



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

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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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Palm Sunday

News & Notes for April 12-13, 2025

WELCOME TO EVERYONE joining us for worship today.

WE PRAY for our members:

Judy Andrews; **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; **Sandie** Fussner; **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)
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)
Ray Schmitt (Ron Doerr)
Rosemary Schreiber (Peggy Gallagher)

Christine Scott (Dianne Helvey)
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
Robert Ottinger, **Brian** Ottinger, **Scott**
Ottinger ~ (Carla Cooper)
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; (Michelle Kincaid)
George & Sandra Roberts
~ (Elma Jane Kramer)
John Bach, **Rachel** Long (Betty Lee)
Pat & Edna McCarty (Orion Melton)
Virginia and **Mike** Niewald (Niewalds)
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)
Wayne Edwards, **AJ** (Kari Spearman)
Wilma Pfifts, **John** Halverson, staff &
volunteers at Shepherd of the Hills
Lutheran Church ~ (Patrick Szopinski)

HOLY BAPTISM: We pray for Emma Elizabeth Hummel, daughter of Kevin & Mikayla (Dannemann) Hummel, who will be baptized by Pastor Gimbel after the late service on Sunday, April 13. Sponsors are Paige Hardesty and Alex Cornett; witnesses will be Lori & Craig Hummel, and Mike & Moica Dannemann. Welcome to God's Family!

Holy Cross Weekly Calendar

Saturday, April 12, 2025

PASTOR KOHM'S BIRTHDAY
 9AM TO NOON: Preschool Fundraiser Pickup
 11AM Community Egg Hunt (Evangelism Board)
 5PM Holy Communion (NEW TIME!!)

Sunday, April 13, 2025: PALM SUNDAY

Children's Processional at both services
 8AM Holy Communion
 9:30AM Education Hour
 + Transfer for Lutherans Class [TLC] (Rms 1&2)
 + Confirmation Rehearsal
 10:45AM Holy Communion
 12:30PM Baptism: Emma Hummel

Monday, April 14, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
 9:30AM TOPS (Rm 1&2)
 9:30-9:50AM Preschool Gym
 11AM Line Dancing
 1:30-1:50AM Preschool Gym
 6PM Council Board meetings
 6:30PM Handbells
 7PM Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

KOINONIA DEADLINE FOR MAY
 OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
 9AM Quilting
 9:10-9:30AM Preschool Gym
 Noon to 1:30PM Staff Meeting (offsite)
 6:30PM Boards of Youth & Education

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

NO LENTEN SERVICES OR LENTEN DINNER
 OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
 9AM Preschool Chapel
 9:30AM Adult Bible Class
 10:30-11:30AM Preschool Easter Party (gym)
 2:30PM-3:30PM Preschool Easter Party (gym)
 6:45PM Adult Choir

Thursday, April 17, 2025: MAUNDY THURSDAY

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
8AM News & Notes Deadline
 9:10-9:30AM Preschool Gym
 10:30-11:30AM Preschool Easter Party (gym)
11AM Holy Communion
7PM Holy Communion + First Communion

Friday, April 18, 2025: GOOD FRIDAY

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON/PRESCHOOL CLOSED
11AM Good Friday service (Chief Service)
7PM Good Friday service (Tenebrae Vespers)

Saturday, April 19, 2025

10AM Girl Scout Community Easter Egg Hunt
 for Special Needs (Blackwell)
 NOON Easter Breakfast Preparation
7PM Easter Vigil—Holy Communion (NEW TIME!!)
+Confirmation + Beginning Bells

Sunday, April 20, 2025: EASTER SUNDAY

7AM TO 11AM: Easter Breakfast (GYM)
 Holy Communion
7AM Holy Communion
9AM Holy Communion
11AM Holy Communion

Church Attendance for April 5-6, 2025

Service	Attendance	No Communion
SAT., 5PM	60	47
SUN., 8AM	131	101
SUN., 10:45AM	99	78
TOTAL	290	226

Midweek Lent 5	Attendance	
April 9, 11AM	NR	—
April 9, 7PM	NR	—
TOTAL		

Bible Class Attendance Week of April 13, 2025	
<small>NA=not applicable; NR=not reported; C= cancelled</small>	
Little Lambs, Sunday	1
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	30
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	3
Sunday Adult Bible Class	537
Tuesday Women's 10AM	c
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	5
Men's Breakfast & Bible	C
Wednesday AM Bible Class	37
Wednesday Nights	33
20s&30s Thursday	9

