



*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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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 Third Sunday in Lent

News & Notes for March 22-23, 2025

WELCOME TO EVERYONE joining us for worship today.

WE PRAY for our members:

Bob Aubertin; **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; **Electra** Day; **Logan** Day; **Shirley** Day; **Bob & Carolyn** Delohi; **Edna** Deubel; **Brenda** Duncan; **Renea** Erickson; **Rich** Franzer; **Janice** Fred; **Peggy** Gallagher; **Connie** Gamache; **Karen** Heckman; **Marie** Herrington; **Lizzie** Johansmann; **Mike** Kahler; **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)
Luella Franke (Sarah Miget)
John Genola (Verna Tucker)
Peter Hernon (Elaine Alton)
Sharon Hesse (Barb Krieger)
Joan Hicks (Karen Steinbruegge)
Jan Hilton (Zeita Reed)
Jeff Johns (Denice Johns)
Bill Knehans (Bob & Barb Knehans)
Catherine Loney (Nicole Alton)
Sandy Longo (Randy Jones)
Amy Loyd (Millie Bisesi)
Lisa Markel (Grace Randazzo)
Malu Martin (Dawn Kahler)
Kenny & Lois Meyer
(Carla Cooper, Karen Copper)
Mike (Debbie Parks)
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)
Rosemary Schreiber (Peggy Gallagher)

Christine Scott (Dianne Helvey)
Michelle Showe (Cynthia Menscher)
Sara Shroth (choir accompanist)
Stanika Todorova (Paul & Juliana Frerichs)
Rita 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)
Virginia and **Mike** Niewald (Niewalds)
Pat & Edna McCarty (Orion Melton)
Brian Rubar, **Chase** Russell, **Carol** Sills
(Barb Parson)
Amy Mueller, **Larry** Schenk (Carol Santoyo)
Charlotte Gaines, **Nisseem**, **Daniel**,
Dr. **Eric** Semler; **Larry** Kremer (Sandra
Semler)
Wilma Prifts, **John** Halverson
~ (Patrick Szopinski)
Katie & Dan Bohle (Susan Williams)

Prayer List for Active Military: **Dominic** Bisesi, **Andrew** Chema; **Josh** Linn, **Justin** Quinn, **Joshua** Rainwater, **Jackson** Redfield, **Jesse** Smith, and **Matthew** Thornton.

Holy Cross Weekly Calendar

Saturday, March 22, 2025

LWML St. Charles Zone Spring Rally
at Zion, Harvester
8AM CWST Workshop
3PM Holy Communion
+ Preschool Butter Braids Fundraiser Begins

Sunday, March 23, 2025

Preschool Butter Braids Fundraiser Begins
8AM Holy Communion
9:30AM Education Hour
10:45AM Holy Communion

Monday, March 24, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11AM
9:30AM TOPS (Rm 1&2)
11AM Line Dancing
6:30PM Handbells

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
9AM Quilting
9:30AM Organ Tuning
10AM Women's Bible Study
12:30PM Staff Meeting
6:30PM Adult Bible Class

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
9:30AM Adult Bible Class
11AM Lenten Service
5PM to 6:45PM: Stuff Eggs
5:30PM Lenten Dinner: 20s&30s Bible Study
6:15PM Children' Choir
7PM Lenten Service
8PM Adult Choir

Thursday, March 27, 2025

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

Friday, March 28, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

Saturday, March 29, 2025

3PM Worship Service (no communion)*
+ Preschool Butter Braids Fundraiser

Sunday, March 30, 2025

Preschool Butter Braids Fundraiser
8AM Worship Service (no communion)*
9:30AM Education Hour
10:45AM Worship Service (no communion)*

*March 29-30 is the fifth Sunday of the month.
Holy Communion will not be served.

