



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

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Saturdays, 5PM,  
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If you want an audio recording (CD) of  
the Sunday 8AM service, please notify  
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weekly newsletters, and DVD recordings  
(visual) to those who request them.

#### CHURCH OFFICE

CHECK WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR UPDATES  
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## The Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Sunday

*News & Notes for April 20, 2025*

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

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

**Judy** Andrews; **Bob** Aubertin; **Gerri** Beckmann; **Dennis** Benassi; **Marie** Benigno;  
**Paul** Bertram; **Mary Kay** Bethke; **George** Beyer; **Kacey** Booth; **Nancy** Caldwell;  
**Teegan** Cannon; **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; **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)

**THANKSGIVING:** We pray in thanksgiving for the birth of George Schneider, son  
of Sam & McKenzie Schneider of Austin, Texas. George is the first great-grandchild  
of Duane & Joyce Lang, and the grandson of Brenda Schneider.

**MOURNING:** We pray for the family and friends of Keith Lindsey, who died Fri.,  
April 18. Keith is the brother-in-law of Ralph Erickson.

**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, April 19, 2025

10AM Girl Scout Community Easter Egg Hunt  
for Special Needs (Blackwell) Back field  
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**

### Monday, April 21, 2025

**CHURCH OFFICE & PRESCHOOL CLOSED**

### Tuesday, April 22, 2025

**OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON**

9AM Preschool Chapel  
9:10-9:30AM Preschool Gym  
12:30PM Staff Meeting  
6:30PM Adult Bible Class

### Wednesday, April 23, 2025

**OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON**

9AM Preschool Chapel  
9:30AM Adult Bible Class  
11AM & 1:30PM Preschool Gym Time  
6PM Beginning Bells, Children's Choir  
6:30PM Midweek Easter Party  
6:45PM Adult Choir

### Thursday, April 24, 2025

**OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON**

#### 8AM News & Notes Deadline

9:10-9:30AM Preschool Gym  
10AM Ladies Guild Subcommittee Mtg (Rm1 & 2)  
6:30PM 20s & 30s Bible Study

### Friday, April 25, 2025

**OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON**

#### KOINONIA PRODUCTION FOR MAY

9:30AM & 1:30PM Preschool Gym Time

### Saturday, April 26, 2025

10AM Bylaws Committee Rm 1 & 2  
10:30AM-4:30PM Baby Shower (gym)  
(Heckman/Sarah Blackwell)  
5PM Holy Communion

### Sunday, April 27, 2025

8AM Holy Communion  
9:30AM Education Hour + BASICS  
9:30AM Bylaws Committee Education Session  
10:45AM Holy Communion  
+ Baptism of Jacob Edward Elick  
**Noon: New Member Luncheon**

## Church Attendance for April 12-13, 2025

Service	Attendance	Communion
SAT., 5PM	53	49
SUN., 8AM	147	118
SUN., 10:45AM	134	99
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>266</b>

## Bible Class Attendance Week of April 20, 2025

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	2
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	16
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	8
Sunday Adult Bible Class	62
Tuesday Women's 10AM	15
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	NA
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM Bible Class	25
Wednesday Nights	NA
20s & 30s Thursday	NA

## Offerings: April 7-13, 2025

General Fund	\$ 17,643.30
Endowment	\$ 150.00
Building Fund	\$ 140.00
Missions Weekly	\$ 147.25
<b>Missions 2025</b>	<b>\$ 6,730.81</b>

## Year to Date as of 02/28/2025

Income	\$ 115,161.53
Expenses	\$ 130,043.22
Deficit	\$ (14,881.69)

**HOPE Ministries** requests these items for MAY: Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Pasta Roni, Pasta Sauce, Spaghetti noodles or pasta noodles, gravy mix packets. Place items in the box under the Mission Board display in the Welcome Center. **No expired goods.**

## 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.



41<sup>ST</sup> BIENNIAL  
CONVENTION  
Omaha, Nebraska  
June 26-29, 2025

Online registration for  
the 2025 LWML Convention  
**opens March 1!**

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

**Weekly Totals:** April 16, 2025

Families: 63

Individuals: 215

**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS** will not be held today. Come next week!

### **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](mailto: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.**

### *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](http://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](http://hcross.com/youth) Cost is \$50 for 50 birds or \$25 for 25 birds. Proceeds benefit Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch.**

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

### **CONFIRMATION STUDENTS**

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

Notice the banners and posters in the Sanctuary that portray the confirmands' visual presentation of their verses.

