



*Our Mission:
With the help of God,
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
grows disciples
and transforms hearts
for Christ.*

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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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News & Notes for July 12-13, 2025

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME TO EVERYONE joining us for worship today.

Elaine Alton; **Dianne** Anderson; **Gerri** Beckmann; **Dennis** Benassi; **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; **Janice** Fred; **Sandie** Fussner; **Peggy**
Gallagher; **Connie** Gamache; **Don** Grzina; **Iris** Hackbarth; **Janine** Haffer; **Karen**
Heckman; **Marie** Herrington; **Lizzie** Johansmann; **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;
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:

Texas Flood Victims

Jim (John Bertram)
Rachel Butkovich (Tom & Sue Haywood)
Elizabeth Cash (Heather Koepke)
Mark Chiodini (Nicholas Chiodini)
Charles Claxton Jr. (Matthew Claxton)
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)
Rev. **Garry** McCracken (Trinity, Troy)
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)
Nancy Wortman (Bill & Joy Adams)
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)
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 Halversonn ~ (Patrick Szopinski)

PRAYER LIST FOR ACTIVE MILITARY:

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

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, July 12, 2025

Stewardship 4: Enduring Together
5PM Holy Communion

SUNDAY, July 13, 2025

Stewardship 4: Enduring Together
8AM Holy Communion
9:30AM Education Hour
10:45AM Holy Communion

MONDAY, July 14, 2025

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

TUESDAY, July 15, 2025: Aug. Koinonia Deadline

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
August Koinonia Deadline: July 15
Looking for VBS pictures, other church activities (ex: campout)! Send articles and pix to secretary@hccross.com

9AM Quilting
9:30AM Women's Bible Study
12:30PM Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, July 16, 2025

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

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING JULY 17-24

THURSDAY, July 17, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
8AM News & Notes Deadline
6:30PM 20s & 30s Bible Study

FRIDAY, July 18, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
10AM LG Candy & Nut Sale Meeting (Rm 1 & 2)

SATURDAY, July 19, 2025

Phil's Friends Activity: Noon to 4PM
—SEE PAGE 3 FOR TIME DETAILS
5PM Holy Communion

SUNDAY, July 20, 2025

8AM Holy Communion
9:30AM Education Hour
10:45AM Holy Communion

CONCORDIA SEMINARY FOOD BANK UPDATE

On Fri., June 27, your gifts were taken to the Seminary Food Bank. **Thank you** for filling the bins to overflowing.

Courtney, the Seminary food bank coordinator, said that they were in short supply of **diapers, size 4; laundry detergent**; and all types and sizes of **breakfast cereal**.

Note: the Dining Room does not provide breakfast in the summer!

The next delivery will be made when the Holy Cross bins are full.

~Elma Jane Kramer
Holy Cross Ladies Guild

ELDER 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.

HOLY CROSS LADIES 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.

MISSION BOARD provides **fresh fruits and vegetables** to **Concordia 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: July 9, 2025
Families: 69 Individuals: 216 New Families: 6

Church Attendance for July 5-6, 2025

Service	Attendance	No Communion
5PM	57	57
8AM	75	66
10:45AM	88	79
TOTAL	220	202

Bible Class Attendance Week of July 6, 2025

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	0
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	7
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	2
Sunday Adult Bible Class	35
BASICS/TLC	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	12
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	7
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM Bible Class	35
Wednesday Nights	C
20s&30s Thursday	C

Offerings: June 30-July 6, 2025

General Fund	\$ 20,921.14
Endowment	\$ 150.00
Building Fund	\$ 260.00
Missions Weekly	\$ 237.20
Missions 2025	\$ 10,582.94

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.**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY on Tues., July 15, will feature Jan Paulson, who will present the "Women of the Bible" study series. Each Tuesday morning in Rooms 1&2 at 10AM, one woman of the Bible will be covered. Each lesson will stand on its own; so if you miss a week, you will not feel like you can't catch up the next week.

This is the list of weeks and the women to be covered: July 8 Rebekah; July 15 Miriam; July 22 Ruth; July 29 Abigail; Aug 5 The Virtuous Woman; Aug 12 Elizabeth; Aug 19 The Women of the Gospels; Aug 26 Mary the Mother of Jesus. Pastor Gimbel will resume leading the Women's Bible Study in September.

