

Caring for a New Pastor

Holy Cross will have a new pastor in the future! With Call Day behind us, it is most appropriate to share some information about how our congregation can be specific in showing its care and support for him and his family as he serves here.

Pastors need to be cared for and supported in a variety of ways. Our church body, the LCMS, has devoted a series of websites and articles to this topic at [lcms.org/wellness](https://www.lcms.org/wellness). On its main web page, it breaks down the health and wellness of a pastor into several categories. At the center of all wellness is the reality of baptism, that church workers (as well as all Christians, of course) are a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17) through what God has done in baptism (see Romans 6).

LCMS suggests seven other areas of wellness for pastors and church workers on their "wellness wheel." I would like to briefly describe each of them with some examples of how you can help share your care and support for our new pastor (and your other church workers too!).



- **Relational well-being:** This aspect is related to how a pastor makes friends, how he gets along with other people on a personal level, and how he works in the team ministry setting. Consider asking our new pastor if he is familiar with the St. Louis area or knows anyone in the area. After he has been here for some time, you could also ask him what it is like to work with the rest of the Holy Cross staff.

- **Emotional well-being:** Sometimes ministry can be challenging as church workers minister to families affected by death, loss, and other tragic situations. Sometimes the emotions of these situations can overflow (even if just a fraction) to church workers themselves, so it is good for church workers to manage these emotions in a healthy way. Plus, church workers are not immune to dealing with loss directly in their own lives. As our new pastor gets settled in, if there is a stretch in which there are many funerals or prayer requests, consider reaching out and asking, how are YOU doing? Or you could ask what our new pastor does to unwind after a stressful and emotional day as pastor.

- **Physical well-being:** If a church worker is not fully healthy, it can hurt the ministry. Church workers should maintain a wholesome diet, regular exercise, and good lifestyle choices. Ask our new pastor what he likes to do for exercise or what some of his favorite home-cooked foods are to get the conversation started.

- **Vocational well-being:** Sometimes church workers can feel as if they are lone rangers, serving and working on their

own as one person versus the world. However, such an attitude can quickly lead to burnout. Church workers need to network with fellow workers and establish a rapport with secular and charitable working professionals (e.g. Christian counselors, non-profit groups, and organizations). Attending regular circuit meetings and district conferences is very important. For the most part, I (Pastor Gimbel) and the Elders will tend to this, but feel free to ask our new pastor how his conferences went once he returns.

- **Financial well-being:** Many church workers see their careers and service as labors of love. Sometimes that may mean the financial picture can be more challenging for them than if they had a job not in church work. I know many church worker friends

who have struggled for years with educational debt and health care costs (to name a few). I encourage that conversations about potentially sensitive issues of finances to be left to the Elders, to the Called Worker Support Team (CWST), and to me. However, you can still show support through financial gifts from time to time. If a church worker is struggling in this aspect, even a small financial gift might have a bigger impact than you might realize.

- **Intellectual well-being:** There are always new things to be learned in any field or profession, and ministry is no different. Church workers must continue to learn and be aware of educational resources, books, conferences, and many other things for them to keep their proverbial swords sharp. Ask our new pastor what he has been learning or studying as a pastor.

- **Spiritual well-being:** This aspect might be the most important. It might seem paradoxical, but even though I am in the Bible preparing for sermons, Bible classes, and many other things, those things don't help me on a personal spiritual level. (Perhaps think of it as "brain faith"). To be spiritually healthy, I need a devotional time in God's Word that is separate and distinct from anything I am doing professionally as a pastor. (Perhaps think of this as "heart faith"). Both aspects are essential for a healthy ministry. Ask our new pastor what he does for his devotional routine, or even ask him for some things he has used that he can recommend to you.

Thank you in advance for your help and support in caring for our new pastor! ~ Pastor Gimbel

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How bittersweet to be typing up the last Koinonia of our school year 2023-2024! These kids have grown exponentially and are oh so smart!

Our four-year-olds can write their first names, use scissors, spell their first and last names, and some even know their address. They can use glue, skip and hop, and use their manners at school. Their kindergarten teachers are SO LUCKY!


Lately, we have been doing lots of interactive play. We have been learning about dinosaurs, birds, bugs, and preparing for Dad's Day. We even get to sing with Mr. Gilson once more at our end of year party.

