



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
Connect through
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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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Seventh Sunday of Easter

News & Notes for May 11-12, 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; Donald Duncan; Renea Erickson; Rich Franzer; Janice Fred; Peggy Gallagher; Connie Gamache; Phyllis Gronewald; Karen Heckman; Norma Helms; Marie & Vernon Herrington; Lizzie Johansmann; Al Ketsenburg; Ron Kettler; Deborah Kiely; Debra Korte; Jim Kramer; Barb Krieger; Bob Kunz; Joyce Lang; Betty Lee; Terry McCann; Neil W. McDaniel; Donna Nordmeyer; Bill Price; Gloria Rariden; Zeita Reed; Ron Rutledge; Jim Salarano; Carol Santoyo; Vita Sayers; Winnie Thornton; Larry Williams; Ernestine Wilson, Don Wischmeyer; Mark Ziolk.

WE PRAY for our family and friends:

Milton Alton (Byron & Elaine Alton)
Joanne Bonney (Greg Bonney)
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)
Raymond Rasche (Todd & Liz Rasche)
Rosemary Schreiber (Peggy Gallagher)
Sara Shroth (choir accompanist)
Shirley Tebeau (Ron Hunter)
Stanika Todorova (Paul & Juliana Frerichs)
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)

Pat Gunn, Susan Risinger

~ (Gloria Rariden)

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)

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST: Dr. Eric Semler, son of Sandra Semler, has been called to be head of Concordia International Shanghai China. He starts June 1, 2024. Pray for his safety.

Holy Cross Weekly Calendar

Saturday, May 11, 2024

Grace Guild Diaper Drive Begins

10AM TO 2PM: Quilting Fellowship (gym)

3PM Holy Communion

Sunday, May 12, 2024

Mother's Day: Grace Guild Diaper Drive Begins

8AM Matins

9:30AM Education Hour

10:45AM Matins

Monday, May 13, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9:30AM TOPS

10AM Quilt Setup

11AM Line Dancers

6PM Church Boards

6:30PM Handbells

7:30PM Church Council

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11AM

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY REPORTS DUE TO CHURCH OFFICE

9AM Preschool Chapel

9AM Quilting

10AM Women's Bible Study

12:30PM Staff Meetings

2PM Evangelism Board

6PM Grace Guild

6:30PM Adult Bible Class

7PM Bylaw Committee

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9AM/1PM Preschool Chapel

9:30AM Adult Bible Class (gym)

6:30PM Midweek End-of Year Ice Cream

Thursday, May 16, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

8AM NEWS & NOTES DEADLINE

10AM TO 3PM: ARC Blood Drive (gym)

6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Study

Friday, May 17, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

JUNE KOINONIA DEADLINE!!

Saturday, May 18, 2024

PENTECOST; GRADUATION RECOGNITION

Grace Guild Diaper Drive

3PM Holy Communion

Sunday, May 19, 2024

PENTECOST; GRADUATION RECOGNITION

Grace Guild Diaper Drive

8AM Holy Communion

9:30AM Education Hour

9:30AM Transfer for Lutherans Class (Rm 1)

10:45AM Holy Communion

NOON: Voters' Assembly

Church Attendance for May 4-5, 2024

Service	Attendance	Communion
SAT., 3PM	71	66
SUN., 8AM	90	73
SUN., 10:45AM	226	185
TOTAL	387	324

ASCENSION SERVICE, MAY 9, 2024

THURS., 7PM	69	61
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**Bible Class Attendance
Week of May 5, 2024**

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	6
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	16
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	6
Sunday Adult Bible Class	54
BASICS/TLC	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	9
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	NA
Men's Breakfast & Bible	10
Wednesday AM	22
Midweek/Confirmation/HS	C
20s&30s Thursday	C

**Weekly Offerings:
April 29-May 5, 2024**

General Fund	\$	17,753.60
Endowment	\$	703.56
Building Fund	\$	140.00
Missions Weekly	\$	268.25
Missions Total 2024 To Date	\$	7,618.74
Year to Date as of 3/31/2024		
Income	\$	211,713.90
Expenses	\$	154,986.98
Surplus	\$	56,726.92

**H.O.P.E. FOOD MINISTRIES
Weekly Totals: May 8, 2024**

Families: 85
Individuals: 270

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.

Missouri Tax Credit for Lutheran Schools: Calendar Year 2023 was the second year of MOScholars—Missouri's tax credit program providing scholarships to families of children attending private institutions—and what a year it was! The Missouri District was able to distribute \$867,000 in funds in 2023, which resulted in 136 children receiving a full MOScholars scholarship for the current school year. This total amount given, when combined with the funds from the first year of the tax credit program, means that more than \$1.25 million has now been awarded to LCMS students by the Missouri District through MOScholars. Praise God!

The tax credit reservation system for this current calendar year is up and running once more. If you haven't already started the process this year, you can begin at mo.lcms.org/mo-scholars. Additional questions can be directed to Leah Sieveking at 314-590-6211 or leah.sieveking@mo.lcms.org

Once again, this program will not save you money on your taxes but will allow you to direct up to one-half of your state taxes to students in our Lutheran schools. Pick up an information sheet from the table in the Welcome Center and/or talk with David Schlesselman if you need help or have questions.