H.O.P.E. FOOD MINISTRIES
Weekly Totals: March 19, 2025
Families: 71
Individuals: 247

Church Attendance for March 15-16, 2025

Service	Attendance	Communion
SAT., 3PM	55	51
SUN., 8AM	113	86
SUN., 10:45AM	108	86
TOTAL	276	223

Midweek Lent 2	Attendance	
March 19, 11AM	48	—
March 19, 7PM	78	—
TOTAL	126	

Bible Class Attendance Week of March 16, 2025	
<small>NA=not applicable; NR=not reported; C= cancelled</small>	
Little Lambs, Sunday	1
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	19
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	9
Sunday Adult Bible Class	51
Tuesday Women's 10AM	10
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	NA
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM Bible Class	36
Wednesday Nights	26
20s&30s Thursday	10

Offerings: February 24-March 2, 2025

General Fund	\$	23,519.62
Endowment	\$	45.00
Building Fund	\$	787.60
Missions Weekly	\$	1,080.00
Missions 2025	\$	3,756.29

Year to Date as of 12/31/2024

Income	\$	772,625.46
Expenses	\$	758,503.72
Surplus	\$	14,121.74

Year to Date as of 01/31/2025

Income	\$	61,442.00
Expenses	\$	64,795.20
Deficit	\$	(3,353.20)

HOPE Ministries requests these items: 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.
Expired goods are not 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. Bins are under or on LWML table.

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 April-June 2025 & *The Lutheran Witness* are available on the Welcome Center table.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS will be presented by Pastor Kohm and Music Director David Gilson. The topic is "Lenten Art: Garden of Gethsemane."

THIS WEEKEND: Preschool starts its annual Butter Braids fundraiser where coffee cakes, cookies, pizzas, and other goodies are featured. Sale dates are March 22-23, and March 29-30. Orders close on April 5 with a pickup date of April 12 from 9AM to NOON. Look for the order forms this weekend in the Welcome Center.

LENTEN SERVICES are scheduled at 11AM and 7PM each Wednesday in Lent.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE: Additional copies of the 2023 pictorial directory have been printed and are available in the Welcome Center by the registration desk. A \$5 donation is suggested to cover printing. Get to know your family members at Holy Cross.

ELDERS AND CONGREGANT COMMUNICATION

One of the Elders' responsibilities is to address questions or concerns from the congregants of Holy Cross. Please 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. Personal issues will be kept confidential.

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).**

GARDENING PLOTS: The Community Garden at Holy Cross will operate this summer with 24 plots, each 10 feet by 12 feet. Compost was applied last fall, and the soil will be tilled for planting. Plant, water, weed, and harvest the plants of your choice. Holy Cross members pay \$20 for the season and community members garden free. If you want to reserve a plot, contact David Schlesselman at daschlesselman@gmail.com or 636-578-1766.

COMMUNITY "EMPTY" EASTER EGG HUNT: Mark your calendars and invite your friends to a community Easter Egg hunt on Sat., April 12, at 11AM in our backfield. It is open to children ages 1 to 10 but will be divided into age groups for hunting. Kids come for candy which they will get in some eggs. The goal, however, is to find the "empty" eggs (the empty tomb) which wins them a book about Jesus. Pick up a card in the Welcome Center with all the details and share it with children who may need to learn more about Jesus.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO STUFF PLASTIC EGGS:

We will prepare 1,500 eggs for our Community "Empty" Easter Egg Hunt so many hands will make light work. Our stuffing night will be **Wed., March 26 from 5:00 to 6:45PM**. You can work for 15 minutes or an hour or more. You can stuff before or after you eat dinner here at Holy Cross. We will conclude in time for you to get to evening worship. We have candies, goodies, and Christian stickers to stuff in the plastic eggs. All members 11 to 99 can help with this project. We will be set up in Room 1 & 2. Thanks in advance for your help.

From STEWARDSHIP: Join us in **Mission Clean Stream** in Cottleville, MO on **April 5, 2025**.