Please welcome our newest communicant members:

#### **JAMESON SCOTT 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 ALLEN HARDEBECK**

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

#### **ORIA BROOKLYN 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 ELIZABETH 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 RYAN 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 29:11

#### **For the Record:**

These youth, plus the confirmands listed above, underwent the Rite of First Communion Prior to Confirmation during the Easter Vigil held Sat., April 18:

**Chloe Benigno**

**Jocelyn Elick**

**Rachel Evans**

**Lila Gimbel**

**Kason Smith**

**Katherine Wiese**

**EASTER LILIES** were donated by Barb Grosch, Judy Koprowski, and Steve Kirk and Gary Kirk, in memory of their mother June Kirk.

**MOTQ** is switching gears to supporting Phil's Friends, an organization "providing Christ-centered support and hope to those affected by cancer." Their mission is to send care packages, free of charge, to your friends, family, and neighbors who are fighting cancer. If you would like to request a care package be sent to a loved one battling this disease, you can do so here <https://philsfriends.org/request-a-care-package/>. MOTQ donations from our congregation members will be used to purchase care package items to send to the headquarters in Illinois for packing. For more information, check out the Phil's Friends website at <https://philsfriends.org/>

**THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE** has worked for the past year to rewrite the Bylaws, and they are ready to present a draft to the congregation. Copies will be available on April 19 at a designated table in the Welcome Center. Additionally, the Bylaw Committee will host education sessions to orient the congregation to the proposed changes as well as for discussion and feedback. The May KOINONIA will have more information on Bylaws as well. The following dates and times are when education sessions will occur: **April 27 at 9:30AM; May 10 after 5PM service in the Sanctuary; May 11 at 9:30AM.**

**FLOWER DELIVERY:** Please note dates and times for pickup of orders from The Ladies Guild Flower and Plant Sale: **Fri., May 2, 5PM-7PM; Sat., May 3, 10AM-NOON; Sat., May 3 & Sun., May 4--30 minutes before and after each service.** All flowers can be picked up at the south end of the gym.

**NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON: Sun., April 27** is when Holy Cross welcomes its newest members. ! The meal begins soon after the 10:45AM service ends (around noon). Current church members are asked to bring side dishes:

**Last Names A to K:** side dish & salad  
**Last Names L to Z:** side dish & dessert

The Evangelism Board provides a meat dish, and Grace Guild will serve and cleanup. *Bring your name tags!*

## Graduation Recognition

MAY 17 & 18

Writes ups and pictures must be turned in by  
May 1st to Joyce at [secretary@hcross.com](mailto:secretary@hcross.com)



### LHS NEWS:

**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](mailto: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.

### 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

EVERY WEEKEND IN MAY

## FLAMINGO FLOCKING FUNDRAISER

Sponsored by Holy Cross Youth

SIGN UP TO SEND OR DELIVER A FLOCK OF LOVE AT [HCROSS.COM/YOUTH](http://HCROSS.COM/YOUTH)

\$50 for 50 birds  
or  
\$25 for 25 birds  
\$100 for Insurance

Proceeds benefit

## DAKOTA BOYS AND GIRLS RANCH

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](http://hcross.com/vbs)

(FRI) 05.16  
05.17 START TIME

DAY TO NIGHT

## LET'S GO CAMPING!

AT HOLY CROSS

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN ON HOLY CROSS' BACK LAWN!  
12 AND UP \$10  
CHILDREN 9-11 \$8  
UNDER 5 FREE

POTLUCK ON FRIDAY NIGHT, ALL OTHER MEALS COVERED.

SIGN UP IN THE WELCOME CENTER

Sign Up with the QR code or at [hcross.com/youth](http://hcross.com/youth)

## May 14

## ICE CREAM PARTY

**Families Welcome**  
**6:30-8PM**

**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 Thoelke at 636-441-7425, ext. 218, or [mthoelke@zionharvester.org](mailto:mthoelke@zionharvester.org).