



*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  
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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.

#### CHURCH OFFICE

CHECK WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR UPDATES  
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## The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

*News & Notes for July 5-6, 2025*

**WELCOME TO EVERYONE** joining us for worship today.

**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; **Jayne** Jepsen; **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:**

**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** Sweoso  
**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)

**WE PRAY IN THANKSGIVING:** Wayne & Bonnie Walkenhorst are celebrating their  
56th wedding anniversary on Sat., July 5; Mike & Jennifer Vesper will celebrate their  
30th wedding anniversary on Tues., July 8.

**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 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

### Monday, July 7, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9:30AM TOPS  
11AM Line Dancing

### Tuesday, July 8, 2025

9:30AM Women's Bible Study  
with Jan Paulson  
12:30PM Staff Meeting  
6:30PM Adult Bible Class

### Wednesday, July 9, 2025

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

### Thursday, July 10, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON  
8AM News& Notes Deadline  
10AM to 3PM American Red Cross  
Blood Drive  
1PM Evangelism Board Meeting  
4PM Ladies Guild Setup  
6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Study

### Friday, July 11, 2025

10AM Ladies Guild

### Saturday, July 12, 2025

Stewardship 4: Enduring Together—  
The Communion of Saints  
5PM Holy Communion

### Sunday, July 13, 2025

Stewardship 4: Enduring Together—  
The Communion of Saints  
8AM Holy Communion  
9:30AM Education Hour  
10:45AM Holy Communion  
August Koinonia Deadline: July 15  
Looking for VBS pictures, other pictures of  
church activities (ex: campout)!  
Send articles and pix to  
secretary@hcross.com  
THANK YOU!!

### 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 28-29, 2025

Service	Attendance	No Communion
5PM	53	—
8AM	118	—
10:45AM	71	—
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>—</b>

## Bible Class Attendance Week of June 29, 2025

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	2
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	10
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	6
Sunday Adult Bible Class	35
BASICS/TLC	5
Tuesday Women's 10AM	c
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	NA
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM Bible Class	34
Wednesday Nights	9
20s&30s Thursday	

## Offerings: June 23-29, 2025

General Fund	\$ 12,661.89
Endowment	\$ 0.00
Building Fund	\$ 0.00
Missions Weekly	\$ 200.02
<b>Missions 2025</b>	<b>\$ 10,245.74</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.

## 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.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** this weekend are placed to the glory of God by Wayne & Bonnie Walkenhorst who are celebrating their 56th wedding anniversary on Sat., July 5.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** on Tues., July 8, 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 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, Grace Guild booth, and snack bar 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.**

**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 sponsor 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 and Beverage Cart Sponsors.

Beverage Cart Sponsor: \$500;

Driving Range Sponsor: \$250

This year, we are transitioning 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-cogcls-golf-scrabble-2025-tickets-1450906031999?aff=oddtcreator>

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](mailto:Kyle.Dibler@gmail.com)

314-610-5551

Flyers and Sponsors Forms will be available on the Welcome Center table next weekend.

**Concordia Seminary:** All are invited to join the participants of the Dying Well in Christ Forum **this week** for the *conference worship services and hymn fest* that will take place in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus on the campus of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. You do not need to register to attend these worship services that are being planned by the Deans of the Chapel for our two LCMS Seminaries.

**July 7 12:30 PM Opening Service** with Dr. Thomas Egger, President of Concordia Seminary St Louis, preaching;

7:45 PM **Hymn Festival**

**July 8 11:00 AM A Lutheran Funeral Service** with Rev. William Cwirla preaching

**July 9 9:30 AM Closing Chapel Service** with Dr. Jon Bruss, President Concordia Theological Seminary Ft. Wayne, preaching

A panel discussion will follow the final service. Please join us for any or all of these worship services. Learn more at: <https://www.csl.edu/dying-well-forum/> or on Facebook at Dying Well in Christ: A Forum on the Church's Care at Life's End. You can also email [dyingwellforum@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:dyingwellforum@lutheransforlife.org) or call Deaconess Pamela Nielsen at (314) 413-1055.

**LHS Renovation Update:** The transformation is real—and it's happening now at Lutheran High School! Your generosity is bringing this vision to life. We're excited to share that 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.



### 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](http://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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**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 3 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 went on sale Sat., June 28.**

## 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.

### 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 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. All children under 6 are free. **Free child care** will be available at The Christy during the program following the meal.

### 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**