Typically, this event lasts 2 hours in the morning. We will start at 9AM and pick up trash until 11AM or until we clean up our assigned area, whichever happens first. We will meet in our assigned area, and donuts will be provided for breakfast! More information will be provided once Cottleville releases its group assignments. Sign up on the Welcome Center table, using the QR code, or on the church website Events page.



JOIN OUR HUGE

EASTER EGG HUNT

APRIL 12
11AM

TODDLERS TO
5TH GRADE

Please bring your own basket
or bag. Friends and family
are welcomed!

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
8945 VETERANS MEMORIAL PKWY

Easter
Breakfast

Join us for pastries on
Easter morning in the gym
from 7-11 am.

Free will donations are welcomed for the youth.

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MISSIONS AND STEWARDSHIP BOARDS:

MOTQ donations will 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.



2025
New Melle Community
Passion Play

New Melle Sports and Recreation
4700 Hwy Z New Melle, MO 63365

Saturday April 5
7:00 PM

Sunday April 6
2:00 PM & 4:30 PM

Saturday April 12
7:00 PM

Sunday April 13
2:00 PM & 4:30 PM

Admission Free

Seating is on First-come First-seated basis

For groups or more information

Call 636-384-0576
Or Email
nmpassion@gmail.com

Check us out:
Facebook us at:
New Melle Community
Passion Play



LENTEN MEALS

Served from 5:30 to 6:45PM in the gym

March 26, 2025

Dinner Host: 20s&30s Bible Study
Menu: Soups, Fixings, Desserts

April 2, 2025

Dinner Host: Council
Menu: To Be Announced

Lent 6—April 19, 2025

Dinner Host: Board of Elders
Menu: Pancakes & Sausages

Grow + Serve in Christ



LHS NEWS:

Tickets are available for *Mary Poppins!* Performances will be April 3-5, starting at 7PM! Visit <http://lutheranstcharlestheatre.ludus.com> to purchase tickets. If you want to pay with cash, tickets will be available at the door! Plenty of reserved seating is available in the first 3 rows for each performance.

Help wanted: Student Services is excited to host Mental Health Matters Day on Fri., March 28, from 12:30-2:30 and we need your support! This event provides students with valuable

strategies, therapies, and resources to enhance their mental well-being. We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help make this day a success. If you're interested and available, please apply using the following link: <https://forms.gle/4KDjCdkURayjunt28>

Summer Camp 2025: Check out the full camp schedule on the LHS website and start planning the summer: <https://lutheranhighstcharles.com/athletics/summer-camps/> Registration will be open soon, so check for details!

Lutheran Education Tuition Assistance

Holy Cross Lutheran Church supports families who desire a Lutheran Education. Students who, along with parent(s) or legal guardian(s), are members of Holy Cross are eligible for Tuition assistance. Students must be enrolled in grades K-12 at an LCMS Lutheran school in St. Charles County or in a Concordia University System (LCMS) higher education institution.



Applications are in the Welcome Center and must be turned in by March 31.

3 yr olds and potty trained to entering 5th grade

VBS TRUE NORTH June 16-20
Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

Family Dinner 5:00-6:00 pm
VBS 6:00-8 pm
Registration is open!
Register by May 24 and get a FREE themed t-shirt
To register, volunteer or donate, visit hcross.com/vbs

Immanuel Lutheran Wentzville IS HIRING

JOB POSITIONS

- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
- HUMAN RESOURCE PROFESSIONAL
- RECEPTIONIST

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE IF INTERESTED & 636-327-4416 church@ilcsw.net

Growing IN GOD'S grace 2 PETER 3:18

41ST BIENNIAL CONVENTION
Omaha, Nebraska
June 26-29, 2025

Online registration for the 2025 LWML Convention opens March 1!

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL

Toddlers through high school members are invited to process into the Palm Sunday morning (April 13) services holding palm branches.

Please gather in the Welcome Center 5 minutes before the service.

Older students will guide the younger ones into the Sanctuary and back to their parents.