



*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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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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weekly newsletters, and DVD recordings
(visual) to those who request them.

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CHECK WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR UPDATES
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News & Notes for July 26-27, 2025

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME TO EVERYONE joining us for worship today.

Elaine Alton; **Dianne** Anderson; **Gerri** Beckmann; **Dennis** Benassi; **Paul** Bertram;
Mary Kay Bethke; **Judy** Bonney; **Kacey** Booth; **Nancy** Caldwell; **Teegan** Cannon;
Electra Day; **Logan** Day; **Shirley** Day; **Bob** & **Carolyn** Delohi; **Edna** Deubel;
Sherien Duello; **Brenda** Duncan; **Becky** Edgar; **Renea** Erickson; **Rich** Franzer;
Bessie Frayne; **Janice** Fred; **Sandie** Fussner; **Peggy** Gallagher; **Connie** Gamache;
Don Grzina; **Iris** Hackbarth; **Janine** Haffer; **Mike** Hanna; **Marie** Herrington; **Lizzie**
Johansmann; **Ron** Kettler; **Sandra** Kohrs; **Debra** Korte; **Jim** Kramer; **Bob** Kunz;
Joyce Lang; **Betty** Lee; **Albert** & **Ingrid** Marhanka; **Terry** McCann; **Mabel**
McKinney; **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:

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)
Sarah Hall (Jayme Price)
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)
Sandy Lockwood (David Gilson)
Catherine Loney (Nicole Alton)
John 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)
Deb Morrison (Sue Williams)
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)
Dale & **Carol** Stumpf (Amanda Alton)
Carson Aston, **Chlaara** Aston,
Sharon Staten (Lisa Aston)
Krill Family (Trudy Belter)
Mike & **Norma**, **Terry**
~ (Greg & Judy Bonney)
Tony LaChance, **Connie** Peine,
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)
Julie Germain & Family (Norma Helms)
Alicia Kleb, **Marian** Schwentker; **Andy**
& **Alicia** Kincaid (Michelle Kincaid)
George & **Sandra** Roberts, **Rodger**
Bratvogel ~ (Elma Jane Kramer)
Rick & **Nancy** Wors ~ (Denise Lackey)
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)

WE PRAY for the family of *Nancy Wortman*, sister of Bill (Joy) Adams who died this week.

Holy Cross Weekly Calendar

SATURDAY, July 26, 2025

5PM Holy Communion
5:00 to 7:30PM Pork Steak Dinner
& Cornhole Tournament

SUNDAY, July 27, 2025

8AM Holy Communion
9:30AM Education Hour
10:45AM Holy Communion
Church Pool Party — see ad
7:45PM—9:45PM AT Alligator Creek

MONDAY, July 28, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

Koinonia Mailing
9:30AM TOPS
11AM Line Dancing
1PM Missouri District meeting—Rms 1&2

TUESDAY, July 29, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9AM Ladies Guild Quilts
10AM Women's Bible Study
12:30PM Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, July 30, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9:30AM Adult Bible Study
6:45PM Summer Youth Night

THURSDAY, July 31, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

8AM News& Notes Deadline
6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Study

FRIDAY, August 1, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

SATURDAY, August 2, 2025

5PM Holy Communion

SUNDAY, August 3, 2025

8AM Holy Communion
9:30AM Education Hour
+ LCMS Youth Gathering Show & Tell
(Gym)
10:45AM Holy Communion
12:30PM Special Voters' Assembly
(held in Sanctuary following late service)
1:30PM Board of Elders

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!

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. In short supply now: **diapers, size 4; laundry detergent;** and all types and sizes of **breakfast cereal**. 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.** See list in the bottom right corner.

H.O.P.E. FOOD MINISTRIES: Weekly Totals: July 23, 2025
Families: 60 Individuals: 215 New Families: 6

Church Attendance for July 19-20, 2025

Service	Attendance	Communion
5PM	70	61
8AM	116	93
10:45AM	87	70
TOTAL	273	224

Bible Class Attendance Week of July 20, 2025

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	1
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	7
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	0
Sunday Adult Bible Class	41
BASICS/TLC	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	11
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	7
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM Bible Class	35
Wednesday Nights	NR
20s&30s Thursday	NR

Offerings: July 14-20, 2025

General Fund	\$ 23,461.04
Endowment	\$ 10.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00
Missions Weekly	\$ 145.02
Missions 2025	\$ 11,727.96

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.**

TODAY'S SERVICE: We welcome Seminarian Isaac Conrad as preacher this weekend. He is a member of Holy Cross and currently in his second year at Concordia Seminary-St. Louis. He will also be the presenter at the Sunday Adult Bible Class.

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed to the glory of God to celebrate the 102nd birthday of Verna Tucker on July 23.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY on Tuesdays 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 still to be covered: 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/>

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 9AM to 11AM, 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.

LHS

While construction crews wrap up their work, we're laying the foundation for something just as important—academic excellence. This week, new tech and classroom layouts are being finalized. Teachers will benefit from updated instructional tools, including interactive displays and modular furniture to support flexible learning. Whether it's theology or engineering, each classroom will now better support the dynamic, Christ-centered education we're called to provide. Our Core Value of *Excellence in Teaching and Learning* drives this work forward.

New tables, booths, and seating options are being installed in the Commons. These aren't just cosmetic upgrades—they're tools for ministry. Students will gather in these spots for Bible studies, group projects, lunchtime laughs, and moments of mentorship.

SPECIAL VOTERS' ASSEMBLY

A special meeting has been called for Sun., Aug. 3, 2025, to approve new bylaws, pending Missouri District approval, for adoption at the scheduled Holy Cross Voters' Assembly in November and effective Jan. 1, 2026. The meeting will take place around noon or after the 10:45AM service concludes in the Sanctuary. The only agenda item will be approval of the proposed bylaws.

Members are urged to attend to vote. Attendance is recorded by signature. If you are unable to attend, contact Council Secretary Barb Grosch at councilsecretary@hcross.co or 314.368.8142 by Fri., Aug. 1 for an excused absence. Three unexcused absences might impact your membership in the Voters' Assembly. New memberships in the Voters' Assembly cannot be taken in at a special meeting; the next regularly scheduled meeting is in November.

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.

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH: Sunday, Aug. 10, 2025, from 9:30 to 10:30AM will be located in the gym. There will be crafts, trivia, service project, & snacks. Open to all youth & their families.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE: Hope Food Pantry in O'Fallon is requesting items from Holy Cross for its Annual School Supplies Drive: **glue sticks**; **spiral notebooks** in *black, orange, pink* (many children need six different colored spiral notebooks for classes; HFP has a lot of the other colors); **protractors**; **compasses**. A box under the Mission Board in the Welcome Center will be available starting Aug. 2-3.

Church Anniversary

REMEMBER!!

Holy Cross merchandise is **now on sale!!** **Orders will be taken for two weekends only: July 26-27 & Aug. 2-3.** Cash or check will be accepted. Payment must be made at the time of order. **Orders will be taken in the Welcome Center before and after services and at the Pork Steak Dinner on July 26.**

+ + + + SAVE THE DATE + + + +

Plan now 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 Aug. 9-10. Ticket price for an HCLC member is \$10; non-member price is \$30. Only cash or check will be accepted.

The meal will be served buffet style and will include chicken and beef entrees.

Gluten-free meals with a chicken entrée are available but **must** be requested when tickets are purchased.

All 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.



Summer
South Nights
6:45-8pm

July 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.

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.

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.

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

Guidelines and Applications packet available on Welcome Center table, church office, or on the church website.

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

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