



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

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If you want an audio recording (CD) of  
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#### CHURCH OFFICE

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## Stewardship II Enduring Emotionally: The Stewardship of the Mind

*News & Notes for February 15-16, 2025*

**WELCOME TO EVERYONE** joining us for worship today.

### **WE PRAY for our members:**

**Gerri** Beckmann; **Karen** Belter; **Dennis** Benassi; **Marie** Benigno; **Paul** Bertram;  
**Mary Kay** Bethke; **George** Beyer; **Kacey** Booth; **Nancy** Caldwell; **Teegan** Cannon;  
**Doris** Coots; **Mike** Dawdy; **Shirley** Day; **Bob & Carolyn** Delohi; **Brenda** Duncan;  
**Renea** Erickson; **Rich** Franzer; **Janice** Fred; **Peggy** Gallagher; **Connie** Gamache;  
**Phyllis** Gronewald; **Marie & Vernon** Herrington; **Lizzie** Johansmann; **Ron** Kettler;  
**Deborah** Kiely; **Judith** Kirby; **Sandra** Kohrs; **Debra** Korte; **Jim** Kramer; **Bob** Kunz;  
**Joyce** Lang; **Betty** Lee; **Albert & Ingrid** Marhanka; **Terry** McCann; **Shirley**  
Niewald; **Donna** Nordmeyer; **Don** Otto; **Debbie** Parks; **Bill** Price; **Gloria** Rariden;  
**Zeita** Reed; **Eileen** Reichert; **Darlene** Rhodes; **Carol** Santoyo; **Vita** Sayers;  
**Winnie** Thornton; **Charles** Wardenburg; **Larry** Williams; **Ernestine** Wilson.

### **WE PRAY for our family and friends:**

**Jim** (John Bertram)  
**Rachel** Butkovich (Tom & Sue Haywood)  
**Elizabeth** Cash (Heather Koepke)  
**Norma Jean** Cecil (Alice Buehne)  
**Mark** Chiodini (Nicholas Chiodini)  
**Charles** Claxton Jr. (Matthew Claxton)  
**Debbie** Collier  
**Gorman** Cooper (Tina Morrison)  
**Norma** Cooper (Wendy Tentschert)  
**William** Dafler (Wes Dafler)  
**John** Darby (Rick Walkenhorst)  
**Teresa** Doerr  
**Lowell** Duncan (Don Duncan)  
**Sandra** Fleak (Becky Edgar)  
**Jim** Fowler (Lovisa Davison)  
**Louella** Franke (Sarah Miget)  
**John** Genola (Verna Tucker)  
**Penni** Gronewald (Jayne Jepsen)  
**Peter** Hernon (Elaine Alton)  
**Sharon** Hesse (Barb Krieger)  
**Jan** Hilton (Zeita Reed)  
**Jeff** Johns (Denice Johns)  
**John** Kieschnick (Peggy Kuerschner)  
**Bill** Knehans (Bob & Barb Knehans)  
**Catherine** Loney (Nicole Alton)  
**Sandy** Longo (Randy Jones)  
**Lisa** Markel (Grace Randazzo)  
**Malu** Martin (Dawn Kahler)  
**Kenny & Lois** Meyer  
(Carla Cooper, Karen Copper)  
**Mike** (Debbie Parks)  
**Ginny** Niewald (Niewalds)  
**Paul** Palombi (Diane Palombi)  
**Vera** Piazza (Robert & Sherry Piazza)  
**Cindy** Preston (Maryanne McDaniel)  
**Roy** Price (Chris Price)  
**Drew** Quinn (Terry Hardy)  
**Loyce** Sagez (Randy & Denise Sagez)  
**Sherrill** Schlimpert (Loretta Ezell)  
**Blake** Schmalzer (Rebecca Schmalzer)  
**Ray** Schmitt (Ron Doerr)  
**Rosemary** Schreiber (Peggy Gallagher)

