



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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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 Second Sunday of Easter News & Notes for April 6-7, 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; 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 Lee; Neil W. McDaniel; 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 (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
Lowell Duncan (Don Duncan)
Abril (Rachel Evans)
Sandra Fleak (Becky Edgar)
Jim Fowler (Lovisa Davison)
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)
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)
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 (Ken & Betty Lee)
Pat McCarty, Serena Whiteside
~ (Orion Melton)
Marsha Brown, Tim Colvert
~ (Neil & Cynthia Menscher)
Virginia Niewald, Paul Picard, Diane Rippen
~ (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)
Charlotte Gaines; Nisseem, Daniel
(Sandra Semler)
Sue Adams, Dennis Tracy
~ (Bonnie Walkenhorst)
Rosemarie & Steve Opp (Bob Williams)

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: For the family and friends of Kenneth Lee, who entered the Church Triumphant on Good Friday, March 29, 2024. His funeral and burial were held on Wed., April 3, 2024 at Baue—Cave Springs.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO REJOICE: Scott Heckman and Molly McDermott will be joined in marriage April 6, 2024, in Des Moines, Iowa. Scott is the son of Hugh & Karen Heckman, and the grandson of George & Barb Krieger.

Holy Cross Weekly Calendar

Saturday, April 6 2024

District Youth Gathering April 5-7
10AM TO 2PM Quilting Fellowship
3PM Holy Communion

Sunday, April 7, 2024

8AM Holy Communion
9:30AM Education Hour
10:45AM Holy Communion
12:30PM Call Day Watch Party Comm. Mtg.
1:30PM Board of Elders

Monday, April 8, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
9:30AM TOPS
10:30AM Line Dancers
6PM Council Board Meetings
7:30PM Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11AM
9AM Preschool Chapel
10AM Women's Bible Study
12:30PM Staff Meetings
2PM Preschool Board
6PM Grace Guild
6:30PM Handbells
6:30PM Adult Bible Class

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON, 1-4PM
6:30AM Men's Breakfast/Bible Study
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 11, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
8AM NEWS & NOTES
6-7:30PM Preschool Open House
6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Study

Friday, April 12, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON, 2 TO 5PM
Koinonia Deadline for May!
10AM Ladies Guild

Saturday, April 13 2024

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

Sunday, April 14, 2024

8AM Holy Communion
9:30AM Education Hour
+ Confirmation Parent Checkin
10:45AM Holy Communion

Church Attendance for Maundy Thursday, March 28, 2024

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

Church Attendance for Good Friday, March 29, 2024

Service	Attendance	Communion
11AM	82	—
7 PM	183	—
TOTAL	265	—

Church Attendance for Easter Vigil, March 30, 2024

Service	Attendance	Communion
7 PM	103	83

Church Attendance for Easter, March 31, 2024

Service	Attendance	Communion
7AM	77	64
9AM	305	235
11AM	132	112
TOTAL	514	411

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

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

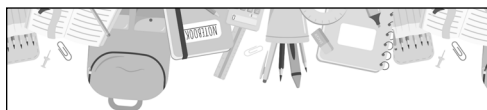
Little Lambs, Sunday	NA
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	NA
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	NA
Sunday Adult Bible Class	NA
BASICS/TLC	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	NA
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	NA
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM	21
Midweek/Confirmation/HS	45
20s&30s Thursday	11

**Weekly Offerings:
March 25-31, 2024**

General Fund	\$	17,091.37
Endowment	\$	0.00
Building Fund	\$	0.00
Missions Weekly	\$	337.20
Missions Total 2024 To Date	\$	5,476.64
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 3, 2024**

Families: 59
Individuals: 189



**HOLY CROSS
LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL**

2024-2025 Enrollment and Registration



2024-2025
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STRUCTURE



ABOUT
OUR
PROGRAM



2024-2025
ENROLLMENT
FORM

We hope to hear from you soon!



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.



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

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.

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.

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

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.

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 are encouraged to donate a minimum of 10% of the sell price to Holy Cross Stewardship Board. For questions, email stewardship@hcross.com

CONCORDIA SEMINARY GUILD LUNCHEON: Fri., May 3, 2024. Registration in Koburg Hall at 11:30am. Luncheon at Noon. Menu: Tuna salad or chicken salad on croissant, veggie tray, fruit salad, lemon meringue pie. Program: Poetry Presentations: A Peek Into Seminary Homeschooling with Lisa Mudge, wife of Provost Dr. Ron Mudge. 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

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.

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.

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 link to view the full schedule & register! <https://lutheranhighstcharles.com/athletics/summer-camps/>

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

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

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

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

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 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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WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

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

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

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.