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Out of Control

“Poetry does not come when called.” This is a quote from my all-time favorite poet, Lord Byron (1788-1824). Lord Byron believed that poetry is not something humans are capable of producing at will, or whenever they want. Rather, poetry comes from something spontaneous and unexpected that sparks our creativity and expression. In my own life, I have found Byron's axiom to be true more often than not. I am occasionally struck with an urge to write a poem, but when I sit down to start, I have nothing to

say. And I have also been in certain situations or environments that really did provide that creative, elusive spark when I least expected it. A sleepless night. A brilliant sunset on the beach. An apartment that desperately needed cleaning and attention. And, back in early June, a severe thunderstorm while I was working on a sermon in my office. I want to share what I wrote that day with you. I hope it points you to Jesus.

I am out of control.
The earth drinks, lightning blinks,
Thunder thinks out loud.
Sirens wail once. Twice.
I can't change this.
I can't stop this.
I can't escape this. I am out of control.

I consider what's really going on,
Not just some atmospheric reflex
But a divine reminder of who I am.
I am small.
I am weak.
I am human.
I can't change this.
I can't stop this.
I can't escape this. I am out of control.

Somehow, it reminds me of grace.
God became small.
God became weak.
God became human.
And that changed everything.
Jesus ordered all things to lead to that cross
And rose again. What else matters?
And before the cross my Lord still leads me.
To it He commands me.
Through it He forgives me.
I can't change this.
I can't stop this.
I can't escape this. I am out of control.
And that's good.

~Pastor Jason

Preschool Starts Sept. 2

Little voices and footsteps will soon fill the lower level of the church. Young children will come ready to learn many new things, but most importantly, about Jesus, their Savior. Our mission is to develop and nurture the faith walk of families in our community and church through a quality early childhood program. Our theme verse this year is Psalm 139:14, "I will give thanks unto thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: your works are wonderful, I know that full well." We will focus on this each month during Bible story and chapel time.

Only 3 spots remain in the 3AM class. More openings remain in the 4's class. Please share our website, preschool.hcross.com, with families who have children who are 3 or 4 years old before August 1. Brochures explaining the programs, times, and rates are available in the Welcome Center and the Church office. Completed registration form and fee may be turned in to the church office. Parents can contact Preschool Director Dani Richardson at 636-272-4505 to schedule a personal tour.

Parent packets, mailed to all enrolled families in June, and *The Parent Handbook* will be reviewed at **the Parent Meeting on Mon., Aug. 25 at 6PM** in the church sanctuary. To make the first day more comfortable for the preschoolers, we are hosting an **Open House on Tues., Aug. 12 with Balance Gym from 6PM to 7PM!** Preschool families will have an opportunity to explore the classroom at our **Meet 'N Greet on Aug. 26 at 6PM**. Classes begin on Tues. Sept. 2.

Please consider supporting our preschool with your Thrivent Choice dollars.



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Annual Golf for Schools Tournament

Please join us and our friends at Child of God for a fun day of golf on Sun., Sept 7, at the Falls at Turtle Creek. Shotgun start at 1:30pm. The tournament is sponsored by Anjon Manufacturing, which specializes in custom water-scaping solutions for residential and commercial landscaping. Registration forms are available in the Church Office and on the Welcome Center table. The deadline to register is Aug. 31. Any business or individual interested in sponsoring a hole or game can contact Jason White at 713-859-0244. Proceeds benefit Holy Cross Preschool and Child of God Lutheran Schools. Thrivent Action Teams will be used to support the event.



We welcome Kristian Homan to our staff.

She will be a Teacher Assistant in the 3-year-old class. She has a Bachelor's in Elementary Education, and her grandson graduated from our program in the spring.



We are so thankful for our youth who donated their time at preschool in June and July! Their help was invaluable, and it really made a difference!

Monthly Music Minute for August 2025

*A series in which the music director shares some thoughts
about the music coming up in church this month*

August is here, and at Holy Cross, that means back to a more normal routine! Summer is ending, and our educational program will begin in full force - and that includes our music department! It is an exciting time, as we get many members involved in leading the church's song.

