Presentations: A Peek Into
 Seminary Homeschooling

Lisa Mudge, Wife of Provost Dr. Ron Mudge

11:30 a.m.: Registration in Koburg Hall

Noon: Lunch

Business Meeting: Installation of officers

Menu: Tuna salad or chicken salad on croissant, veggie tray, fruit salad, lemon meringue pie. Cost \$20 per person. RSVP deadline: April 19, 2024. Mail reservation with your check payable to Concordia Seminary Guild to: Mary Jane Autry, 2076 Henley Woods, Arnold, MO 63010

EASTER BREAKFAST: The Education and Youth Board invites you to join us downstairs in the gym between services for donuts and fellowship this morning.

EASTER LILIES Thank you to members who provided lilies for the altar at Easter. Thanks to our Easter lily contributors: Darlene Robirds, Judy Koprowski, Roger & Barb Grosch, Steve & Carla Cooper, Verna Tucker, Elaine Howard, John & Linda Jackson.

HOLY BAPTISM: Chloe Anne Marie Benigno was baptized at the Easter Vigil, March 30, 2024. She was born April 7, 2011. Her parents are Matt and LaDonna Benigno.



Stewardship Board will sponsor a SHINE Event on Sat., **April 20 from 9 to 11am**. It will be a stream clean trash pick-up in Cottleville. We will meet at church at 8:30am to hand out t-shirts and have some light breakfast options.

All ages are welcome! Trash bags

and some gloves will be provided, so if you have your own gloves, feel free to bring them! Location assignments for the trash pick-up will be coming from the City of Cottleville soon. Sign-up is available on the Welcome Center table until April 14. Email the Stewardship Board if you have any questions: stewardship@hcross.com

HOLY CROSS LADIES GUILD collects **food** and all types of **soap** for the Concordia Seminary Food Bank.

STAMP COLLECTION: The Holy Cross Ladies Guild collects canceled postage stamps which raise money for mission projects worldwide. Tear or cut stamps 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 outside the kitchen. Thanks!

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

LWML Missouri District Church Worker Study Grants

Grants are available for Seminary students and persons going into full-time professional Church work in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. The applicant must be a member of a congregation in the Missouri District of the LCMS for 12 months prior to filing an application. Applications are available online at www.missourilwml.org and must be **postmarked by April 15, 2024**, to qualify for the 2024-2025 school year. For more information contact Dawn Neil at lwmlmostudygrant@yahoo.com or call 5732489162.

HOPE MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY: Supplies needed for HOPE Food Pantry in March: **Dry Boxed Potatoes, Pasta Noodles, Tuna Helper, Assorted Canned Goods**. Be sure that canned goods have not expired. Put food items in bins under the Missions Board display in the Welcome Center.

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

PORTALS OF PRAYER for April-June are available on the Welcome Center table.

CALLING AN ASSISTANT PASTOR: Pray that God's will might be accomplished through the work of all involved: the placement directors, the Council of Presidents, all candidates receiving their initial calls, and the ministry at Holy Cross.

CALL DAY IS COMING SOON! A Call Day Watch Party is planned on **April 23 from 6PM** to the end of the service. Not only will we be watching to see if an Associate Pastor is coming our way, but also we will want to see where our field workers of the last four years, Vincent Otto and Owen Duncan, will be sent to start their ministries. Watch the live-stream event from the Seminary in our pavilion, weather permitting. We will also be providing food and drink! Please see the **sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center table** to indicate your interest.

MISSION BOARD is focusing its efforts on Lutheran Family & Children's Services (LFCS) until April. The goal is to reach \$10,000 to purchase hundreds of backpacks for youth in need as well as providing additional funds to be used for other projects with LFCS.

Grow Your Own Food and Feed Others Faith: The Holy Cross Community Garden is getting ready for another year. You can get a 12 ft. by 10 ft. plot to grow your own fresh vegetables. We have added fall compost and will have your plot tilled and ready for planting this spring. You may plant anything you like. You are responsible for planting, weeding, watering, harvesting your plot. If you are interested in a plot, please contact David Schlesselman at 636-578-1766 or daschlesselman@gmail.com. Cost of a plot is \$20.

QUILTING FELLOWSHIP, April 6, 10AM to 2PM.

