



*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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Saturdays, 5PM,
Sundays, 8AM & 10:45AM
Live Stream on Sunday at 8AM
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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 Fifth Sunday in Lent

News & Notes for April 5-6, 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; **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)
Dunker-Mitchell/Focke Family;
Niermeier/Kastens Family; Marra/
Brown Family (Peggy Kuerschner)
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)
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, April 5, 2025

9AM SHINE Event
5PM Holy Communion (NEW TIME!!)

Sunday, April 6, 2025

8AM Holy Communion
9:30AM Education Hour
10:45AM Holy Communion
1:30PM Board of Elders

Monday, April 7, 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
2PM Setup Gym for Election
6:30PM Handbells

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
PRESCHOOL CLOSED/TEACHERS' WORK DAY
4:45AM to 9PM: Election Officials (gym)
12:30PM Staff Meeting
1:30pm Evangelism Board
6PM Grace Guild (Rms 1&2)
6PM ByLaw Committee (Youth Room)
6:30PM Adult Bible Class (Rm 3)

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
9AM Preschool Chapel
9:30AM Adult Bible Class
11AM Lenten Service (final one)
11-11:20AM Preschool Gym
1:30PM-1:50PM Preschool Gym
5:30PM Lenten Dinner: Elders (Final dinner)
6:15PM Beginning Bells
6:15PM Children' Choir
7PM Lenten Service (final one)
8PM Adult Choir

Thursday, April 10, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
8AM News& Notes Deadline
9:10-9:30AM Preschool Gym
2PM Preschool Board
6:30PM 20s&30 Bible Study (Rm 1&2)

Friday, April 11, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
9:30AM-9:50AM/1:30PM-1:50PM Preschool Gym
10AM Ladies Guild

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 (Rms 1&2)
10:45AM Holy Communion
12:30pm Baptism Emma Hummel

Church Attendance for March 29-30, 2025

Service	Attendance	No Communion
SAT., 3PM	59	—
SUN., 8AM	94	—
SUN., 10:45AM	81	—
TOTAL	234	—

Midweek Lent 4	Attendance	
March 26, 11AM	36	—
March 26, 7PM	74	—
TOTAL	110	—

Bible Class Attendance Week of March 30, 2025 <small>NA=not applicable; NR=not reported; C= cancelled</small>	
Little Lambs, Sunday	3
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	14
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	7
Sunday Adult Bible Class	53
Tuesday Women's 10AM	15
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	NA
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM Bible Class	32
Wednesday Nights	NR
20s&30s Thursday	7

Offerings: March 23-30, 2025	
General Fund	\$ 14,683.23
Endowment	\$ —
Building Fund	\$ —
Missions Weekly	\$ 965.00
Missions 2025	\$ 6,583.56
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 in the gym. The topic is "Lenten Art: Jesus on Trial."

PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER PICKUP

DATE: April 12 from 9AM to NOON.

LENTEN SERVICES are scheduled at 11AM and 7PM this Wednesday. Final one! Dinner starts at 5:30PM.

SATURDAY SERVICE TIME CHANGE:

Starting **April 5**, the Saturday service moves to **5PM**.

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.

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.

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.**

**EGG HUNT SUPERVISION:**

Volunteers are needed at the Community Easter Egg Hunt on Sat., April 12. Your help will be needed from about 11AM until noon. We need people for each age group to supervise the collection, collect emptied plastic eggs, and distribute treats and books. If you are interested and available to help for those two hours, please sign up on the Welcome Center table.

**Notes for this week:****ELECTION ON TUES, APRIL 8:**

Our gym will host the County election.

Preschool is closed on Tues., April 8, but teachers have a work day.

CANCELED THIS WEEK:

Tuesday Women's Bible Class, April 8
Men's Breakfast & Bible Class, April 9

More Save the Dates:

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

Outback Camping: May 16-17, 2025

Thank You Notes

THANK YOU for all the cards and messages sent to me as I recover from a second broken leg. Thanks to the pastors for their visits to the rehab center and home. Thanks to Sandy Dietz and the Ladies Guild for their visits, cards, and well wishes. A special thank you to all the members of the Quilting Group for a beautiful Christmas surprise. It's been a long year of recovery, but having the support of friends at Holy Cross has eased the burden. Having an internet connection to participate in Sunday services and Bible classes has been a great blessing too. I hope to join you in the Sanctuary for worship very soon! Ever thankful, Shirley Niewald

THANK YOU to the volunteers who have covered morning office hours so I can be with Mom during her at-home therapies: John Bertram, Patti Koepf, Ernestine Wilson, and Norma Helms. Thanks to Pastor Gimbel and the Church Council for enabling me to work part-time at home so that I can continue serving Holy Cross as church secretary as well as caring for my mother! Blessings, Joyce Niewald

THANK YOU to everyone who helped to support our youth attending the LCMS Youth Gathering this summer. We were able to raise \$6719.27 at the Spaghetti Dinner & Auction! This is just incredible, and we couldn't have done it without all our wonderful volunteers and contributors. Thank you!

LENTEN MEAL

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

Lent 6—April 19, 2025

Dinner Host: Board of Elders
Menu: Pancakes & Sausages

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday, April 12-13, 2025

5PM on Saturday; 8&10:45AM, Sunday

Maundy Thursday, April 17

11AM & 7PM — Holy Communion

Good Friday, April 18

11AM Chief Service
7PM Tenebrae Vespers

Holy Saturday, April 19

7PM Easter Vigil + Holy Communion
+ Confirmation

Easter Sunday, April 20

7AM, 9AM, 11AM — Holy Communion

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.



Graduation Recognition

MAY 17 & 18

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

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

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.

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

\$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

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

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 Thielke at 636-441-7425 ext. 218 or mthielke@zionharvester.org.

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.