On August 10, one of the hymns we will sing is the beloved LSB 790, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty." The final stanza of this hymn is a great prayer about praising God through the church's song:

*Praise to the Lord! O Let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now
with praises before Him!
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!*

How can you, the Holy Cross parishioner, fulfill that prayer? I'd like to share with you some ways that you might be able to do so as the school year begins. As always, if you have any questions at all, please come talk to myself, David Gilson, or shoot me an email at dgilson@hcross.com.

1. CONGREGATIONAL SONG

By far, the most important thing you can do to be involved in worship is simply to sing with the congregation. One of the great blessings of Holy Cross, to me, is that we are a singing congregation, and that starts with you in the pew! Sing in church, whether you think you have a good voice or not. Sing from your heart. Sing with all your being. And when you've done that, keep singing. Proclaim boldly the faith. Share with one another the truths and comforts of the Gospel. And keep the words of these great hymns of faith on your hearts.

Many pastors I've spoken to tell me the same thing: when people are on their deathbed, sedated and non-responsive, very often one of the only expressions of faith they can share are mouthing along to the words of hymns they have sung and kept in their hearts. We imprint these songs not just by listening, but by singing them repeatedly. The song of the church matters, and so does your voice in it.

2. HANDBELLS

Beyond congregational song, we do have some specific groups you can join if you'd like to get even more involved, and that doesn't even necessarily have to be singing! One fun way to get involved is by joining the **Adult Handbell Choir**.

This group will meet **Monday nights from 6:30-7:30PM, beginning August 25**. Open to ringers high-school age on up, this ensemble rings in church about once a month and at select special services.

If you are interested in being a part of handbells, even if you've rung before, join us on **Monday, August 18 at**

6:30PM, as we will have a handbell orientation event. At this time, if you are new, we will meet and discuss how best to get you involved in the group, and we will also get the handbells out for some polishing/maintenance so that we are ready for the coming season! I am a firm believer that anyone can ring handbells — so, if you're on the fence, come join us on the 18th and give it a shot!

3. CHOIR

Our most established and frequently utilized ensemble, the **Adult Choir** will meet weekly for rehearsals **Wednesday nights from 6:45-8:00PM** in the choir room. Our first rehearsal will be **Wednesday, August 20**. The choir is for those aged high-school-on-up. The choir sings during Sunday church services on average once every three to four weeks, in addition to occasional special services throughout the year.

If you've sung in the choir before, we'd love to have you back! If you haven't but you love singing, you're welcome to join too! And, if you'd like to give it a try but aren't sure you want to commit to a full year-long schedule, we're especially eager to have people join the choir for the first month or so, so that our celebration of the 65th anniversary of the congregation on September 14 might be extra-special.

4. YOUTH MUSIC

After a couple years of trial and growth, we're very excited to bring back music programs geared toward growing not just music skills but the understanding of worship in our young people. We'll once again have a Children's Choir led by Melanie Dafler and a Beginning Handbell ensemble (not necessarily limited to youth!). Details on these groups have yet to be finalized at the time of writing this, but by the time you're reading this, they're likely to have been decided, so reach out to David or Melanie if you'd like to know more!

5. INSTRUMENTAL/SOLO MUSIC

If you play an instrument and you'd like to get involved in some capacity, please talk to your music director! Whether you're a beginner or a professional, whether you're a confident soloist or you'd prefer to play in a group, there's a place for you to play in church. We can figure out what that looks like together.

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Psalm 34:3 states, "Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name *together*!" That word "together" is key. As we head into a new season at Holy Cross, it is my prayer that, no matter what generation we may be a part of, whether we ring, play instruments, sing in a choir, or sing boldly from the pew each week, we can learn, walk, and worship together as one body, in joyful song of praise to our God. - David Gilson

Ladies Guild Goes to Bat in July

Members of the Holy Cross Ladies Guild recently held their Fourth Annual July Gathering. This year's theme was baseball. Activities included games, entertainment, music, singing, and food. The highlight of the gathering was an *a cappella* presentation of the National Anthem by members of the Holy Cross choir. Everyone enjoyed fun and fellowship! Ladies Guild meets on the **second Friday of every month at 10AM** in the Holy Cross gym. Guests and new members are welcome!



