



*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
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(visual) to those who request them.

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CHECK WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR UPDATES
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The Seventh Sunday of Easter

News & Notes for May 31-June 1, 2025

WELCOME TO EVERYONE joining us for worship today.

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; **Bess** Frayne; **Janice** Fred; **Sandie** Fussner; **Peggy** Gallagher; **Connie** Gamache; **Don** Grzina; **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; **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)
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
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)
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)
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 Wetzell (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)
Janet Davidson, **Lowell** Duncan
~ (Don Duncan)
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)
Lon Prifti, **Wilma** Prifti, **Kit** Kramer,
John Halverson, staff & volunteers at
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
~ (Patrick Szopinski)

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: For the family and friends of our brother
Paul Woelfer who entered the Church Triumphant on May 24, 2025.
Visitation will be Tues., June 3, from 9AM to 11AM at Holy Cross Lutheran Church.
The funeral will be held Tues., June 3, at 11AM at Holy Cross.
Luncheon will follow the service.
Graveside service at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery will be on Thurs., June 5,
at 10:30AM. The full obituary is on the Newcomer website.

Holy Cross Weekly Calendar

Saturday, May 31, 2025

LYF FLOCKING

5PM Holy Communion

+ Grace Guild collection of personal care items

Sunday, June 1, 2025

+ Grace Guild collection of personal care items

8AM Holy Communion

9:30AM Education Hour

10:45AM Holy Communion

1:30PM Board of Elders

Monday, June 2, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9:30AM TOPS

11AM Line Dancing

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

9AM TO 11AM: Paul Woelfer Visitation

11AM Paul Woelfer Funeral

11:45AM Funeral Luncheon

2PM Preschool Board

6PM Boards of Stewardship & Missions

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9:30AM Adult Bible Study

6-9PM VBS Work Day

6:45PM Summer Youth Night

7:30PM VBS Volunteer Training

Thursday, June 5, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

8AM News& Notes Deadline

9AM HOPE Seeds

6:30PM 20s&30s+ Bible Study

Friday, June 6, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9AM TO 4PM: Online Missouri District Mental Health First-Aid

6-9PM VBS Work Day

7:30PM-7:30AM Youth Lock-In

7:30PM VBS Volunteer Training

Saturday, June 7, 2025

7:30AM End — Youth Lock-in

5PM Holy Communion

+ Grace Guild collection of personal care items

Sunday, June 8, 2025

+ Grace Guild collection of personal care items

8AM Holy Communion

9:30AM Education Hour

9:30AM Donuts with DCE (gym)

10:45AM Holy Communion

Prayer List for Active Military:

Dominic Bisesi, Andrew Chema;

Josh Linn, Justin Quinn,

Joshua Rainwater, Jackson Redfield,

Jesse Smith, and Matthew Thornton.

Church Attendance for May 24-25, 2025

Service	Attendance	Communion
5PM	51	46
8AM	119	98
10:45AM	86	69
TOTAL	256	213

Bible Class Attendance Week of May 25, 2025

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	0
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	14
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	8
Sunday Adult Bible Class	43
BASICS	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	9
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	NA
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM Bible Class	36
Wednesday Nights	NR
20s&30s Thursday	C

Offerings: May 19-25, 2025

General Fund	\$ 7,280.84
Endowment	\$ 0.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00
Missions Weekly	\$ 10.00
Missions 2025	\$ 3,323.72

Year to Date as of 04/30/2025

Income	\$ 257,449.09
Expenses	\$ 243,326.56
Surplus	\$ 14,122.53

HOPE Ministries requests these items for JUNE:

Gravy cans or pouches; Rice; Spaghetti noodles; Pasta Roni; Sloppy Joe Sauce.

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**.

H.O.P.E. FOOD MINISTRIES: Weekly Totals: May 28, 2025

Families: 68

Individuals: 203

New Families: 2

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. Seminary students attend year-round, so **food items are still needed during the summer. Fill those bins!**

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 above the coatrack by the kitchen.

ELDERS AND CONGREGANT COMMUNICATION

HEARING ASSISTANCE NOW AVAILABLE: Those with hearing aids can now download and use a smartphone or tablet app which broadcasts the service to your hearing aids (Bluetooth connection required). Instructions for its use are provided in the Welcome Center.

CONTACT AN ELDER: Their pictures are displayed in the Welcome Center, so contact them if you have questions or concerns regarding services, policies, procedures, personal or other issues. You may also contact either Pastor. Personal issues will be kept confidential.

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

3 yr olds and potty trained to entering 5th grade

VBS



**June
16-20**

Family Dinner 5:00-6:00 pm

VBS 6:00-8 pm

Registration closes 6/10!

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

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

CHRISTMAS TREES FOR VBS: In December, the VBS planning team asked you to bring your Christmas trees for decorations. Starting June 1, please bring trees to the gym on any VBS Work Day (see schedule p. 4) and place them on the south side against the wall by the exterior door under the designated sign. Contact Jamie Price for details.

Invest in the future of Lutheran High School!

We are in the home stretch of achieving our *Tier 1: Celebration Goal!* Droste Construction has already begun renovations on the storage area to install the catering kitchen. At the same time, Architect Carl Drafall is finalizing plans for the classroom upgrades and Commons transformation. With your support, we can soon begin these projects to improve these learning, worship and performance spaces for our students.

But we won't stop there. *The Tier 2: Challenge Goal* includes improvements to the baseball/softball field, including dugouts, a new backstop, a "Blue Monster" outfield fence, and a modern press box; and building a multipurpose center to expand our indoor practice areas for extra-curricular programs. This new building will also provide flexible space for school programs and events.

