



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

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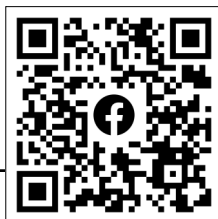
Services held in Sanctuary:
Saturdays, 3PM,
Sundays, 8AM & 10:45AM
LIVE STREAM ON SUNDAY AT 8AM
EDUCATION HOUR AT 9:30AM
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Holy Cross Lutheran Church O'Fallon MO

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 Sixth Sunday of Easter

News & Notes for May 4-5, 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; Janice Fred; Rich Franzer; Peggy Gallagher; Connie Gamache; Phyllis Gronewald; Mike Hanna; 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; Zeita Reed; 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)

Marlene 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)

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)

We pray in celebration and thanksgiving for Ruth Sevic who celebrates her 100th birthday on May 8, 2024.

Holy Cross Weekly Calendar

Saturday, May 4, 2024

LADIES GUILD FLOWER ORDER PICKUP

— BEFORE AND AFTER CHURCH SERVICE (GYM)

MASTER GARDENERS

— BEFORE AND AFTER CHURCH SERVICE

3PM Holy Communion

Sunday, May 5, 2024

LADIES GUILD FLOWER ORDER PICKUP

— BEFORE AND AFTER CHURCH SERVICES (GYM)

8AM Holy Communion

9:30AM Education Hour)

10:45AM Holy Communion

+ Confirmation

1:30PM Board of Elders

Monday, May 6, 2024

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

9:30AM TOPS

11AM Line Dancers

6:30PM Handbells

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11AM

9AM Preschool Chapel

10AM Women's Bible Study

12:30PM Staff Meetings

2PM Preschool Board

6PM Mission & Stewardship Boards

6PM Youth & Education Boards

6:30PM Evangelism Board

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

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

Thursday, May 9, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON, 1 TO 4PM

8AM NEWS & NOTES DEADLINE

1PM Memorial Service — Ken Goodwin

7PM Ascension Service with Easter Hymn

Sing and Holy Communion

Friday, May 10, 2024

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

10AM Ladies Guild

Saturday, May 11, 2024

10AM TO 2PM: Quilting Fellowship (gym)

3PM Holy Communion

Sunday, May 12, 2024

Mother's Day; Diaper Drive Begins

8AM Holy Communion

9:30AM Education Hour

10:45AM Holy Communion

Church Attendance for April 27-28, 2024

Service	Attendance	Communion
SAT., 3PM	64	55
SUN., 8AM	110	93
SUN., 10:45AM	103	76
TOTAL	277	224

**Bible Class Attendance
Week of April 28, 2024**

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	3
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	14
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	7
Sunday Adult Bible Class	NA
BASICS/TLC	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	14
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	NA
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM	23
Midweek/Confirmation/HS	37
20s&30s Thursday	

**Weekly Offerings:
April 22-28, 2024**

General Fund	\$	11,690.25
Endowment	\$	0.00
Building Fund	\$	0.00
Missions Weekly	\$	165.00
Missions Total 2024 To Date	\$	7,350.49
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 1, 2024**

Families: 72
Individuals: 222

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.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed today in honor of our eight Confirmation students, who will be received into full communicant membership during the 10:45 service: **Emma** Davison, **Sophia** Frerichs, **Miriam** Gimbel, **Gary** Hardebeck, **Bailey** Hunter, **Alli** Smith, **Miles** Van Wave, and **Ashlyn** White. Welcome them!

LADIES GUILD FLOWER & PLANT SALE PICKUP, MAY 4-5: Please remember to pick up your order from the Ladies Guild Flower & Plant Sale TODAY before or after worship services. Orders may be picked up in the Holy Cross gym. Thank you for your support!

MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY will be held this week, Wed., May 8, at 6:30AM. Kindly sign up on the page provided on the Welcome Center table so food can be prepared.

DIAPER DRIVE sponsored by Grace Guild starts on Mother's Day through Father's Day. Bring diapers of all sizes and unscented wipes to the LWML table starting May 11-12.

MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held Thurs., May 9, at 1PM, for Ken Goodwin who entered the Church Triumphant on Nov. 30, 2023. Ken was a member of Holy Cross for more than 5 years and served frequently as a Saturday usher.

MAY 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 19 — Pentecost will have communion at all services; preacher will be Seminarian Vincent Otto with Pastor Gimbel as liturgist. These weekends are the last time we will have our fieldworkers. Their seminary graduation is May 17.

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

Register participation ahead of services:

Ushers: Ralph Erickson 314.249.7136

Greeters: David Schlesselman 636.578.1766

Readers: Rob Paoletti elders@hcross.com

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!

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

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 signup 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.



Call Day Update

Seminarian Jason Kohm received a call to Holy Cross as associate pastor at Concordia Seminary St. Louis on April 23, 2024. Jason, 25, from South St. Louis County, is a member of Abiding Savior Lutheran Church. He graduates May 17 with a Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary St. Louis. He will be visiting Holy Cross this weekend to briefly introduce himself to us and vice versa.

SAVE THE DATE: Ordination and Installation will be held Sun., June 30, 2024, 3PM, at Holy Cross.

Seminarian Vincent Otto (left)

received a call to Zion Lutheran Church in Bismarck, ND, as associate pastor.



Seminarian Owen Duncan

received a call to Faith Lutheran Church in Naples, FL, as associate pastor.

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE ~ May 9, at 7PM.



The Mission Board has invited Rev. Stanish Stanley from Christian Friends of New Americans (CFNA) as guest preacher. He will be sharing God's Word with us, as well as sharing information about the next mission focus. **Please note: all general offering contributions for this service will go directly towards the support of CFNA.**

The Mission Board will host an Ice Cream Social in the gym after the service. Come learn more about CFNA while enjoying ice cream and fellowship!

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thurs., May 16

Times are 10AM to 3PM in the Holy Cross Gym. Visit www.RedCrossBlood.org and enter **HolyCrossLC** to schedule an appointment. Currently, we have **15 of 31 appointments filled**. 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!

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY, May 19, at noon-ish (following the second service). A light meal will be served prior to the business meeting. Please sign in. If you are a voting member, remember that attendance is taken with your signature. If you are unable to make the meeting, please contact Council Secretary Barb Grosch for an excused absence at (councilsecretary@hcross.com). If you are a new member of Holy Cross and want to become a voting member, please indicate this to your elder or to the council secretary on the day of the meeting. See the May Koinonia for further details.

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!

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	GAMES 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

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

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

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.

LUTHERAN HIGH NEWS:
 LHS is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2024-2025 School Year:
Director of Mission Identity & Service
Full-time Business Teacher
Full-time Spanish Teacher

For more information on these positions, please visit the LHS website. Submit your resumé and letter of interest to Dr. Doug Kuhlmann by Mon., May 6.

The LHS Music Department will present its **Cabaret Concert on Sun., May 5, at 6PM** in the Lutheran High Commons. The concert will feature both the orchestra and choir as well as soloists performing a wide variety of music from the movies.