



Our Mission:
With the help of God,
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
grows disciples
and transforms hearts
for Christ.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
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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 Third Sunday of Easter News & Notes for April 13-14, 2024

WELCOME TO EVERYONE joining us for worship today.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Submit prayer requests by filling out a prayer card and putting it in the offering basket, or by calling or emailing the church office. Confidential prayer requests are shared with the Pastor but not published.

Please take time today to review the prayer lists. Let us know if prayers may have been answered so our lists remain updated. Thanks.

WE PRAY for our members: John Anderson; Dennis Benassi; Barbara Benigno; Marie Benigno; Paul Bertram; Mary Kay Bethke; George Beyer; Kacey Booth; James Boyd; Nancy Caldwell; Jenny Conrad; Mike Dawdy; Kathleen Day; Shirley Day; Bob & Carolyn Delohi; Edna Deubel; Brenda Duncan; Renea Erickson; Rich Franzer; Peggy Gallagher; Connie Gamache; Phyllis Gronewald; Mike Hanna; Karen Heckman; Norma Helms; Marie & Vernon Herrington; Al Ketsenburg; Ron Kettler; Deborah Kiely; Debra Korte; Jim Kramer; Bob Kunz; Joyce Lang; Betty Lee; Terry McCann; Neil W. McDaniel; Dottie Nagel; Donna Nordmeyer; Bill Price; Ron Rutledge; Jim Salarano; Carol Santoyo; Vita Sayers; Winnie Thornton; Larry Williams; Ernestine Wilson.

WE PRAY for our family and friends:

Milton Alton (Byron & Elaine Alton)
Rachel Butkovich (Tom & Sue Haywood)
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 (frequent visitor)
Lowell Duncan (Don Duncan)
Abril (Rachel Evans)
Sandra Fleak (Becky Edgar)
Jim Fowler (Lovisa Davison)
Patty Gunnufson (Chris Price)
Sharon Hesse (Barb Krieger)
Jan Hilton (Zeita Reed)
Marcia Hoemann (Mark Hoemann)
Lois Jobe (Jan Flentke)
Jeff Johns (Denice Johns)
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)
Sarah Nichols (Brenda Marhanka)
Paul Palombi (Diane Palombi)
Virginia Pendley (Shawn Huber)
Rosemary Schreiber (Peggy Gallagher)
Jennifer Schueddig (Wayne Wiese)
Sara Shroth (choir accompanist)
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)
Abigail Chavez, Lindsay Jaco, Penelope
(P.K.) Karrenbrock (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 (Betty Lee)
Pat McCarty, Serena Whiteside
~ (Orion Melton)
Marsha Brown, Tim Colvert
~ (Neil & Cynthia Menscher)
David Oshia, Chase Russell, Carol Sills
~ (Barb Parson)
Allan Miller, Loyce Sagez
~ (Randy & Denice Sagez)
Amy Mueller, Larry Schenk (Carol Santoyo)
Blake Schmalzer, Susan
~ (Rebecca Schmalzer)
Charlotte Gaines; Nisseem, Daniel
(Sandra Semler)
Sue Adams, Dennis Tracy
~ (Bonnie Walkenhorst)
Rosemarie & Steve Opp (Bob Williams)

Holy Cross Weekly Calendar

Saturday, April 13 2024

9AM TO 4:30PM (GYM) — (MISSIONS BOARD)
 ~ Mental Health First Aid Training
 3PM Holy Communion

Sunday, April 14, 2024

8AM Holy Communion
 9:30AM Education Hour
 + Confirmation Parent Check-in
 + Cradle Roll~Happiest Toddler on the Block
 10:45AM Holy Communion
 12:30PM 4 Family Life

Monday, April 15, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
 APRIL KOINOINIA ITEMS DUE!!
 9:30AM TOPS
 10AM Quilt Setup
 11AM Line Dancers
 6:30PM Handbells
 6:30-8PM LHS/LCEF Alignment (gym)

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11AM
 9AM Preschool Chapel
 10AM Women's Bible Study
 10AM Quilting (gym)
 12:30PM Staff Meefings
 7PM Bylaw Committee

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
 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 18, 2024

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

Friday, April 19, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON, 1 TO 5PM
Koinonia Production for May

Saturday, April 20, 2024

9AM TO 11AM — SHINE Event
 3PM Holy Communion
 5PM Holy Baptism

Sunday, April 21, 2024

8AM Holy Communion
 9:30AM Education Hour
 + Midweek Teacher Training
 10:45AM Holy Communion

Together We Serve—USHERS: Please sign up at the Information Table in the Welcome Center or at www.hcross.com/usher for services at least one weekend ahead of time.

Church Attendance for April 6-7, 2024

Service	Attendance	Communion
SAT., 3PM	45	43
SUN., 8AM	100	85
SUN., 10:45AM	112	97
TOTAL	257	225

**Bible Class Attendance
 Week of April 7, 2024**

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	6
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	12
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	1
Sunday Adult Bible Class	54
BASICS/TLC	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	11
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	5
Men's Breakfast & Bible	10
Wednesday AM	25
Midweek/Confirmation/HS	48
20s&30s Thursday	10

**Weekly Offerings:
 April 1-7, 2024**

General Fund	\$	18,014.60
Endowment	\$	50.00
Building Fund	\$	165.00
Missions Weekly	\$	388.25
Missions Total 2024 To Date	\$	5,864.89
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: April 10, 2024
 Families: 80
 Individuals: 249

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

You are all cordially invited

We have been blessed to have Seminarians Owen Duncan and Vince Otto with us these past few years. They have been a great help to Pastor Gimbel and an inspiration to us all!