We have been loving the nice weather, playing outside, and spending our last month together. How exciting is it that we get to head to a new school with big kids soon! We can't wait to have our loving 3-year-olds back! Here's to summer time!





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2024-2025 Enrollment and Registration



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Monthly Music Minute for May 2024

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

May 26 is Trinity Sunday, one of my favorite weeks of the year for hymnody. On this day we get to sing beloved, bold proclamations of faith such as "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" and "Holy, Holy, Holy." How appropriate it is that we sing boldly on a day where we confess a fundamental truth of who our God is, in trinity and in unity.

One lesser-known but equally bold hymn that we will sing on Trinity Sunday is LSB 604, "I Bind unto Myself Today." This hymn is based on a prayer by St. Patrick, the missionary to Ireland from the 5th-6th century. The prayer itself is known as "St. Patrick's Breastplate." I love this name for the prayer, because it echoes the language of Paul's "Armor of God" passage in Ephesians 6. The first verse reads like this:

*I bind unto myself today
The strong name of the Trinity
By invocation of the same,
The Three in One and One in Three!*

Did your mind go to baptism when you read that text? I hope it did. It is in baptism that we are marked with the Trinity. That is why every church service begins with the invocation - in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Our armor, our breastplate, our sure defense against all evils is marked on our head in our baptism, where we are bound to Christ, buried with Him into death that we might be raised with Him, as Paul writes in Romans 6.

St. Patrick's original prayer, 11 lengthy stanzas, is a bit too long to practically be one hymn, and so our hymnal only uses five of these stanzas as its text. Most of these five stanzas begin the same way: "I bind

unto myself." In this hymn we put on our armor, our shield, our confidence. The second stanza binds us to the story of Jesus' ministry. The third binds us to God's hand in and plan for our lives. The fourth binds us to God in times of temptation, and the fifth binds us to Him in eternal praise.

To some degree, it is a shame that all 11 of the original stanzas aren't included, because one of the greatest expressions of faith I have seen in a poem is the eighth stanza, which is not included in the hymn:

*Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*


On Confirmation Sunday, May 5, the choir will sing a setting of this stanza. This text is a prayer for Christ to be ever-present - and Christ fulfills that promise, as He so reminded us on the mountain at His ascension: "Surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age." This prayer will serve as encouragement to our confirmands, but also as a reminder to everyone in the pews that day that Jesus is our be-all, our end-all, our complete and utter salvation, our Prophet, our Priest, and our King. We need not fear any evil, because anywhere we look, at any stage of our life, in good and in bad, we have Christ on our side, and we can take great comfort that we are bound to Him forever. - David Gilson



Ascension Day Service

Thurs., May 9, 7PM

- ◇ Easter Hymn Sing
- ◇ Holy Communion
- ◇ Live streamed service
- ◇ Ice Cream Social after



Holy Cross will open its Sanctuary
from 6AM to 6PM on May 2, 2024
for National Day of Prayer. Elders will greet you.

MISSION BOARD: Reaching out to the Community

Mission Board sponsored a Mental Health First Aid training course on April 13. Twelve members of Holy Cross attended the six-hour course and walked out as certified Mental Health First Aiders.

Some topics were mental health, substance abuse, suicide, and self-care. Trainees learned how to assess risk situations, listen non-judgmentally, and to encourage youth to seek professional help if necessary.

The group engaged in several scenarios to practice their skills of assessment and what next steps to take.

It was a great day full of discussion and learning!



The Mission Board is open to offering this training course again in the future to train more Mental Health First Aiders.

The first class trained as Mental Health First Aiders are (from left): Don Wischmeyer, David Schlesselman, Darlene Wischmeyer, Darren and Brenda Marhanka, Liz Belter, Trudy Belter, Dianne Anderson, Sherry Piazza, Vickie Glasstetter, Brian Belter, and Mike Kahler.

Car Show Benefit & More at LHSSC

Mission Board would like to highlight a special opportunity. On June 8, Lutheran High School of St. Charles County is holding a benefit for a very special young member of the LCMS community.

Freyja Amber Bax, a baptized member of Zion Harvester, was born Feb. 25, 2023, with a very rare syndrome called Haddad's Syndrome. As a result, Freyja will need 24-hour care and extensive medical care indefinitely.

Lutheran High and Lutherans for Life St. Charles are reaching out for assistance in helping raise the funds needed for Freyja to come home.