Please join others in the LHS community who have already invested in the future of our students. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference. Pledge today by completing the online. Use your phone to open the pledge form with this QR code. Questions: Contact Dr. Doug Kuhlmann, Head of School at (314) 497-3014 or dkuhlmann@lhssc.org. Thank you for being part of this mission and helping us *Grow and Serve in Christ!*



DONUTS WITH THE DCE

The LCMS has designated the month of June to celebrate the work of **D**irectors of **C**hristian **E**ducation within all congregations.



On Sun., June 8, Holy Cross will celebrate the work of our **DCE**, Charity Smith! During the Bible Study hour, we will show our appreciation for Charity's leadership with LYF, Sunday School, Educational Programs, VBS, Family Ministry, and Children's Messages during worship services. Please join us as we celebrate Charity's work among us with 'Sweet Thanks'. Delicious donuts will be provided with milk, coffee, and tea. This special recognition will begin at 9:30AM in the gym!

A mailbox will be located on the Welcome Center table during the *entire* month of June. How wonderful it would be if every family could write a note of thanks to Charity and place it inside the mailbox.

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS DRIVE FOR SEMINARY

Grace Guild is collecting personal care items for moms, dads, and families at Concordia Seminary until Father's Day. Please bring items listed below to the pack-n-play in the Welcome Center. (This replaces the diaper drive.)

Item Donations for Families at the Seminary

Moms/Women

lotions (hand or body, any size/neutral scents)
women's razors (2 or 4 packs)
body wash; face wash
shampoo/conditioner
feminine products (pads and tampons)
deodorant

Dads/Men

razors/shaving cream
deodorant
body wash, shampoo/conditioner

Everybody

Toothbrushes

Juice Bottles

64-ounce bottles or juice boxes
Fruit or Vegetable Juice

All items should be new and unopened.

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed to the glory of God by Solomon and Jenny Conrad in celebration of their 27th wedding anniversary on May 30.

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.

SAVE THE DATE! ~ MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

65TH ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATION WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER 13 AND 14, 2025

6th -12th Grade
LOG IN
 June 6-7
 7:30 PM - 7:30 AM

Bring \$5 and Friend

GIRLS BRING DRINKS
 BOYS BRING SNACKS

RSVP by May 31 with QR Code or at hcross.com/youth

TRUE NORTH
 Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

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

WORK DAYS
 June 4, 6, 11 & 13 6-9pm

VOLUNTEER TRAINING
 June 4, 6, 11 & 13 7:30-8:30pm
 Station leaders see additional training details

VBS June 16-20

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LET'S GO FISHING!
 JUNE 28, 8-10AM

VETERANS TRIBUTE PARK ON KISKER RD.
 MEET NEAR THE LAST PAVILION.
 15 AND UNDER NO LICENSE, AND 16 AND UP WILL NEED A LICENSE.
 CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY.
 BRING YOUR OWN FOOD, DRINKS, CHAIR, AND GEAR.

FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND FUR BABIES ARE WELCOME.
 SIGN UP BY JUNE 22ND

TO FIND OUT HOW TO GET A FISHING PERMIT OR RSVP USE THE QR CODE OR VISIT HCROSS.COM/YOUTH

Summer Youth Nights
 6:45-8pm

May 21 & 28
 Brainstorm + Vote on ideas for next school year & Games!

June 4, 11 & 18
 VBS days

June 25, July 2, July 9, 16, 23 & 30
 Blow Up Your Bible & Games!

Aug 6
 High School: Backyard Bash at Holy Cross with local LCMS churches. *Note flyer for different times*
 Middle School: Photo scavenger hunt at Fort Zumwalt Park.

JULY 27
SUMMER POOL PARTY

SPONSORED BY HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
 7:45 - 9:45PM
 ALLIGATOR'S CREEK AQUATIC CENTER

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.
 NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED.
 OUTSIDE FOOD AND DRINK ARE WELCOMED. JUST NO GLASS.

The Longest Day of the Year

Summertime can be a great time to enjoy God's creation. Here are 3 ways to spend time with the Creator.

Sit by your window and repeat Psalm 104:24

Take a walk outside and create a breath prayer. A breath prayer is a short, two-part prayer. One is a name for God; the second is an adoration or praise. Here are some examples: "Loving Jesus, thank you." "Creator of all, how wonderful are your works." "Holy One, shine in my heart." Repeat the prayer throughout the walk.

Watch the sunset being completely silent for at least 1 minute. After the silence, have a cool drink and/or say the hymn "All Creatures of Our God and King" or read Genesis 1.

Devotions for home

BRANSON TRIP
Immanuel Wentzville is sponsoring a bus trip to Branson on Sept. 24-25, 2025, to see "David" at the Sight & Sound Theatre and some other attractions. Call Darlene Whited at 636.327.8551 if you want to sign up for the trip. Brochures describing the trip can be found on the Welcome Center table.

The brochure does not mention which Immanuel is sponsoring this trip, which has caused some confusion. **Immanuel Wentzville is the sponsor and the bus will be leaving from its parking lot.** Immanuel St. Charles is NOT involved.

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.

RUMMAGE SALE

Annual Holy Cross Lutheran Church Ladies Guild Rummage Sale

Sat., Aug. 9; 7 AM to Noon

Drop-Off Dates for donated items at the gym are: **Wed., Aug. 6, 1 to 7PM** and **Thurs., Aug. 7, 1 to 4PM**

NOTE: We cannot accept clothing, electronics, or large furniture items.

Proceeds from this year's sale will be donated to Youth in Need. This group provides emergency shelter for kids ages 10 - 19, transitional housing for homeless youth ages 16-21, youth development programs, school-based counseling, early Head Start, teen parenting services, foster care case management, and regional safe-place provider programs.