However, their time with us is ending as they accept their first Calls and move to their new congregations.

The Called Workers Support Team will sponsor a Send-Off Reception on **Sun., April 28, at 9:30AM** (between the Sunday services) in the gym. Sign up in the Welcome Center starting this weekend, April 13-14. If you cannot attend the reception, the mailbox will be set in the Welcome Center for cards, notes, and well wishes.

If anyone would like to donate a coffee cake, muffins, scones or other breakfast goodies, a sign-up sheet should be available this weekend as well.

Please mark your calendars for April 28, and plan to join us!



The SHINE Event sponsored by the Stewardship Board is on Sat., **April 20 from 9 to 11AM**. The stream clean trash pick-up will be in Cottleville. 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; if you have your own gloves, please use them. Location assignments 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 for any questions: stewardship@hcross.com

CHECK OUT OUR CONCORDIA SEMINARIES: Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO, and Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind., invite you to stop by their joint Welcome Center table display on April 28. Please pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His harvest fields. Remember to stop by the table on your way home to grab a small gift and some information about the seminaries' 100% tuition guarantee for residential Master of Divinity and Diaconess Studies students. Also, you can register for a chance to win a pair of free Apple AirPods (3rd Generation) by submitting a brief entry form so they may invite you to future campus events!

On 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, quick demos will be set outside the entrance to the Ladies Guild Flower Sale pickup area.

Family and Friends of Lutheran High,

Thank you so much for your support of LHS and your engagement in the strategic ministry design process. We received more than 750 responses to the ministry survey which is an incredible representation of your perspectives!

The next step of our process is to hear directly from you through a Vision Event. We've selected several dates and different locations to allow you to participate. An LCEF facilitator will lead conversations and visioning activities in this first event next week:

Monday, April 15 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6PM
In the Church Fellowship Hall (Gym)
8945 Veterans Memorial Parkway, O'Fallon, MO 63366

I'd love to see you! We will have other opportunities in the next several weeks. Please note, the representatives from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund will lead the 90-minute session; we will offer light refreshments/dinner and childcare will be provided, as needed.

Additionally, should you have any questions, please reach out to me anytime. I look forward to working with you as we prayerfully explore God's vision for our school.

Grow + Serve } In Christ,
Dr. Doug Kuhlmann, MBA
DKuhlmann@lhssc.org
(314) 497-3014

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. *Halfway to goal!*

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**. Contact: Karen Belter, kbelter55@gmail.com or call/text: 636-357-0002.

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.

LUTHERAN HIGH NEWS:

PICKLEBALL Come play Pickleball! Support the LHS Softball team on Sun., May 5, at Chicken N Pickle! Register your team at this link: <https://bit.ly/LHSSoftballPickleball>

LUTHERAN ROBOTERS ranked 9 out of 46 teams at the end of qualifications at the St. Louis FRC Regional. They formed the 6th seed alliance as alliance captain and ended in third place! Team 4329 won the Regional Engineering Inspiration Award, which earns an invitation to the FIRST Championship in Houston with the registration fee of \$5.7K paid by NASA. They are heading to Houston next week to compete in World's.

LHS is a 2024 Support Music Award Winner! The NAMM Foundation has named LHS one of the best schools for music education in the country by awarding them its Support Music Merit Award for 2024! LHSSCC is the only Lutheran school to earn this designation!

LHS Summer Camp Registration:

View the full schedule & register at the link below:
<https://lutheranhighstcharles.com/athletics/summer-camps/>

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

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2024-2025 Enrollment and Registration



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ABOUT
OUR
PROGRAM



2024-2025
ENROLLMENT
FORM

We hope to hear from you soon!

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

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

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

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

April 28
12-3:30pm

2nd - 5th Grade
RSVP April 21

PLAYTIME ARCADE & BAR

Jennifer Reed
longnoseboys@gmail.com
Chaperones Needed

Bring \$10
pizza lunch in the gym
Carpool to playtime
Pick up at playtime

3 yr olds and potty trained to entering 5th grade

SCUBA

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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**

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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)



You are invited to **THIS IS MY BODY SUMMIT** on Sat., May 4, 2024, at Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church at 907 Jungermann Road, St. Peters, Mo. Rev. Michael Salemink, Executive Director of National Lutherans for Life, will lay a foundation to help us understand the growing phenomena of gender dysphoria and pan-sexuality and equip us to speak with the love of Jesus to those involved. This free event will be from 8:30AM to NOON. Coffee and snacks will be served.

Register at: tinyurl.com/mybodystl

The Summit is hosted by St. Charles County Lutherans for Life and **STL**, a St. Charles area LCMS group for those who have family members struggling with gender dysphoria, same-sex attraction, or other pan-sexuality issues.

View Rev. Salemink's promotional video here:
<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/oxtpmhc7t96ahi1i4grdh/This-Is-My-Body-Summit-Promo.mp4?rlkey=jd059qb31zvihjaauz8r41qz5&dl=0>

Graduation Recognition

MAY 18 & 19

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




GRADUATION RECOGNITION, May 18 & 19:

Will you be graduating from high school, college, technical school or other program?

Let your Holy Cross Family celebrate and acknowledge your achievements! Turn in a short bio and picture to the church secretary by May 1 to be included in the bulletin that weekend.