Along with the car show, there will be food, a bake sale, baskets to be raffled, vendors, and the opportunity for monetary donations. They are seeking donations of bottled water (16.9 oz), pre-packaged baked goods, and snack items to be sold at the car show.

If you wish to support this endeavor with donations or have any questions please contact:
 Christina Locke: eclocke@live.com or 636-485-1631
 Delores Desemone, Volunteer Coordinator:
 636-447-3133 or ddesemone@gmail.com
 Shawnda Burnham: Shawndab@hotmail.com

The Freyja Amber Bax Benefit

At the Lutheran High School in St. Charles

All years, makes & model cars, and motorcycles welcome.

Car Show

• SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024 •

(Rain date Saturday, June 15th)

The proceeds help offset medical bills, and medical equipment needed to provide Freyja with the best opportunity for a full life.

Check-in (registration for judging)
8:30 am - 10:30 am
Judging: 11:45 am - 1:30 pm
Awards: 2:15 pm

Haddad syndrome
Haddad syndrome (HS) is a very rare disease considered a form of neurocristopathy. It is characterized by a combination of congenital central hypoventilation syndrome (CCHS) and Hirschsprung's disease (HD).

About 15-20% of patients with CCHS are known also to have Hirschsprung's disease (aganglionic megacolon), an extremely rare combination (less than 1 in 1,000,000 live births) termed Haddad syndrome by some.

SCAN TO LEARN MORE

SCAN FOR MORE DETAILS!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS AND SPONSORS!

SCAN TO SIGN UP OR VOLUNTEER!

Mission Focus on CFNA begins in May

Starting in May, the Mission Board will shift its support and focus to Christian Friends of New Americans (CFNA). Continuing with its theme of **Orphans, Widows, and Sojourners**, Mission Board will highlight sojourners from May through August.



A **guest preacher** from CFNA will share God's word with us during the **Ascension Day Service on Thurs., May 9, at 7PM.**

A special note that **all general offerings given during that service will go towards supporting CFNA.**

Congregants will also be invited to an **Ice Cream Social following the service** to engage in fellowship and learn about the organization.

Fresh Food for Seminary Families

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 in May:

Assorted Canned Goods, Pasta Noodles, Tuna or Hamburger Helper, Pancake Syrup

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

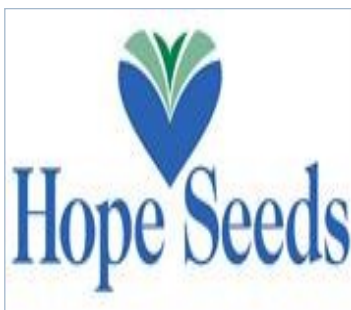
Quilting Fellowship

May 11, 9AM 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 others 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 **May 11.** Lunch will be served. Stop in and check us out. Contact: Cynthia Menscher, 636.639.5188



Come!
Join us for
HOPE Seeds
on Thurs., May 2
in the gym,
9AM-Noon



Seed packages are packed for those in need around the world.

It's easy to do
— and the more the merrier!
Fellowship is an easy by-product!

Sponsored by Holy Cross Stewardship Board.

Holy Cross Buy/Sell Facebook Group

There is a new Facebook group for Holy Cross members.

This group is for member-to-member selling of large goods (not household rummage sale items) as a Stewardship Board fundraiser supporting ministries of Holy Cross.

Members selling are encouraged to donate a minimum of 10% of the sell price to the Holy Cross Stewardship Board.

Check it out and join this new group today. If you have any questions, please email stewardship@hcross.com or speak with any Stewardship Board member.

SERVE
THE LORD
WITH GLADNESS



Children and Youth are invited to serve as ushers, greeters, and readers for the Graduation Recognition (5/19) at both Sunday services.

This is a first come, first serve for any age.



RSVP

Usher - Ralph Erickson
(314) 249-7136

Greeter - David Schlesselman
(636) 578-1766

Reader - Rob Paoletti
elders@hcross.com



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: Fri., May 10, 10AM

Grace Evening Guild: Tues., May 14, 6PM

Holy Cross Hosts Seminary Luncheon

Several members of the Holy Cross Ladies Guild attended the Seminary Guild meeting at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis in March. It was Ladies Guild's turn to hostess the meeting, and the ladies attending did a great job! The theme was St. Patrick's Day, and centerpieces and decorations were prepared by Sue Williams. Members who attended include Sue Williams, Christel Hundt, Adrienne Brewster, and Elma Jane Kramer.