Offerings: March 31-April 6, 2025	
General Fund	\$ 17,643.30
Endowment	\$ 150.00
Building Fund	\$ 140.00
Missions Weekly	\$ 147.25
Missions 2025	\$ 6,730.81
Year to Date as of 02/28/2025	
Income	\$ 115,161.53
Expenses	\$ 130,043.22
Deficit	\$ (14,881.69)
<p>HOPE Ministries requests these items for APRIL: Jelly, pasta sauce, tuna helper, gravy (cans, jars, envelopes), pancake syrup. Place items in the box under the Mission Board display in the Welcome Center. No expired goods.</p>	

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 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.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for April-June 2025 and a new **The Lutheran Witness** are available on the Welcome Center table.

ELDERS AND CONGREGANT COMMUNICATION

Please contact any Elder whose picture is 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. Personal issues will be kept confidential.

H.O.P.E. FOOD MINISTRIES

Weekly Totals: April 2, 2025
 Families: 69
 Individuals: 235

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

(9:30AM) will be presented by Pastor Gimbel and Music Director David Gilson in the gym. The topic is "Lenten Art: The Cross."

NO WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES this week. See the Holy Week calendar.

SATURDAY SERVICE TIME CHANGE:

For Easter Vigil, on Sat., April 19, the service starts at 7PM (no 5PM service).

TRANSFER FOR LUTHERANS CLASS:

If you have been visiting with us and would like to transfer your membership to Holy Cross, we invite you to attend our Transfer for Lutherans Class on **Sun., April 13, from 9:30 to 10:30** in Room 1&2 downstairs. You will meet other new members, and the Pastor will share information about different programs at Holy Cross. We welcome you to our Holy Cross family and look forward to growing our faith life together.

BASICS OF THE LUTHERAN FAITH:

Pastors will offer a 4-week class on the basics of our Lutheran faith on Sunday mornings during the Bible Class hour from 9:30 to 10:30AM. The first class will be on April 27, and then May 4, May 11, and May 18. This class is open to anyone wanting to learn about our Lutheran beliefs and is a great place to bring a curious friend. The class will be held in Room 1&2.

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. You plant, water, weed, and harvest the plants of your choice. Holy Cross members pay \$20 for the season, and community members garden for free. To reserve a plot, contact David Schlesselman at 636-578-1766 or daschlesselman@gmail.com.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES: 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.

TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING?! The Holy Cross Ladies Guild Rummage Sale will be **held Sat., Aug. 9**.

Consider saving items to donate to the Rummage Sale with proceeds to Youth in Need. **Broken items, electronics, or clothing will not be accepted.**

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

During Holy Week, five Holy Cross youth will partake their first communion on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 7PM; they will be confirmed during the Easter Vigil service on Sat., April 19, at 7PM.

You may notice the banners and posters in the Sanctuary which portray the confirmands' visual presentation of their verses.

Please welcome our newest communicant members:

Jameson Alton

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.
~ Colossians 3:17

Jacob Hardebeck

Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.
~ Proverbs 16:3

Oria Ray

Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you." ~ Isaiah 43:1-2

Lacey Sumski

In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me? ~ Psalm 56:4

Lucas Van Wave

"For I know the thoughts I think toward you," saith the Lord, "thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."
~ Jeremiah 2:11



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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HOLY WEEK SERVICES**Palm Sunday**

April 12-13, 2025

5PM on Saturday;

8&10:45AM, Sunday

Children's Processional Sunday

Maundy Thursday, April 17

11AM & 7PM

First Communion at 7PM

Holy Communion (both)

Good Friday, April 18

11AM Chief Service

7PM Tenebrae Vespers

Holy Saturday, April 19

7PM Easter Vigil

+ Holy Communion

+ Confirmation

Easter Sunday, April 20

Holy Communion

7AM, 9AM, 11AM

OFFICES CLOSED: Please know that after a busy Holy Week, the Church Office and Preschool will be **closed, Mon., April 21**.

