



*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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Saturdays, 3PM,
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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.

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CHECK WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR UPDATES
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The Fourth Sunday of Easter News & Notes for April 20-21, 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; Barb Krieger; 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; Mark Ziolk.

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)
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 & Denise 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)

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.

Holy Cross Weekly Calendar**Saturday, April 20, 2024**

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

Sunday, April 21, 2024

8AM Holy Communion
 9:30AM Education Hour
 + Midweek Teacher Training
 + Happiest Toddler on the Block
 10:45AM Holy Communion

Monday, April 22, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9:30AM TOPS
 11AM Line Dancers
 6:30PM Handbells

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11AM

9AM Preschool Chapel
 10AM Women's Bible Study
 12:30PM Staff Meetings
 6PM CALL DAY WATCH PARTY
 6:30PM Adult Bible Class

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON, 1 TO 5PM

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 25, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON, 1 TO 5PM

8AM **NEWS & NOTES DEADLINE**

10:30AM Preschool Dad's Day (GYM)
 6PM Preschool Open House
 6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Study

Friday, April 26, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON, 1 TO 5PM

Koinonia Production for May

10:30AM Preschool Dad's Day (GYM)
 2:30AM Preschool Dad's Day (GYM)
 6PM Camping Event until 3PM Saturday

Saturday, April 27, 2024

3PM Holy Communion
 4:30PM Pastoral Call Committee

Sunday, April 28, 2024

8AM Holy Communion
 9:30AM Fieldworker Reception (gym)
 9:30AM Sunday School (no Bible Class)
 10:45AM Holy Communion
 + Preschool Sings
 1 TO 3PM Playtime Party (Gr. 2-5)

Church Attendance for April 13-14, 2024

Service	Attendance	Communion
SAT., 3PM	51	51
SUN., 8AM	127	101
SUN., 10:45AM	116	100
TOTAL	300	252

**Bible Class Attendance
Week of April 14, 2024**

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	5
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	16
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	11
Sunday Adult Bible Class	65
BASICS/TLC	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	8
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	NA
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM	21
Midweek/Confirmation/HS	44
20s&30s Thursday	10

**Weekly Offerings:
April 8-14, 2024**

General Fund	\$ 11,768.67
Endowment	\$ 20.00
Building Fund	\$ 5 0.00
Missions Weekly	\$ 750.60
Missions Total 2024 To Date	\$ 6,615.49

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 17, 2024**

Families: 64
 Individuals: 207

Prayer List: for Active Military:

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.

HOPE Ministries requests these items from Holy Cross for May:

Pasta noodles
 Tuna or hamburger helper
 Pancake syrup
 Assorted canned goods
 Place items in the box under the Mission Board display in the Welcome Center. No expired goods can be accepted.

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 Deaconess 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!

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.

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.

CALL DAY 2024! A Watch Party is planned on **April 23 from 6PM** to the end of the service at the seminary. 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 CALL DAY SERVICE will be live streamed from the Seminary at 7PM. Can't make it in person? Watch the services at csi.edu/call-day. Everyone is encouraged to share their celebratory comments and photos with the hashtag #callday2024 on social media.

HOLY BAPTISM: Thiago Miguel Rincand, son of Miguel & Jenna (Estes) Rincand, was baptized on Sat., April 21, 2024, at Holy Cross in a private service at 5PM by Pastor Gimbel. Thiago was born on Dec. 23, 2023. His baptism witnesses are Genevieve Cameron and Rafael Prieto. We welcome Thiago into God's Family!

LADIES GUILD FLOWER & PLANT SALE PICKUP DATE, MAY 4-5: Mark your calendar now to pick up the flowers and plants ordered from the Ladies Guild Flower and Plant Sale. Pick up dates are Sat., May 4, and Sun., May 5, before and after worship services in the gym.

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!

SOAP & FOOD FOR CONCORDIA: 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.

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.

MISSION BOARD is focusing its efforts on Lutheran Family & Children's Services (LFCS) through 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. *More than 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.

You are 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!

ASCENSION DAY, MAY 9 Join us at Holy Cross on Thurs., May 9, at 7PM as we celebrate one of the major festivals of the church year, Ascension Day! The service will include Holy Communion and will begin with an Easter hymn sing. We hope you can join us!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, MAY 2: Elders will host the Day of Prayer in the sanctuary of Holy Cross from 6AM to 6PM. Come by before or after work or during the day, and use the quiet sanctuary for helpful prayer.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH are invited to serve as ushers, greeters, and readers for Graduation Recognition on **May 19** at both Sunday services.

Please **register participation** ahead of services:

Ushers: Ralph Erickson 314.249.7136

Greeters: David Schlesselman 636.578.1766

Readers: Rob Paoletti elders@hcross.com

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thurs., May 16

Times are 10AM to 3PM in the Holy Cross Gym.

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

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>

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 opened April 15.



HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

2024-2025 Enrollment and Registration





2024-2025
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ABOUT
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2024-2025
ENROLLMENT
FORM

We hope to hear from you soon!



WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

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

NOTES

PARENTS, PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CHECK YOUR CHILDREN IN
AND OUT WITH TODD RASCHE 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



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**

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.

20TH ANNUAL HYMN FESTIVAL

Sunday, April 28 at 3PM

Music at Zion Harvester is hosting its 20th annual Hymn Festival on Sun., April 28, at 3PM in the sanctuary. Zion's Adult Choir, Jubilate Ringers (handbell choir), and Jubilant Voice (fifth grade choir) have spent weeks preparing to share the Good News in this special setting. John Behnke, Professor Emeritus at Concordia University Wisconsin, will be the guest organist/composer. Many of his hymn arrangements will be featured.

PIANO CONCERT Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Chesterfield will present a Piano Concert on Sunday, **May 5** at 3PM, featuring Dr. Mark Laverty, music director at the church. This concert will feature several Preludes and Fugues and the Italian Concerto by Bach, Chopin's famous complete set of Preludes (patterned after Bach's works) and a Prelude on 'A Mighty Fortress,' preceding Martin Luther's famous hymn of the same name. A reception will follow. No tickets or reservations are needed, but a freewill offering will be received. Lord of Life Lutheran Church is located at 15750 Baxter Road in Chesterfield.

For more information, visit: www.lordoflifelcms.org.

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/oxtpmhct96ahi1i4grdh/This-Is-My-Body-Summit-Promo.mp4?rlkey=jd059qb31zvjhjaauz8r41qz5&dl=0>

Check the Welcome Center table for signup sheets or free publications. Pick up your Portals of Prayer for this quarter!