



*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
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CHECK WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR UPDATES
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The Second Sunday of Easter

News & Notes for April 26-27, 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)
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 Schlumpert (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 Priests, **John** Halverson, staff &
volunteers at Shepherd of the Hills
Lutheran Church ~ (Patrick Szopinski)

THANKSGIVING: We pray in thanksgiving for Sophie Luleen Hahn, granddaughter
of Neal & Cynthia Menscher, who was born Wed., April 23, 2025. Her parents Brian
& Rachel Hahn are members of Immanuel St. Charles.

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 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

Monday, April 28, 2025

9:30AM TOPS
9:30AM Preschool Gym Time
11AM Line Dancing
1:30PM Preschool Gym Time
6PM Preschool Body Safety Workshop
6:30PM Handbells

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9AM Quilting
9AM Preschool Chapel
9:10-9:30AM Preschool Gym
10AM Women's Bible Study
12:30PM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, April 30, 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 Confirmation LYF
6:45PM Adult Choir

Thursday, May 1, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

6AM-6PM National Day of Prayer (Sanctuary)
8AM News& Notes Deadline
9:10-9:30AM Preschool Gym
10AM Ladies Guild Flower Delivery Setup
6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Study

Friday, May 2, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

8AM Ladies Guild Flower Delivery
9:30AM & 1:30PM Preschool Play (not in gym)
5PM-7PM Flower Pickup

Saturday, May 3, 2025

LYF Flocking starts this weekend
10AM TO NOON: Flower Pickup
4:30PM-5PM Flower Pickup
5PM Holy Communion
6PM-6:30PM Flower Pickup

Sunday, May 4, 2025

FLOWER PICKUP BETWEEN SERVICES
8AM Holy Communion
9:30AM Music Director Recognition (Gym)
9:30AM Education Hour
9:30AM BASICS (Rm 1&2)
10:45AM Holy Communion
Noon NYG Meeting
1:30PM Board of Elders

Church Attendance for April 20, 2025 (Easter)

Service	Attendance	Communion
7AM	128	106
9AM	204	155
11AM	134	89
TOTAL	466	350

Bible Class Attendance Week of April 20, 2025

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	C
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	C
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	C
Sunday Adult Bible Class	C
Tuesday Women's 10AM	C
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	5
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM Bible Class	38
Wednesday Nights	30
20s&30s Thursday	10

Offerings: April 14-20, 2025

General Fund	\$ 19,195.33
Endowment	\$ 10.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00
Missions Weekly	\$ 295.02
Missions 2025	\$ 7,285.83

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.

H.O.P.E. FOOD MINISTRIES

Weekly Totals: April 23, 2025

Families: 74
Individuals: 247

HOLY BAPTISM: Jacob Edward Elick, son of Adam and Shana Elick, will be baptized Sun., April 27, at the 10:45AM service by Pastor Kohm. Jacob was born March 7, 2025, in O'Fallon, MO. His godparents are Al & Laura Steichen. Welcome to God's Family, Jacob!

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed to the glory of God by Dan & Anita Rattner, who celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on Fri., April 25.

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION: We will recognize our new members at each of the services: Nancy Brazee, Marilyn Newby, Denis & Barb Wittenberger, and Brinn Miller. Join us for fellowship at the New Member luncheon at noon and welcome those newest to our fellowship! Welcome to Holy Cross!

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 (today); other dates are 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.

THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE, which has worked for the past year to rewrite the Bylaws, is ready to present a draft to the congregation. Copies will be available 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**.

NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON: Sun., April 27 is when Holy Cross welcomes its newest members! The meal begins after the 10:45AM service ends (around noon). The Evangelism Board provides a meat dish, and Grace Guild will serve and cleanup. *Bring your name tags!*

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

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The Church Sanctuary will be open on **Thurs., May 1**, for individuals who wish to come and observe the National Day of Prayer. It will be open from **6AM to 6PM**. Elders will be present to greet and answer questions. Please be as quiet as possible if others are present.

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.

MOTQ supports 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 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 SHINE EVENT has been rescheduled to May 10 at 9AM at Legacy Park in Cottleville. If you were not able to sign up for the original date but can now come, please come help! Donuts will be available for breakfast! Please wear closed-toed shoes and clothes you don't mind getting a little dirty in. Hope to see you there.

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.**

CONCERT INVITE: The Church Worker Support Team would like to invite the Congregation to join us for a very special Laudamus Concert at the Concordia Seminary on Tues., May 6, 2025, at 7PM. We are excited to attend and support our own seminarian Isaac Conrad, a member of this very special group. We will meet on the church parking lot at 5:45pm on Tuesday night of the concert to carpool. If you would like a ride to join us, just call one of our team members, and we will work to get you a ride with one of us. We want to show our support for Isaac and get the bonus of hearing some beautiful music. Hope you can join us!!

Your CWST,

Brian Belter, Solomon Conrad, Vickie Gladstetter, Dawn Kahler, Darlene Wischmeyer, Neal Menscher

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

Flyers are available on the Welcome Center Table.

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May 6, 2025*

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- 1 Start your order at redrobin.com/order and select the restaurant above.
- 2 In the menu, go to the category labeled "Fundraisers (To-Go Only)" and click on that item.
- 3 Click the "add" button, and then "add to bag."
- 4 Add your meal items and check out.
- 5 Arrive at Red Robin, come in, say hi, grab your food and be on your way! If your location has curbside pick-up, we can bring it to your car too!

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OUTBACK CAMPOUT, MAY 16-17, 2025

Signup sheets are now available on the Welcome Center table.

There are two options for signing up: Friday evening only for the potluck dinner and campfire, OR Friday evening and overnight camping. The **signup deadline** is **Sun, May 11**.

For the Friday evening potluck, meat and dessert are provided. Participants are asked to bring a side dish or salad to share.

The biggest change this year is the charge for overnight campers to cover the cost of meals on Saturday: Adults and children 12 and over will be \$10; children 5-11 will be \$8; and children under age 5 will be free. Payment can be made by check (payable to Holy Cross) or cash. Please put payment in one of the envelopes attached to the signup sheet and place it in the offering plate. Contact Karen Belter (kbelter55@gmail.com) for more information.

CELEBRATE MUSIC MINISTRY AT HOLY CROSS, 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! Please use the mailbox on the Welcome Center table to place a thank you card or 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.

— The Church Worker Support Team

3 yr olds and potty trained to entering 5th grade



June 16-20

REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Register by May 24 and get **FREE** themed t-shirt

To register, volunteer or donate, visit hcross.com/vbs

Family Dinner 5-6PM; VBS 6-8PM

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.

LHS Cabaret concert, Sat., May 3, 6PM. LHS Commons.

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.

Summer Camp 2025 registration is now open! Check out the full camp schedule on the website and start planning your summer: <https://lutheranhighstcharles.com/athletics/summer-camps/>

EVERY WEEKEND IN MAY

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

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