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

Thurs., Aug. 7, 1 to 4PM

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

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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GRACE EVENING GUILD
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Proceeds from vendor fees to Holy Cross Benevolence Fund

Grace Guild (left) gathered June 20 at the Not Jaded Tearoom in Wentzville. President Karen Copper shared a *Teacup Devotional*. Attending were: Linda Ledford, Jan Paulson, Sharon Wachter, Dianne Anderson, Brenda Fore, Jayne Jepsen, Darlene Drilling, Kathy Weseman, Karen Copper, Carol Crafton. Grace Guild meets in September.

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.

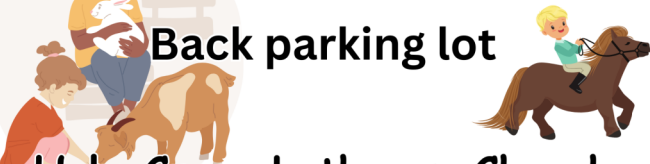
August 9th
Something for
EVERYONE!



Rummage Sale
7 AM to Noon
in the Gym

Petting Zoo & Pony Rides
9-11 AM

Back parking lot



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LWML ST. CHARLES ZONE RALLY

The Holy Cross Ladies Guild and Grace Evening Guild will host the **LWML St. Charles Zone Rally** on **Sat., Oct. 18, 2025**. The theme is "Equipped to Serve." The speaker will be Gail Hahn, LWML St. Charles Zone Vice-President.

Church Anniversary

REMEMBER!!

Holy Cross merchandise is **on sale! 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.**

++++ 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.



Come & Join us!
Thurs., **August 7, 2025**
Gym, 9AM-Noon

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2025 MISSOURI DISTRICT CONVENTION

BY CHRISTIE HAMPTON

Delegates, church workers, and guests from across Missouri gathered in Columbia for the 22nd District Convention under the theme "Bold Hope in Christ" (2 Cor. 3:12). Over the course of three days, attendees joined in worship, elected leaders, engaged in theological reflection, and committed to the work God has called us to in congregations and communities.



Opening Worship

The convention opened with Divine Service Sunday, June 22, 2025. Rev. Peter Lange, first vice president of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) (*pictured above; photo by: Noah Clark*), served as preacher and built on the convention's theme "Bold Hope in Christ."

President's Report

President Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan, re-elected as District President, opened the business sessions Monday morning with a message of hope rooted in the unchanging promises of Christ. He celebrated signs of encouragement across the District, including:

- *SHINE!* servant events, which engaged over 10,000 participants
- Continued growth in Lutheran school enrollment
- Over \$2.3 million in scholarships awarded through the MOScholars program

Hagan noted progress to the four ministry priorities for the past triennium: church worker recruitment, family discipleship, community engagement, and shared ministry. "Our hope," he said, "is not in plans or programs, but in the risen Christ."



A Hope That Transforms

Rev. Dr. Kevin Golden, associate professor at Concordia Seminary and longtime Missouri District pastor (*pictured above; photo by: Noah Clark*), delivered Part I of the Convention Essay on Monday afternoon. Drawing from 2 Cor. 3:12, Golden explored what it means to live boldly because of our hope in Christ.

Using illustrations from *The Shawshank Redemption*, and rich Scriptural imagery, he reminded delegates that Christian hope is grounded, not vague. "If your hope is in your hope," Golden warned, "then your hope is uncertain. But in Christ, it is specific, secure, and bold."

Convention Business, Elections

In addition to resolutions and other business, delegates elected leadership for the next triennium. Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan was reelected president of the Missouri District Monday, June 23, 2025. **Hagan received 100% of the votes cast on the first ballot.**

Rev. Craig Otto, senior pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Lee's Summit, was elected first vice president by just one vote, receiving 50.16% of the ballots. Elected second through fourth vice presidents, respectively, were: Rev. Randy Asbury, sole pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in St. Louis; Rev. Samuel Powell, senior pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Jefferson City; and Rev. Richard Cody, sole pastor of St. Peter Lutheran Church in St. Joseph.