**Christine** Scott (Dianne Helvey)  
**Sara** Shroth (choir accompanist)  
**Stanika** Todorova (Paul & Juliana Frerichs)  
**Ritz** Unzer (Karl Schnoor)  
**Mike** Vanover (Jayne Jepsen)  
**Frank** Wachter (Elaine Howard)  
**Lance** Watkins (Jesse Smith)  
**Bobette** Wetzel (Faith Blackwell)  
**Sandy** Wischmeyer (Marilyn Mana)  
**John** Allquist III, **Duane** Stuewe (Janet Allquist)  
**Carson** Aston, **Chlaara** Aston,  
**Sharon** Staten (Lisa Aston)  
**Joanne** Bonney, **Shirley** Moore  
~ (Greg & Judy Bonney)  
**Eddie** Collier, **Bruce** Brown, **Rush**  
Brown ~ Denise Collier  
**Maureen** King, **Ryan** Wells (Kathleen Day)  
**Lois** Jobe, **Ron** Kasten (Jan Flentke)  
**Laura & Mark** Gilson (David Gilson)  
**Tim** Deppe, **Rich** Waiwood  
~ (Kent & Janine Haffer)  
**Alicia** Kleb, **Marian** Schwentker; **Andy**  
& **Alicia** Kincaid; **Cindy** Kincaid  
(Michelle Kincaid)  
**George & Sandra** Roberts  
~ (Elma Jane Kramer)  
**John** Bach, **Rachel** Long (Betty Lee)  
**Pat & Edna** McCarty (Orion Melton)  
**Tim** Colvert; **Michelle** Showe  
~ (Neil & Cynthia Menscher)  
**Brian** Rubar, **Chase** Russell, **Carol** Sills  
(Barb Parson)  
**Pat** Gunn, **Susan** Risinger  
~ (Gloria Rariden)  
**Amy** Mueller, **Lary** Schenk (Carol Santoyo)  
**Charlotte** Gaines, **Nisseem**, **Daniel**,  
Dr. **Eric** Semler; Rev. **Richard** Nelson  
(Sandra Semler)  
**Wilma** Prifts, **John** Halverson  
~ (Patrick Szopinski)  
**Katie & Dan** Bohle (Susan Williams)

## Holy Cross Weekly Calendar

### Saturday, February 15, 2025

STEWARDSHIP THEME  
11AM—3:00PM Private Party (Gym)  
3PM Holy Communion

### Sunday, February 16, 2025

STEWARDSHIP THEME  
8AM Holy Communion  
9:30AM Education Hour  
+ Midweek Teachers' Meeting  
10:45AM Holy Communion

### Monday, February 17, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON  
PRESIDENTS' DAY — PRESCHOOL CLOSED  
9:30AM TOPS (Rm 1&2)  
10AM BERNARD DAWDY FAMILY VISITATION  
11AM BERNARD DAWDY PUBLIC VISITATION  
1-2PM BERNARD DAWDY FUNERAL  
2-3PM BERNARD DAWDY INTERMENT  
11AM Line Dancing (Gym)  
6:30PM Handbells

### Tuesday, February 18, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON  
9AM Quilting  
9AM Preschool Chapel  
9:10-9:30AM Preschool Gym Time  
10AM Women's Bible Study  
12:30PM Staff Meetings  
6:30PM Bds of Education & Youth (Youth Room)  
6:30PM Altar Guild Meeting (Rm 1&2)

### Wednesday, February 19, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON  
9AM/1PM Preschool Chapel  
9:30AM Adult Bible Class  
11-11:20PM Preschool Gym Time  
1:30-1:50PM Preschool Gym Time  
6PM Beginner Bell Choir  
6PM Children's Choir  
6:30PM Midweek  
6:30PM Confirmation  
6:30PM LYF  
6:45PM Adult Choir

### Thursday, February 20, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON  
**8AM News & Notes Deadline**  
5PM Stage Setup  
6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Class

### Friday, February 21, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON  
**Koinonia Production**  
10AM LWML St. Charles Zone Board (gym)  
TBD: Youth Presents Setup for Saturday

### Saturday, February 22, 2025

3PM Holy Communion  
6PM LYF: Traditional Spaghetti Dinner

### Sunday, February 23, 2025

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL DAY  
8AM Holy Communion  
9:30AM Education Hour  
10:45AM Holy Communion

## Church Attendance for Feb. 8-9, 2025

Service	Attendance	Communion
SAT., 3PM	62	54
SUN., 8AM	122	96
SUN., 10:45AM	88	75
<b>TOTAL</b>		

## Bible Class Attendance Week of Feb. 9, 2025

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	3
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	12
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	6
Sunday Adult Bible Class	48
TLC/BASICS	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	C
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	5
Men's Breakfast & Bible	15
Wednesday AM	19
Wednesday Nights	C
20s&30s Thursday	7

## Weekly Offerings: February 3-9, 2025

General Fund	\$	14,094.06
Endowment	\$	150.00
Building Fund	\$	140.00
Missions Weekly	\$	30.00
<b>Missions Total 2025</b>	\$	2,173.27

## Year to Date as of 11/30/2024

Income	\$	679,220.38
Expenses	\$	669,277.13
Surplus	\$	9,943.25

## H.O.P.E. FOOD MINISTRIES

**Weekly Totals:** February 12, 2025  
Families: 62  
Individuals: 216

## Prayer List for Active Military:

**Dominic Bisesi, Andrew Chema; Timothy Daniels, Josh Linn, Justin Quinn, Joshua Rainwater, Jackson Redfield, Jesse Smith, and Matthew Thornton.**

**HOPE Ministries** requests these items for February: Peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, canned tomatoes, soup, oatmeal, toilet paper. Place items in the box under the Mission Board display in the Welcome Center. No expired goods can be accepted.