Grace Guild: Resurrection Eggs & Gift Bags

Grace Evening Guild has been busy for the last two months creating sets of Resurrection Eggs for the Preschoolers and assembling gift bags for Holy Cross shut-ins.

At their March meeting, members decorated egg cartons and filled them with plastic eggs that helped tell the Easter story. Tucked inside each egg carton was a small booklet that explained the contents of each plastic egg. For example, a palm leaf represented Palm Sunday; however, the twelfth egg was empty which represented the empty tomb of Easter to show Jesus' resurrection.

The resurrection eggs were introduced to the preschoolers during their chapel time prior to Holy Week, and they got to take a set home.

In April, Grace Guild continued its tradition of making bags of goodies for shut-ins. Each person brought in a different treat and bags were assembled. Members chose one or two bags to deliver. This outreach shows our shut-in members that they are not forgotten and provides a reason to visit for awhile.

At their May meeting, Grace Guild will finalize a ballot for new officers and plans for their annual dinner out in June.

LADIES GUILD QUILTERS meet **9AM, Tues., May 14,** in the gym to piece and sew quilt tops.

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



DIAPER DRIVE for SEMINARY FAMILIES

Grace Evening Guild sponsors its **Annual Diaper Drive** starting Mother's Day, May 11-12, until Father's Day, June 16. A porta-crib will be in the Welcome Center for diapers to be placed. Diapers will be given to Seminary families. Varying diaper sizes and unscented wipes are most welcome!



Flower & Plant Sale Pickup Times

Mark your calendar now and plan to pick up the flowers and plants that were ordered from the Ladies Guild Flower and Plant Sale. Pick up dates are **Saturday, May 4, and Sunday, May 5, before and after worship services.** Thank you for your support!

If you purchased Cash Cultivator gift certificates from the Ladies Guild Flower and Plant Sale, remember that Ladies Guild receives an extra percentage if you redeem them at Parkview Gardens between April 15 and May 15. Thanks for your support!

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

CONCORDIA SEMINARY FOOD BANK

The Holy Cross Ladies Guild collects soap products of all kinds as well as non-perishable food items for the Concordia Seminary Food Bank. Members of Ladies Guild will be traveling to the Seminary for the Seminary Guild meeting on Fri., May 3. If you have items for the Seminary food bank, plan to deposit them in the container in the Welcome Center under the LWML table before May 3.

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.

Voters Assembly Meeting MAY 19



Sunday, May 19, 2024, at Noon

Agenda:

1. Treasurer's Report
2. Council Updates
3. Council Reports

Food: A meal of pizza, salad, and cookies will be served before the meeting.

Attendance: Attendance is taken with a signature of members and guests. If a member is not able to attend, contact Council Secretary Barb Grosch (councilsecretary@hcross.com) or contact church office for an excused absence. Members with 3 unexcused absences may not be eligible to vote.

New members: Church membership is not equivalent to voting membership. Contact your Elder if you want to become a Voting member of Holy Cross, or sign-in as a visitor with the Council Secretary on the day of the meeting. You can attend this meeting and be accepted as a voting member for the November meeting. Toward the end of the business meeting, an elder will announce you and others wishing to join the Assembly, a vote will be taken, and then you sign the Constitution afterwards. You will receive a copy of the Constitution and By-laws if you do not already have one.

May 15

ICE CREAM PARTY



PreK - 12th Grade

6:30-7:30 PM

*Graduation
Recognition*

MAY 18 & 19

Writes ups and pictures must be turned in by
May 1st to Joyce at secretary@hcross.com



May 31, 2024

6 PM - 6 AM

Incoming 6th to

2024 Graduates

Chaperons Needed

Contact

Jennifer Reed at

longnoseboys@gmail.com

RSVP by May 24

Boys bring Drinks
Girls bring Snacks
Everyone bring \$10
and a Friend

Lock-in

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**ROCKIN
JUMP**



THE ULTIMATE TRAMPOLINE PARK

**SUMMER
YOUTH NIGHTS**

Rising 6th graders to
2024 HS graduates

Every Wednesday, 6:45-8 pm

From May 22 - August 7

**Expect fun, fellowship, and
God's Word.**

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

Give hope this spring.
Give blood.