MAY 11-12 — All services will be Matins (a change from what had been published in *Koinonia* and other calendars.) Seminarian Owen Duncan will be both liturgist and preacher.
MAY 18-19 — Pentecost will have communion at all services; preacher will be Seminarian Vincent Otto with Pastor Gimbel as liturgist.

Adult Bible Study on May 12: Seminarian Vincent Otto will lead "Final Blessings and Punishments" (Lev. 26).

Adult Bible Study on May 19: The Bible Study will be a single session on "Jesus is **the** Light of the World – What Kind of Light are You." We will be looking at everything the Bible tells us about light and a number of the different lights in our world today.

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

Register participation by May 15:

Ushers: Ralph Erickson 314.249.7136

Greeters: David Schlesselman 636.578.1766

Readers: Rob Paoletti elders@hcross.com

SEMINARY COMMENCEMENT is May 17.

10AM (CDT) Theological Diploma Service

7PM (CDT) Commencement

Online at csl.edu/live

CONCORDIA SEMINARY ST. LOUIS *Vocatio: High School* High schoolers are invited to visit campus! June 22-29, 2024. Know a high school-age student who may be interested in church work someday? Please invite them to attend **Vocatio: High School**, a weeklong summer retreat that encourages ninth- through 12th-grade students to explore the many aspects of the Seminary, including worship and devotions, sessions with professors, and even some fun and recreation. **Registration** costs \$100 and closes May 24!

DO YOU HAVE YOUR NAME TAG? God has blessed us with a new Associate Pastor, who knows almost none of us. You can bless his transition to Holy Cross by wearing your name tag. If you don't have one or lost yours, now is your chance to get one. Please print your name on the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center; a new name tag will be provided for you the following week.

LUTHERAN TRANSFER CLASS: Have you transferred recently to Holy Cross or are looking to do so? If so, you are invited to attend the Transfer Lutheran Class on **Sun., May 19, at 9:30** during the Education Hour. Pastor Gimbel will be meeting with the new transfers to share information about various programs at Holy Cross and allow you to meet other new members. The class will be held in Rooms 1 & 2.

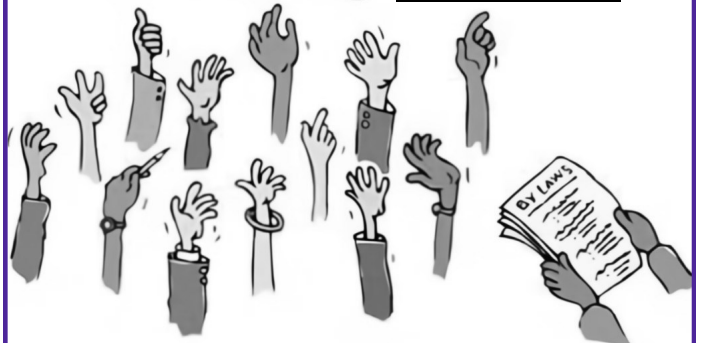
AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thurs., May 16: 10AM to 3PM, Holy Cross Gym

Visit www.RedCrossBlood.org and enter **HolyCrossLC** to schedule an appointment. Currently, we have **15 of 31 appointments filled**. Our goal is 21. All donors will receive a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of choice and a free haircut to Sports Clips via email AND will automatically be registered to win a VIP Nascar trip experience for two!

The ARC website has a wealth of information about giving blood if you're new to the experience.

Voters Assembly Meeting MAY 19



Sunday, May 19, 2024, at Noon

Agenda:

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

Food: 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 the same as 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.

OUTBACK CAMPOUT in the church's backyard has been rescheduled for **Friday and Saturday, May 24-25**. A new sign-up sheet is in the Welcome Center along with more information about the event. Contact Karen Belter for more information 636-357-0002 or kbelter55@gmail.com

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 service time*.



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!



**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.**

May 15

ICE CREAM PARTY



PARENTS INVITED!

Prek - 12th Grade

6:30-7:30 PM

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 24 and
get a FREE themed t-shirt

To register, volunteer or
donate, visit hcross.com/vbs

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TREASURE

your trash is our treasure.
Please place any of the items listed below in the treasure chest.

- pool noodles
- bowls / lids (all sizes)
- egg cartons
- colored spray paints
- ribbon (any)
- cupcake liners
- mesh loofa sponges
- colored straws
- pipe cleaners
- foam balls (all sizes)
- wood skewers
- coffee filters
- deep plastic bowls / lids (all sizes)
- construction / tissue paper (all colors)
- netting, tulle, etc. (all types and colors)



May 31, 2024

6 PM - 6 AM

**Incoming 6th to
2024 Graduates**

Chaperons Needed

**Contact
Trudy Belter at
taston@fz.k12.mo.us
RSVP by May 24.**

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

**Lock-in
+
ROCKIN'
JUMP**

THE ULTIMATE TRAMPOLINE PARK.

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.

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 allows member-to-member selling of large goods (not household rummage sale items) as a Stewardship Board fundraiser to support Holy Cross ministries. Selling members are urged to donate a minimum of 10% of the sell price to Holy Cross Stewardship Board: stewardship@hcross.com

LUTHERAN HIGH NEWS:
The end of the school year is near and summer is quickly approaching! LHS has some great camps to offer! Visit our link to view the full schedule & register!
<https://lutheranhighstcharles.com/athletics/summer-camps/>