## MISSION BOARD

The Board provides **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*. **HOPE Ministries food bank donations** are accepted in the bin beneath the Mission Board bulletin board.

## HOLY CROSS LADIES GUILD

The Guild collects packaged and canned **food** and all types of **soap** for the Concordia Seminary Food Bank.

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

**STAMP COLLECTION:** Ladies Guild collects canceled postage stamps to raise money for missions. Cut stamps from envelopes with about half an inch of paper left all around. Collection baskets are on the Welcome Center bookshelf and on the shelf above the coatrack by the downstairs kitchen.

## PAUSE ON PILL BOTTLE COLLECTION:

The response has been GREAT! However, we must put a **pause on collecting** these items until later this year. Keep cleaning and delabeling bottles! Thanks for recycling!

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** for January-March 2025 & *The Lutheran Witness (January 2025)* are available on the Welcome Center table.

**2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** were emailed between Jan. 21—Jan. 24, 2025, to individual members or the Heads of Household. Paper contribution statements or those without an email address were mailed Jan. 30, 2025. **If you have any questions, please reach out to Brenda Marhanka (bookkeeper@hcross.com) or Darlene Drilling, (treasurer@hcross.com).**

**LENT** begins Ash Wednesday, March 5. We are looking for six groups **who will serve Lenten dinners** before the 7PM services. Three groups have signed up: Ladies Guild, March 5; Grace Guild, March 12; Missions/Stewardship, March 19. Open dates are: March 26, April 2, and April 9. Contact the church office at secretary@hcross.com to book your group's date to serve.

The Holy Cross Ladies Guild will hold its annual **PLANT AND FLOWER SALE** again this year! It's cold now, but planting season will be here before you know it! Orders will be taken during the first three weekends in March and delivery will be the first weekend in May.

**THE MISSIONS AND STEWARDSHIP BOARDS** will work as a team this year with common goals and objectives. **ENDURE**, the theme this year, aligns with the Youth and Education Boards, and the National Youth Gathering. We encourage you to read the February *Koinonia* article for our plans. Currently, we are collecting **MOTQ donations to support the Pacific Southwest District and wildfire relief**. Several churches are in the path, and many families have been affected. To learn more, visit the district website, <https://www.psd-lcms.org/disaster-response>. You will also find blank cards on the missions table in the Welcome Center where you can write encouraging notes and prayers for these families and we will mail them for you. Please return the completed cards to the box on the table.

For February, we will sponsor the St. Louis Crisis Nursery by **collecting purses/handbags** for moms in need. Please drop off any new or gently used purses/handbags in the labeled blue bin under the Mission table. This is a quick turnaround: all bags need to be in the blue bin by 2/26/25 for delivery on time.

**CONCORDIA SEMINARY GUILD LUNCH:** Fri., March 7, 2025; **Program:** "The Stained Glass Windows of Koburg Hall" *Dr. Gerhard Bode, chairman of the Department of Historical Theology (Rescheduled from Sept. 18, 2024);* **11:30 AM:** Registration in Koburg Hall; **Noon:** Luncheon and business meeting *Adoption of new projects for 2025-26; Election of vice president, treasurer, and corresponding secretary;* Cost: \$20 per person; **Deadline:** Feb. 21, 2025. Mail reservation with check(s) payable to Concordia Seminary Guild to: Mary Jane Autry, 2076 Henley Woods, Arnold, MO 63010. Questions? 314-578-9158

**Weekly Flowers:** Sign up in the Flower Book located between the Welcome Center restrooms. Write checks to "Holy Cross Lutheran Church" and put "Altar Flowers" on the memo line. Put checks in the blue envelopes and in the wooden box on the Flower Book table. Flowers can also be paid by using the online giving site. Flowers can be picked up after services to enjoy at home! **Flowers will not be on the altar in Lent (March 5 to April 6).**

Holy Cross Youth Presents

# SPAGHETTI DINNER

Help get our youth to New Orleans in July 2025!