Pictured right: The newly elected president and praesidium (left to right): Rev. Richard Cody, Rev. Samuel Powell, President Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan, Rev. Craig Otto, and Rev. Randy Asbury. Photo by: Noah Clark



Student Assistants

Students served in various support roles throughout the District Convention. Special thanks to (pictured left to right) Kaitlynn Swartz, Kiera Swartz, Jack Hagan, Noah Clark, Caroline Moede (not pictured), and Ella Bradley (not pictured) for their dedicated service.

Photo by: Christie Hampton

The Convention Offering was designated for the scholarship endowment that supports university and seminary students preparing for full-time church work—commonly known as *Tomorrow's Teachers & Preachers*. \$23,011.55 was collected in Columbia. Thank you for your generosity!

All 2025 District Convention materials, including the *Workbook* and *Today's Business*, can now be downloaded **online**.

Greetings, Final Blessings

Delegates were blessed to receive greetings from leaders of LCMS ministries and partner organizations, including representatives from LWML, LCMS Foundation, Concordia Publishing House, Concordia Plans, and others.

The convention closed Tuesday with a memorial service, closing devotion, and the installation of President Hagan and Circuit Visitors.



Pictured above: Missouri District First Vice President Rev. Bill Marler led delegates in the Matins Memorial Service on Tuesday morning. Photo by: Noah Clark

Watch Online

You can view the Opening Communion Service, President Hagan's acceptance speech, and Rev. Dr. Kevin Golden's essay sessions at the Missouri District **Facebook page**.


Christie Hampton is communications specialist at the LCMS Missouri District.



AUGUST 13
6:30PM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ORIENTATION

Pre-School through 12th Grade

OUR SERVICES:

- Student Medical & Information Forms
- Yearly Handbook
- Meet Your Teacher
- Register For Classes
- Meet in the Gym

CONTACT:

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csmith@hcross.com
314-529-1960

Bring your phones!

Photo Scavenger Hunt

6TH - 8TH GRADE | **FORT ZUMWALT PARK**

Aug 6
6:45-8pm

ADULT LEADERS:
PASTOR KOHM
TRUDY BELTER
STACEY SWEESO

SAVE THE DATE

LEVEL 100

AUG 10 BACK 2 SCHOL BASH
Let's start the school year off with a Bash!

AUG 13 ORIENTATION
Introduction to Confirmation
Training to Acolyte & Usher

AUG 20 1ST LEVEL 100 CLASS
Parent Attendance Required

SEPT 5-6 CONFIRMATION LOCK-IN
For Middle School Only

MORE INFO: HCROSS.COM/YOUTH

LEVEL 200 SAVE THE DATE

AUG 13 ORIENTATION
Introduction to your Confirmation class
Training to Acolyte & Usher

SEPT 5-6 LOCK-IN MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY
All confirmation students invited. Level 200 students, please attend or have take-home work instead.

APRIL 2 FIRST COMMUNION
Rehearsal is March 15 from 9:30-10:30 am in the sanctuary.

X5 PARENT ATTENDANCE
Parents, please mark the following dates to attend class with your student:
2025 - 9/3, 10/15
2026 - 1/7, 2/11, 4/15.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT HCROSS.COM/YOUTH

Level 300 SAVE THE DATE

AUG 13	Orientation
SEPT 5-6	Confirmation Lock-in
SEPT 24	Rite of Confirmation Theology
OCT 5	Reformation Rite of Confirmation: Bible Verse and Banner Due
OCT 26	Reformation Sunday: Rite of Confirmation
MARCH 14	Easter Vigil Rite of Confirmation: Bible Verse and Banner Due
APRIL 4	Easter Vigil: Rite of Confirmation
CHECK-IN	Quarterly check-in with mentor, student, and parents due: 9/1, 12/1, 3/1, 6/1

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HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Those with hearing aids can now download and use a smartphone or tablet app that broadcasts the service to their hearing aids. (Bluetooth connection required)

