



*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
Education Hour AT 9:30AM
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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 Second Sunday after Pentecost

Stewardship 3: Enduring Together—Cloud of Witnesses

News & Notes for June 21-22, 2025

WELCOME TO EVERYONE joining us for worship today.

Dianne Anderson; **Gerri** Beckmann; **Dennis** Benassi; **Marie** Benigno; **Paul** Bertram; **Mary Kay** Bethke; **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; **Norma** Helms; **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; **Mabel** McKinney; **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 (Denise 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 Schlumpert (Loretta Ezell)
Blake Schmalzer (Rebecca Schmalzer)
Rosemary Schreiber (Peggy Gallagher)
Christine Scott (Dianne Helvey)
Sara Shroth (choir accompanist)
Dennis Sweeso
Stanika Todorova (Paul & Juliana Frerichs)
Rita Unzer (Karl Schnoor)
Mike Vanover (Jayne Jepsen)

Ken Vesper (Mike Vesper)
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)
Mike & Norma, Terry
~ (Greg & Judy Bonney)
Eddie Collier, **Bruce** Brown,
Rush Brown ~ Denise Collier
Denise Heins, **Sally** Yout
~ Becky Coomer)
Robert Ottinger, **Brian** Ottinger,
Scott Ottinger ~ (Carla Cooper)
Hilda & Doug Breden (Kathleen Day)
Janet Davidson, **Lowell** Duncan
~ (Don Duncan)
Lois Jobe, **Ron** Kasten (Jan Flentke)
Tim Deppe, **Rich** Waiwood
~ (Kent & Janine Haffer)
Alicia Kleb, **Marian** Schwentker; **Andy**
& **Alicia** Kincaid (Michelle Kincaid)
George & Sandra Roberts, **Rodger**
Bratvogel ~ (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 in Thanksgiving: Bob & Carolyn Delohi celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary on June 22.

Holy Cross Weekly Calendar

Saturday, June 21, 2025

STEWARDSHIP 3
3:30PM Baptism: Alex Morrison
5PM Holy Communion

Sunday, June 22, 2025

STEWARDSHIP 3
8AM Holy Communion
9:30AM Education Hour
10:45AM Holy Communion
Pastors at Missouri District Convention 6/22-6/24

Monday, June 23, 2025

JULY KOINONIA MAILING
OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
9:30AM TOPS
11AM Line Dancing

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
6:30PM ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
9:30AM Adult Bible Study
4PM Celebration Planning Meeting
6:45PM Summer Youth Night

Thursday, June 26, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
LWML NATIONAL CONVENTION, OMAHA, NE
JUNE 26-29
8AM News& Notes Deadline
6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Study

Friday, June 27, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

Saturday, June 28, 2025

Family Fishing Day (See ad): 8 to 10AM
5PM Service of Prayer & Preaching
(no communion)

Sunday, June 29, 2025

8AM Matins (no communion)
9:30AM Education Hour + TLC
10:45AM Matins (no communion)
Noon: NYG Meeting with lunch

Prayer List for Active Military:

Dominic Bisesi, Andrew Chema, Jacob Franke, Josh Linn, Justin Quinn, Joshua Rainwater, Jackson Redfield, Jesse Smith, and Matthew Thornton.

Church Attendance for June 14-15, 2025

Service	Attendance	Communion
5PM	74	67
8AM	110	96
10:45AM	85	72
TOTAL	269	235

Bible Class Attendance Week of June 15, 2025

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	2
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	11
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	3
Sunday Adult Bible Class	33
BASICS	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	c
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	NA
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM Bible Class	38
Wednesday Nights	NA
20s&30s Thursday	C

Offerings: June 9-15, 2025

General Fund	\$ 8,792.33
Endowment	\$ 0.00
Building Fund	\$ 100.00
Missions Weekly	\$ 5,517.00
Missions 2025	\$ 9,910.72

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 provides **fresh fruits and vegetables** to **Seminary students**. 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 in the Welcome Center.**

H.O.P.E. FOOD MINISTRIES: Weekly Totals: June 11, 2025
Families: 71 Individuals: 211 New Families: 6

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 the LWML table. Seminary students attend year-round, so **food items are still needed during the summer. Thank you for filling 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 July-September 2025 and a new **The Lutheran Witness** are available on the Welcome Center table.

HOLY BAPTISM: Alexander Magnus Morrison, son of Clinton Morrison and Elizabeth (Beecher) Morrison, was baptized at 3:30PM, Saturday, June 21, 2025, at Holy Cross by Pastor Andrew Gimbel. Alexander was born Nov. 16, 2022, in Chesterfield, Missouri. His baptismal sponsors are Cassa Morrison and Alex Hirtz. Hailey Politte is a baptismal witness.