EASTER LILIES will adorn the altar during Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday services. If you would like to sponsor a lily, sign up in the Flower Book (located between the restrooms in the Welcome Center). The cost is \$11. Place your payment in one of the blue envelopes. If paying by check, make it to Holy Cross Lutheran Church and put on the memo line that this is for an Easter lily. Payment may also be made online through Simply Giving. Lilies can be taken home after the 11AM Easter service or Tuesday, April 22, when offices reopen.

Save the Dates:

The New Member Luncheon will be held on Sun., April 27.

Outback Camping: May 16-17, 2025. More information soon.

VBS: June 16-20. Registration is open. Register by May 24 and get a FREE themed t-shirt. To register, volunteer or donate, visit hcross.com/vbs

Flaming Flocking Fundraiser sponsored by Holy Cross Youth takes place every weekend in May. Sign up to send or deliver a flock of love at hcross.com/youth Cost is \$50 for 50 birds or \$25 for 25 birds. Proceeds benefit Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch.

Palm Sunday Processional

Toddlers through high school are invited to process into the Sunday Morning (4/13) services holding palm branches.

Please gather in the Welcome Center 5 minutes before service.

We will ask our oldest students to help guild the youngest into the sanctuary and back to their parents.



CELEBRATE MUSIC MINISTRY AT HOLY CROSS ON MAY 4

Within LCMS congregations, April is Music Director Appreciation Month. Please share your appreciation to David Gilson for his dedication to our music ministry at Holy Cross! During the month of April and the first weekend of May, there will be a mailbox on the table in the middle of the Welcome Center. Please use this mailbox to place a thank you card or a personal message of appreciation to David.

On Sunday, May 4, join us in the gym at 9:15AM for a Reception of Thanks for David Gilson. Tasty baked goods and fruits will be served prior to the Bible study.

David loves sharing God's Word and redeeming love for us through music. His Monthly Music Minute articles written for the *Koinonia* always enrich our understanding of beloved hymns. We are very blessed by David's musical talents: organ playing, composing, directing, teaching, and planning festival services.

Thank you, David, for your dedication to enriching our worship through music. Your talents are sincerely appreciated.
— The Church Worker Support Team

LHS NEWS:

CAMPAIGN KICKOFF OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION

LHS is ready to launch its *Empowered By Christ: Enriching Our Future* Capital Campaign, to enhance the campus and ensure long-term sustainability for Lutheran High School. You are invited to an Open House on Tues., April 15, 5:30-7PM at LHS, 5100 Mexico Road, St. Peters, in The Commons (main entrance). Enjoy food and beverages as well as a display of the campaign vision, student-led tours, choir performances, robotics demonstration, student artwork gallery, and a student panel Q&A.

HELP WANTED: LHS seeks dedicated individuals who align with our mission to Grow and Serve in Christ to join our team for the 2025-2026 school year. Current open part-time positions: Student Services Secretary, Sports Media Teacher, Practical Arts/Business Teacher. Visit the LHS website to apply under "Work at LHS" or reach out to careers@lhssc.org.

LHS vs. LHSS at BUSCH The Lutheran Cougars baseball team competes against the Lutheran South Lancers at Busch Stadium on May 4. Game time is 1:15PM. Tickets are \$35/person (\$70 value) which includes a jumbo hot dog and soda. LHS is competing with Lutheran South to sell more tickets to its community! Contact the LHS Athletics office to purchase tickets.

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:
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New Melle Community
Passion Play

Graduation
Recognition

MAY 17 & 18

Writes ups and pictures must be turned in by
May 1st to Joyce at secretary@hcross.com

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, ST. CHARLES PRESENTS: The Arianna String Quartet will perform at Zion Lutheran Church, 3866 S. Old Highway 94, St. Charles, MO, on Sun., April 27, at 4PM. The Arianna String Quartet, formed in 1992, has established itself as one of America's finest chamber ensembles. They have appeared throughout North America, South America, Europe, Asia, and South Africa. Members of the quartet serve at the University of Missouri-St. Louis as professors of violin, viola, and cello. Tickets are available at the door on the day of the performance. Ticket prices are \$15 for general admission and free for children, grade 8 and under. For questions about the concert or the Music at Zion series, contact Mark Thoenke at 636-441-7425 ext. 218 or mthoenke@zionharvester.org.