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! Setup time is Noon to 1PM; Work time is 1 to 3 PM; and Pickup Time is 3 to 4 PM. Please sign up at the table in the Welcome Center.

CRAFT EXPO

NOVEMBER 1, 2025

9AM to 3PM

A great way to start on that Christmas gift list!

Featuring Custom Artwork, Woodwork, Christmas Items,

Jewelry ... and more!

VENDORS WANTED

Contact Applications Administrator Jan Paulson at
HCGraceGuild@gmail.com
or contact the church office.

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GRACE EVENING GUILD
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
Proceeds to LWML Mites

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!

ANNUAL PRESCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT:

Sponsorships, early registration available

Child of God and Holy Cross are preparing for their annual Golf for Schools Tournament on Sun., Sept. 7, 2025!

Just five years ago, we started offering sponsorship opportunities for the tournament, and these have truly made a difference! That first year, we more than doubled the proceeds to our schools, and each year since we have beat our past year's record!

This year, we are looking for Driving Range Sponsors (\$250) and Beverage Cart Sponsors (\$500).

This year, we will transition from snail mail to **Eventbrite for registration**. This will help advertise sponsorships and update the registration page with our Premium Sponsors information. See link below for the Eventbrite page for early registration and the current sponsor list.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/annual-holy-cross-coglcs-golf-scrabble-2025-tickets-1450906031999?aff=oddttdtcreator>

As always, thank you for the continuous support for our schools! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out, and we will be happy to answer your questions.

Kyle Dibler; Kyle.Dibler@gmail.com; 314-610-5551
Flyers and Sponsors Forms are available on the Welcome Center table.

Petting Zoo and Pony Rides Coming to Holy Cross:

On Saturday morning, Aug. 9, we will have animals for all ages to pet, and ponies for children to ride. From 9:00 to 11:00 am, we will have a mini horse, calf, goat, sheep, rabbit, duck, turtle, and fluffy dog for anyone to pet and feed. There will also be two ponies for the young to ride. Bring your children and grandchildren. This is also a great opportunity to invite other friends and neighbors with young children. We will be handing out free Christian books to all the children as they leave. What a wonderful way to enjoy animals, build relationships, and share Jesus.

Around the Den: Campaign Update from Dr. Kuhlmann

The transformation is real—and it's happening now at Lutheran High School! Dr. Doug Kuhlmann, Head of School, takes you behind the scenes in a new video update highlighting the incredible progress of our *Empowered by Christ: Enriching Our Future* campaign. From kitchen construction and fresh paint to cleared classrooms and campus upgrades, every detail points to one thing: our students. Here is the video: <https://youtu.be/CnmvjTb6MTE>

Your generosity is bringing this vision to life. Due to your generosity, we have attained our **\$100,000 matching gift goal**—and we need your help to finish strong! Every dollar you pledge moves us closer to the next phase of construction: baseball/softball complex improvements, parking lot repaving, and design work for our future multi-purpose center.

Watch the update and **make your pledge today** to directly impact the lives of our students. Let's continue to build a future rooted in Christ and full of purpose. Donate here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd5Xb4UXgJH4hrXC8yAoKl5_sik4mPk1usUyqll2yUYvLE2gQ/viewform

Church Anniversary

Holy Cross merchandise is coming soon! As part of the Holy Cross 65th Anniversary Celebration, you will have the opportunity to purchase various merchandise printed with the Holy Cross logo. Items available include t-shirts, polo shirts, hoodies, koozies, coffee cups, and water bottles. Order forms are available on the Welcome Center table to view. Orders will be taken on the weekends of July 26-27 and Aug. 2-3. At that time, samples of the items will be available to view. Only cash or a check will be accepted. Payment must be made at the time of order. **Orders will be taken at the Pork Steak Dinner on July 26.**

++++ **SAVE THE DATE** +++++

Plan to attend the **Holy Cross 65th Anniversary Dinner and Program on Sun., Sept. 14, at noon at The Christy Banquet Center**, 9000 Veterans Memorial Parkway. **Tickets will be sold starting August 9-10.** Ticket price for HCLC members is \$10 each, and the non-member price is \$30 each. Only cash or a check will be accepted. Children under 6 are free. **Free child care** will be available at The Christy during the program following the meal.

Watch the *News and Notes* for updated 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

Summer
Youth 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.

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.

CORNHOLE
TOURNAMENT

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).