CWST: Remembering Spouses of Church Workers in Prayer June 13 was the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's marriage to Katharina von Bora. Katie Luther's life of service to Martin and the church is a great example for all of us, *especially for those whose family members serve the church*. Spouses of church workers have been serving their spouses, and by extension, *the church*, in the same way ever since. This is true whether that spouse is a pastor, DCE, teacher, musician, or other church worker. Being a servant in the church requires much patience, perseverance, and prayer—no one knows this better than the spouse. The needs of God's people can come at any time...day or night. The challenge for the spouse is remaining flexible when the spouse is suddenly called away to serve church or community members.



This month, the LCMS asks us to honor a very understanding and encouraging group—church worker spouses. Please prayerfully support Laura Gimbel, Jesse Smith, and Anna Gilson. Uplift them in prayer! Offer them compassionate thanks for how they serve the Lord with their skills and talents. Convey how you appreciate the many ways they uplift their spouses as they perform the most holy work of tending to Christ's church.

Gratefully, The Church Worker Support Team

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@lhsc.org. Thank you for being part of this mission and helping us *Grow and Serve in Christ*!



TRANSFER LUTHERAN CLASS: If you are transferring from another Lutheran church or desiring to become a member at Holy Cross, you are invited to our Transfer Lutheran Class on **Sunday, June 29**. The class will take place from **9:30 to 10:30 during the Education Class hour** in Rooms 1 & 2 downstairs. The pastor will be present to meet with new members and explain the programs and ministries at Holy Cross.

MOTQ is 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 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/>

PHIL'S FRIENDS ACTIVITY Join the Mission & Stewardship Boards in making care packages for Phil's Friends. All ages are welcome! We plan to assemble care packages, make tie blankets, and color cards to put in the care packages. Mark your calendar for Sat., July 19, for this event! More information on the start time and length of the event will be coming in the next few weeks. Please sign up at the Mission booth in the Welcome Center.

DEAF OUTREACH: A Jesus Signs Immersion Workshop at Immanuel Lutheran Church, St. Charles, will be held July 7-11, 2025. Come learn to sign, learn about Deaf Outreach, and have fun! For more information and to sign up, go to: <https://www.immersion2025.deafoutreach.org/home> Questions?? Send an email to: katieb@deafoutreach.org

CRAFT EXPO: Grace Guild will sponsor the craft show on **Sat., Nov. 1, 2025**. We are looking for vendors of woodcraft, artwork, Christmas items, jewelry, cards, and other handcrafted items. Contact Jan Paulson, Applications Administrator, at HCGraceGuild@gmail.com for more information. *Proceeds from vendor fees will be donated to the Holy Cross Benevolence Fund.*

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.**

DCE APPRECIATION: Thank you all for your wonderful words of encouragement and thanks. It was wonderful to share the celebration with my parents and niece from out of town. Thank you for making Holy Cross a wonderful place to serve. — Charity and the Smith Family

BENEVOLENCE FUND: Holy Cross has a benevolence fund to help members in need. If you want to contribute to this fund, put a memo line on your check for the HC Benevolence Fund and secure it in an envelope. Put your offering envelope number and your name on the outside of the envelope and place in the offering plate or send it to the church office. Thank you!

HOLY CROSS PRESCHOOL is looking for a part-time teacher assistant and a floater who enjoys working with children and sharing God's word.

The hours would be 8:30 to noon on Tuesday and Thursday mornings for the 3s class. The applicant must be 18 years or older. The position would require a background check, a current physical, and TB testing. The teacher aide supports the Director and the teacher by creating a caring and safe environment for children and assisting in activities to improve the quality of education. The candidate must be able to communicate, listen, and work well with others in a team environment. Assisting the staff in implementing a quality educational program and developing a positive relationship with children and families.

Contact preschool@hcross.com or 636.272.4505

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.

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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

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!



Blood Drive Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Gym
8945 Veterans Memorial Parkway
O Fallon, MO 63366

Thursday, July 10, 2025
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter:
HolyCrossLC
to schedule an appointment.



Come give blood 7/1 to 7/14 for an exclusive pair of Red Cross x goodr sunglasses, while they last!



Scan to schedule an appointment.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR
for the
HOLY CROSS
LUTHERAN CHURCH
65TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION WEEKEND
SEPTEMBER 13 AND 14, 2025

Details in the July Koinonia
and future News&Notes

Haven't been getting email from Holy Cross lately? Check your spam settings!

Google is flagging Holy Cross emails to some members as unsolicited email or spam. This could be because members have flagged (manually or automatically) Holy Cross emails as spam, or have explicitly blocked the Holy Cross email address.

For the last several weeks when weekend bulletins or other church notices are sent, the church office is getting up to 43 "Message Blocked" notices because Gmail thinks Holy Cross is sending out unsolicited mail. If you do not want to be on the Holy Cross email list, please CALL the church office.

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.

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.

RUMMAGE SALE

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.