Blood Drive
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Gym
8945 Veterans Memorial Parkway
O Fallon, MO 63366

Thursday, May 16, 2024
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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

Race to give April 29-May 19 and get a coupon for free haircut by email, thanks to Sport Clips Haircuts! Plus, chance to win a VIP NASCAR experience to the 2024 NASCAR Cup Series & Xfinity Races at Darlington Raceway. PLUS, get a bonus \$10 e-gift card, when you come to give at that time. rcblood.org/win

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

Tracts to Share



Tracts for you or to share with others: Here are just three of the many tracts available on our tract rack in the Welcome Center next to the elevator. Check them out for either yourself or a spiritual help for a friend or neighbor.

He Did This Just for You: This small book by Max Lucado contains three short scenarios which will help the reader realize that everything Jesus did was just for you. It will deepen your faith or might just be the spark a friend or neighbor needs to get their flame of faith growing.

Do You Know Who Jesus Is? This illustrated and rhyming children's book is an excellent way to share Jesus with a child. This might be your own children, grandchildren, or great grandchildren. Or it might be a neighbor or friend. Our Preschool Director gives a copy to each preschool family on the home visit. We all need Jesus!

Helping Your Child Grow Through Faith Conversations: This small booklet explores how parents can use five of Jesus's methods to discuss faith topics with their children. It also answers the practical question of when and where to have these conversations. Pick one up to use with your family or share with a friend.

GARDENING DEMONSTRATIONS, May 4
Stewardship Master Gardeners will demonstrate making three types of gardens: 1) Lasagna Garden; 2) Square Foot Garden; and 3) Straw Bale Garden. These allow you to see how to grow vegetables in a space the size of a flower bed that requires **no** digging, **no** tilling & **no** weeding. From 2-3PM and 4-5PM on May 4, quick demos will be outside the entrance to the Ladies Guild Flower Sale pickup area.

May 2024

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Calendar of Events

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		
29	APRIL	8AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour 10:45AM Holy Communion	9:30AM TOPS 11AM Line Dancing 6:30PM Handbells	31	9AM Preschool Chapel 10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meeting	1	MAY	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	2	6AM TO 6PM: National Day of Prayer — Sanctuary (Elders) 8AM News & Notes Deadline 9AM HOPE Seeds (GYM) 6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Class	3		4	Before & After Service: Ladies Guild Flower Order Pickup (gym) & Master Gardeners (Stewardship): 3PM Holy Communion
5		Before & After Service: Ladies Guild Flower Order Pickup (gym) 8AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour 10:45AM Holy Communion + Confirmation 1:30PM Board of Elders	9:30 AM TOPS 11AM Line Dancing 6:30PM Handbells	7	10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meetings	8	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	9	8AM News & Notes Deadline Circuit Meetings 1PM Ken Goodwin Memorial Service 7PM Ascension Service with Easter Hymn Sing and Holy Communion	10	10AM Ladies Guild	11	10AM TO 2PM: Quilting Fellowship (gym) 3PM Holy Communion	
12	MOTHER'S DAY	Diaper Drive Begins 8 AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour 10:45AM Holy Communion	9:30 AM TOPS (Rm1-2) 11AM Line Dance 1:15PM Quilt setup 6PM Church Boards 6:30PM Handbells 7:30PM Church Council	14	9AM Preschool Chapel 9AM Quilting 10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meetings 6PM Grace Guild 6:30PM Adult Bible Class	15	9AM/1PM Preschool Chapel 9:30AM Adult Bible Class 6:30PM End of Year — Midweek Ice Cream Celebration	16	8AM News & Notes Deadline 10AM –3PM: American Red Cross Blood Drive (gym) 6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Class	17	KOINONIA DEADLINE	18	3PM Worship Service	
19		Graduation Recognition 8 AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour + Midweek Teacher 10:45AM Holy Communion Noon Voters Assembly	KOINONIA MAILING 9:30 AM TOPS 11AM Line Dancing	21	9AM Preschool Chapel 10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meeting	22	9:30AM Adult Bible Class 6:30PM Parent Confirmation Meeting 6:45PM Youth Night	23	8AM News & Notes Deadline 6PM: Preschool — End-of-Year Celebration 6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Class	24	KOINONIA PRODUCTION	25	3PM Holy Communion	
26		8 AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour 10:45AM Holy Communion	Memorial Day CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	28	10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Adult Bible Class	29	9:30AM Adult Bible Class 6:45PM Youth Night	30	8AM News & Notes Deadline 6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Class	31	6AM-6PM Youth Rockin Jump & Lockin	1	JUNE	
													5PM Holy Communion	