This group emphasizes fellowship and encourages people to bring that project sitting in the closet waiting for completion (crochet, knitting, quilting, painting, sewing, jewelry making). You bring it, and let us be inspired. Along with the benefits of completion and inspiration, gain help where needed, enjoy new friendships, and network with members of our church. **Sign up in the Welcome Center**, or just show up on April 6. Lunch will be served. Stop in and check us out. Contact: Cynthia Menscher, 636.639.5188

CAMPING EVENT: The Board of Stewardship is sponsoring a congregational campout on **April 26-27, 2024**, on the church's back lot. All types of camping are welcome from tents to motor homes. Come and enjoy fellowship around a campfire with s'mores, camp songs, games and more. The event will begin Friday afternoon and end Saturday mid-afternoon. We will be enjoying Friday dinner together and Saturday breakfast and lunch. If you are interested, please **sign up on the sheet in the Welcome Center table**. More detailed information will be available soon. Contact: Karen Belter, kbelter55@gmail.com or call/text: 636-357-0002.

Holy Cross Buy/Sell Facebook Group Now Available

A new Facebook group for Holy Cross members is for member-to-member selling of large goods (not household rummage sale items) as a Stewardship Board fundraiser supporting ministries of Holy Cross. Selling members selling are encouraged to donate a minimum of 10% of the sell price to Holy Cross Stewardship Board. For questions, email stewardship@hcross.com

Cradle Role Presents
HAPPIEST TODDLER ON THE BLOCK

Parenting Class for 0-4 yr olds
 Room 6
 Through the month of April
 Sundays 9:30-10:30am
 RSVP March 24
 Melanie Dafler
 630-338-3473

4 Family Life:
 How to have tough conversations with your kids.

April 14 12:30-2:00 pm
 Free Lunch and Childcare
 RSVPs due April 7

Scan to register

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL
 2024-2025 Enrollment and Registration

2024-2025 TUITION STRUCTURE
 ABOUT OUR PROGRAM
 2024-2025 ENROLLMENT FORM

We hope to hear from you soon!

LUTHERAN HIGH NEWS:

LHS Spring Musical: Disney's *Beauty & the Beast*, April 11-13 at 7PM. Adults, \$8; students, \$5. Visit the link to purchase general admission tickets: <https://bit.ly/LHSBeautyGeneral>.

LHS Summer Camp Registration is now open! Visit our link to view the full schedule & register! <https://lutheranhighstcharles.com/athletics/summer-camps/>

TEACHERS NEEDED: Lutheran High School is currently seeking a full-time biology teacher and a full-time math teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Interested applicants should send a Letter of Interest and resume by April 1 to Dr. Jon Bernhardt, Principal.

ROBOTEERS: Last week at the St. Louis FRC Regional, the Lutheran Roboteers ranked ninth out of 46 teams at the end of qualifications, formed the 6th seed alliance as alliance captain and ended in 3rd place. Team 4329 once again won the Regional Engineering Inspiration Award. This earns an invitation to the FIRST Championship in Houston with the registration fee of \$5.7K paid by NASA. They will be completing plans already in motion for a trip to Houston, Tues., April 16 to Sat., April 20 (into the morning of April 21) with the Lutheran Roboteers.

GOLF: The LHS Annual Golf Outing is Sat., Aug. 10 at The Falls. Early Bird Registration opens April 15.

3 yr olds and potty trained to entering 5th grade

SCUBA
 diving into friendship with God

VBS June 17-21
 Family Dinner 5:30-6:30 pm
 VBS 6:30-8 pm

Registration is open!

Register by May 31 and get a FREE themed t-shirt
 To register, volunteer or donate, visit hcross.com/vbs

diving for sunken **TREASURE**
 your trash is our treasure.
 please place any of the items listed below in the treasure chest.

- plastic bottles (any size or color)
- pool noodles
- egg cartons
- ribbon (any)
- cardboard tubes (all sizes)
- artificial flowers/plants
- mesh loofa sponges (OK if they are torn)
- large boxes
- plastic bowls (all sizes)
- pipe cleaners
- bright colored spray paints
- cupcake liners
- large sheets of foam, cardboard, or posterboard
- colored straws
- foam balls (all sizes)
- packing peanuts
- wood skewers
- coffee filters
- construction and tissue paper (all colors)
- netting, tulle, etc. (all types and colors)
- large round & deep clear plastic lids (such as bakery cake lids)

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