



*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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#### CHURCH OFFICE

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## The Third Sunday after Pentecost

*News & Notes for June 28-29, 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; **Electra** Day; **Logan** Day; **Shirley** Day; **Bob & Carolyn** Delohi; **Edna** Deubel; **Brenda** Duncan; **Becky** Edgar; **Renea** Erickson; **Rich** Franzer; **Bess** Frayne; **Janice** Fred; **Sandie** Fussner; **Peggy** Gallagher; **Connie** Gamache; **Don** Grzina; **Iris** Hackbarth; **Janine** Haffer; **Karen** Heckman; **Norma** Helms; **Marie** Herrington; **Jayne** Jepsen; **Lizzie** Johansmann; **Mike** Kahler; **Ron** Kettler; **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; **Jesse** Smith; **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)  
**Mamie** Stewart (Joyce McEntire)  
**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)  
**Krill Family** (Trudy Belter)  
**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)  
**Scott** Brockmann; **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:** Dennis & Connie Gamache are celebrating their  
55th wedding anniversary on Sun., June 29.

**UPDATES NEEDED FOR PRAYER LIST:** Help us keep the prayer list up-to-date.  
Review it and let us know if anything has changed.. Thanks!

## Holy Cross Weekly Calendar

### Saturday, June 28, 2025

Family Fishing Day: 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

### Monday, June 30, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9:30AM TOPS

11AM Line Dancing

### Tuesday, July 1, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9:30AM Adult Bible Study  
12:30PM Office Closed — Staff Meeting offsite  
2PM Preschool Board Meeting  
6PM Stewardship & Missions Board Meeting

### Wednesday, July 2, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

8AM News& Notes Deadline  
9:30AM Adult Bible Study  
6:45PM Summer Youth Night

### Thursday, July 3, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9AM HOPE Seeds  
6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Study

### Friday, July 4, 2025

FOURTH OF JULY: OFFICES CLOSED

### Saturday, July 5, 2025

9:30AM Bylaws Committee Meeting  
5PM Holy Communion

### Sunday, July 6, 2025

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

\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE \*\*\*\*\*

Since this is a 4-day work week, the deadline for News&Notes is one day earlier on WEDNESDAY. The Church Office is closed on Friday, July 4.

### 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 21-22, 2025

Service	Attendance	Communion
5PM	58	55
8AM	111	94
10:45AM	89	75
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>224</b>

### Bible Class Attendance Week of June 22, 2025

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	2
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	19
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	7
Sunday Adult Bible Class	53
BASICS/TLC	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	c
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	8
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM Bible Class	35
Wednesday Nights	9
20s&30s Thursday	10

### Offerings: June 16-21, 2025

General Fund	\$ 20,185.62
Endowment	\$ 10.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00
Missions Weekly	\$ 135.02
<b>Missions 2025</b>	<b>\$ 10,045.74</b>

### Year to Date as of 05/31/2025

Income	\$ 314,696.21
Expenses	\$ 324,809.22
Deficit	\$ (10,113.01)

**HOPE Ministries** requests these items for JULY:

Soup, Mashed Potatoes, Ramen Noodles, Jelly, Cookies.

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 25, 2025  
Families: 60      Individuals: 195      New Families: 3

**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 **Lutheran Witness** are available on the Welcome Center table.

**WEEKEND SERVICES:** Since this is the fifth Sunday of the month, communion will not be observed. The Service of Prayer & Preaching will be on Saturday, and Matins will be on Sunday. The emphasis this weekend is on the fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).

**ALTAR FLOWERS** this weekend are placed to the glory of God by Dennis & Connie Gamache as they celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on Sun., June 29; and by Steve Kirk in remembrance of his mother June Kirk whose birthday is June 30.

**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 (TLC) 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.

**HOPE SEEDS** meets Thurs., July 3, at 9AM in the gym.

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

**LCMS MISSOURI DISTRICT NEWS FROM CONVENTION:** The Missouri District met in convention last week. Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan was re-elected as president. Rev. Craig Otto of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Lee's Summit was elected first vice president. (He is the father of Rev. Vincent Otto, former field worker at Holy Cross.) Also making news is that Pastor Andrew J. Gimbel was elected to the Board of Directors of the Missouri District. *See the Missouri District website for more convention news.*

**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

## LHS RENOVATION UPDATE:

### One Month In – Big Changes Ahead!

It's hard to believe it's been *one full month* since Droste Construction broke ground on our campus, and school was still in session when they began! Since then, every corner of Lutheran High School has seen transformation. From the kitchen walls rising to the classroom demolition dust settling, the pace has been steady—and exciting.

While there is still much to be done, we are *hopeful and prayerful* that our classrooms will be ready for the first day of school on **Wed., Aug. 13**. We're confident the kitchen will be completed even sooner, thanks to the incredible momentum from the team at Droste Construction. Their progress has been remarkable, and we're grateful for the craftsmanship and care they bring each day.

We also extend our thanks to **Mission Architects** for their visionary designs and to **CertaPro Painters**, whose work has brightened our hallways, classrooms, and Commons, making the rest of the school shine even amidst the construction.

When you step back onto campus this fall, you may hardly recognize the place! These improvements represent more than walls and windows—they represent our commitment to building an environment where students thrive spiritually, academically, and relationally.

Stay tuned for more updates as we move closer to welcoming our students back into spaces designed to Grow and Serve in Christ!

**Summer South Nights**  
6:45-8pm

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.



**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](https://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!**



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**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.**

## **Fourth Annual CWST Pork Steak Dinner and Cornhole Tournament Seminary Support Fundraiser** **Sat., July 26, 5:30PM to 7:30PM**

Adult menu includes our now-famous pork steak, a choice of baked potato or potato salad, cole slaw, a choice of baked beans or corn on the cob, and dessert for \$16.

The children's menu includes a hot dog, chips, fruit cup, and dessert for \$5.

Dinner will be served from 5:30 to 7:30PM. Carry outs are available.

The Cornhole Tournament will have gift card prizes. Please join us in supporting our Concordia Seminary students (Isaac & Alyssa Conrad from Holy Cross). **Tickets go on sale Sat., June 28.**

## *Church Anniversary*

The **65th Anniversary of Holy Cross Lutheran Church** will be celebrated the weekend of **Sept. 13-14, 2025.**

As part of that celebration, a dinner and program will take place **Sunday, Sept. 14, at noon, at the Christy Banquet Center**, located across the street from Holy Cross on Veterans Memorial Parkway. **Tickets for the dinner will go on sale the weekend of August 26-27 for \$10 each**, with the remainder of the cost covered by the church.

Another aspect of the celebration will give you the opportunity to purchase items featuring the **Holy Cross name and logo**. Available for purchase will be embroidered polo shirts, screen-printed t-shirts, hoodies, coffee mugs, water bottles, and koozies. **Orders and payments will be accepted before and after church services in the Welcome Center on July 26 & 27 and August 2 & 3.**

Payments can be made by cash or checks payable to Holy Cross Lutheran Church. *Items will only be for sale for two weekends!*

Watch the *News and Notes* for more information.

### **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