**2.22.25**

6-8:30 PM

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM

**Come for great food, entertainment, and a silent auction.**

**Tickets are available until starting Jan 25.**

**ENDURE**  
HEBREWS 12:1-3



## ELDERS AND CONGREGANT COMMUNICATION

One of the Elders' responsibilities is to address any questions or concerns from the congregants of Holy Cross. Please feel free to contact any Elder displayed in the Welcome Center if you have questions or concerns regarding services, policies, procedures, personal issues, or other issues. You may also contact either Pastor if you don't feel comfortable discussing something with an Elder. The Elders will keep personal issues confidential unless you state

## STUDY GRANTS AVAILABLE: Attention High School Seniors and College Students planning a career in

**Church work:** The Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Missouri District, has study grants available for the 2025-2026 school year. Men and women enrolled in a University or Seminary of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod preparing for full-time professional church work or as a colloquy student may apply. Applicants must be a member of a congregation located in the Missouri District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod or of an English and SELC District congregation active in the LWML located in Missouri for 12 months before applying. The Study Grant program is unique as recipients are chosen according to financial need and commitment to Christian service. Applications and instructions may be downloaded from the Missouri District website at [www.missourilwml.org](http://www.missourilwml.org) (under forms) or from the CWSG chairman at [lwmlmostudygrant@yahoo.com](mailto:lwmlmostudygrant@yahoo.com). Completed applications must be received by mail or electronically by APRIL 15, 2025. Incomplete applications will not be considered. No application will be considered if not complete.



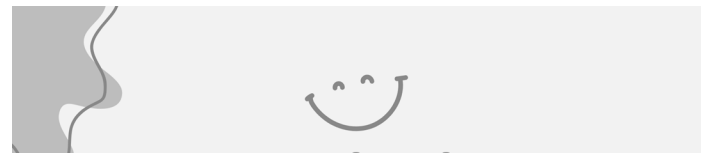
## HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

*2025-2026 Enrollment and Registration*



*We hope to hear from you soon!*


Contact our Director: Morgan Calcaterra, [mcalcaterra@hcross.com](mailto:mcalcaterra@hcross.com)

## MO District Youth Gathering

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6th-12th Graders  
April 4-6 \$60 per youth  
Cross Point Retreat Center  
Rocky Mount, MO  
Registration Due March 2



*Grow + Serve in Christ*



**Lutheran High School Trivia Night:** Mark your calendars for an evening of fun and friendly competition on **Fri., Feb. 28** at the LHS campus. Gather your team of 8, test your knowledge, and enjoy a night filled with laughter, great questions, and community spirit. This year's theme *By the Numbers: Jerseys, Records, and GOATS* will revolve around a wide variety of popular culture. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/lhstrivia2025> for more details and to register your team.

**Reminder: Walther League 2.0 Bible Study Feb. 19:** Rev. Ron Millard will guide us through an engaging study of the book of Revelation. Following the Bible Study, you are invited to stay for chapel. Please bring your own Bible. We look forward to seeing you there!

Join the LHS Cheer Team on **Wed., Feb. 19** for an exciting evening of cheers, jumps, and fun—plus a special halftime performance during the Girls basketball game! It's also Spirit Night! Get ready for: Pom Pom giveaways, a visit from our Cougar mascot, T-shirt giveaway and Spirit Store

shopping (5:30-7PM)! The clinic is \$45 – Includes dinner & a cheer bow! Held in the LHS Commons. Don't miss out—Sign up today! Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/cheerclinic25>

Join us for our **Junior Cougars Football** information meeting on **Mon., Feb. 24** at 6:30PM in the LHS Library.

**Pink Out Week:** Catch the Boys Basketball games Tues., Feb. 25, and the Girls Basketball games on **Wed., Feb. 26**. Enjoy performances by the Cheerleaders and Sapphires, grab delicious food from special vendors, and get in on the pink pom giveaways, t-shirt, and sock sales!

**Bowling for a Cause:** Support the LHS Baseball Team at the fundraiser on **March 1** at Plaza Lanes Bowling Center! Form a team of 5 for just \$100 per team, which includes two games and shoe rental. It's a great way to have fun while supporting our players! Don't miss out—gather your squad and help us knock down some pins for a good cause. For more information, contact Andy Calleros at 636-544-6442. See you on the lanes!

**SMOKE SAUSAGE SUPPER**, Sun., **Feb. 16**, 2025, 11:30AM to 6:30PM, Zion Lutheran Church (3866 S. Old Highway 94, St. Charles, MO 63304). Dine in (all you can eat): Adults \$15; Children 5 & under — Free. Drive thru takeout dinners: \$15. Phone: 636-441-7425. [www.zionharvester.org](http://www.zionharvester.org)