May Celebrations & Transitions

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| <p>1: Jennifer Frasch, Madison Lott, Orion Melton, Karl Schnoor
 2: Logan Day, Debra Herr
 3: Eric Lacey, Magdalene Smith
 4: Marge Biermann, Trenton Kreyling
 5: Sarah Black, Thomas Elick, Jacob Estes, Leonidas Franklin, Michael McKinney, Anna Wacker, Gary Ziolk
 6: Nicholas Chiodini, Anita Rattner
 7: Lauren Claxton, Anetta Duncan, Reagan Gibbs, David Johnson, Darlyne Leapley, Bruce Richardson
 8: Donna Kempf, Taylor Schneider, Ruth Sevick (100!)
 9: Dustin Mueller
 10: Ethan Schuler, Kason Smith
 11: Chuck Kincaid, Jason Klootwyk, Debbie Martens
 12: Madelyn Jennings, Daniel Johnson, Darlene Robirds
 13: Byron Alton, Steven Estes, Carolyn Gasaway, Barb Grosch
 14: Melissa Eaton, Sue Williams</p> | <p>15: Dawn Kahler
 16: Cathy Estes, Anna Stiffler
 17: Conner Walkenhorst
 18: Cory Cross, Sophia Frerichs, Al Ketsenburg
 19: Debi Kiely
 20: Millie Bisesi, Eric Christiansen, Josie Jones, Jeff Landgraf, Sue McCann, JoAnn Pickens,
 21: Savannah Berjer, Douglas Cunningham, Randy Jones, Stacey Sweeso
 22: Cathy Poindexter, Charity Smith, Sarah Smith, Alexis Taylor, Miles Van Wave
 23: Don Tabor, Nancy Tabor
 24: Ashley Cameron, Linda Jackson
 25: Gail Hardebeck
 27: Neil W. McDaniel (90)
 28: William Beck, Michael Hanna
 29: Jackie Polashek
 30: Darren Marhanka, Mary Sampl
 31: Rob Dawdy Jr., Lucille Ellis, Brenda Wardenburg</p> |
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Birthdays

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| <p>1: Kathy Hunter
 3: Bob Brueggeman, Mia Frerichs
 5: Carolyn Delohi, Sarah Langley
 6: Spencer Dunajcik
 7: Christine Mueller
 8: Ruth Sevick
 9: Collien Beyer, Heather Koepke
 10: Luke Gaglio, Betty Lee
 11: Jacob Cooper
 12: Megan Gaglio
 13: Katherine Wiese
 15: Bob Delohi</p> | <p>16: Barbara Benigno, Landon Henningfeld
 19: Jamie Estes
 20: Tristan Claxton, Thomas Elick, Rob Paoletti
 21: Andi Stover, Audrey Stover
 23: Callie Jones, Steven Macke
 24: Joy Adams, Marge Biermann
 27: Becky Coomer, Skylar Spearman
 28: John Bertram, Courtney Buehne
 29: Adrienne Blackwell
 30: Gary Ziolk
 31: Donna Kempf</p> |
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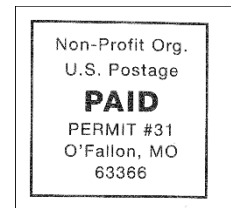
Baptism Anniversaries

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| <p>10: Randy & Denise Sagez [44]
 11: Bob & Connie Ryan [22]
 14: Darlene & Ro Robirds [36]
 17: Brad & Jen Henningfeld [10]
 18: Sherian & Theodore Duello [56]
 21: Gary & Tracey Schuler [30]
 22: Jason & Jennifer Klootwyk [25]
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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: Tuesdays at 10AM, Rms 1&2

Adult Bible Class: Tuesdays, March 12, March 26, 6:30PM, RMs 1&2

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study: April 10, 6:30AM, RMs 1&2

Adult Bible Class: Wednesdays at 9:30 AM, GYM

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.