August 2025

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Calendar of Events

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
27	JULY	28		29		30		31		1	AUGUST	2	
8 AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour 10:45AM Holy Communion		9:30 AM TOPS 11AM Line Dancing		9AM Quilting 10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30pm Staff Meeting		9:30AM Adult Bible Class 6:45pm Summer Youth Night		8AM News & Notes <u>Deadline</u> 6:30pm 20s&30s Bible Class				5pm Holy Communion	
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8AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour + LCMS Youth Gathering Show & Tell (gym) 10:45AM Holy Communion 12:30pm Special Voters' Meeting (Sanctuary) 1:30pm Board of Elders		9:30AM TOPS 11AM Line Dancing		10AM Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Adult Bible Class 6pm Missions & Stewardship Boards		9:30AM Adult Bible Class 1pm to 7pm: Ladies Guild Rummage Sale Dropoff 3pm Preschool Board 6:45pm Circuit Summer High School Night + Photo Scavenger Hunt (6-8th grades)		8AM News & Notes <u>Deadline</u> 9AM HOPE Seeds 1pm to 4pm: Ladies Guild Rummage Sale Dropoff 6:30pm 20s&30s Bible Class		9AM LG Setup 10AM Ladies Guild + Rummage Sale setup after meeting		7AM TO NOON: Ladies Guild Rummage Sale 9AM TO 11AM Petting Zoo 3pm VBS Volunteer BBQ (pavilion) 5pm Holy Communion	
10		11		12		13		14		15		16	
Back to School Bash Backpack Blessing 8AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour 10:45AM Holy Communion 1pm Youth Pool Party		9:30 AM TOPS 11AM Line Dancing 6pm Board Meetings 7:30pm Council Meeting		9AM Quilting 10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30pm Staff Meeting 6pm Preschool Balance Gym Mobile Gymnastics Event 6:30pm Adult Bible Class		9:30AM Adult Bible Class 6:30pm Wednesday Night Orientation		CIRCUIT MEETING 8AM News & Notes <u>Deadline</u> 6:30pm 20s&30s Bible Class		KOINONIA DEADLINE		5pm Holy Communion	
17		18		19		20		21		22		23	
8 AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour + Midweek Teacher Training 10:45AM Holy Communion		9:30 AM TOPS (Rm1-2) 10:30AM LVMIL Zone Rally Prep Meeting (W/C) 11AM Line Dancing 6:30pm Handbells — Orientation		10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30pm Staff Meeting		9:30AM Adult Bible Class 6pm Beginning Handbells 6pm Children's Choir 6:30pm Midweek 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm LYF 6:45pm Adult Choir		8AM News & Notes <u>Deadline</u> 6:30pm 20s&30s Bible Class		KOINONIA PRODUCTION		3pm Baptism (Powers) 5pm Holy Communion	
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8 AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour 10:45AM Holy Communion		KOINONIA MAILING 9:30 AM TOPS (gym) 11AM Line Dancing 6pm Preschool Parent Meeting (gym) 6:30pm Handbell Rehearsal		9AM Quilting 10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30pm Staff Meeting 6pm Preschool: Meet & Greet 6:30pm Adult Bible Class		Preschool Zoom Training 9AM Beginning Handbells 6pm Children's Choir 6:30pm Midweek 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm LYF 6:45pm Adult Choir		8AM News & Notes <u>Deadline</u> 6:30pm 20s&30s Bible Class				5pm Service of Prayer & Preaching	

August 2025 Celebrations

*The Lord will be with you
wherever you go.*

Joshua 1:9

Happy Birthday!

- 1: Marie Benigno, Judith Bonney
- 2: Sandie Fussner, Alan Hofer, Aylah Jones, Jerry Lancour
- 3: Hunter Cameron, Tony Crafton
- 4: Nancy Caldwell, Axel Powers, Jennifer Powers, Brandon Sumski
- 7: Dominic Chinnici, Jodi Schneider
- 8: Carol Cagle, Donald Pickens, Tom Zimmermann
- 9: Wes Dafler, Katherine Hoylman, Jesse Smith
- 10: Lauren Rheinecker
- 11: Kent Allsberry, Richard Gleba Sr., Carolyn Grayson, Denise Sagez
- 12: Mike Albano, Bob Delohi, Janice Fred, Jenna Palmisano, Pat Temple, Madelyn Trapp
- 13: Robert Blundell, Jen Brown, Josh Linn
- 14: Jason Gibbs, Doug Koepke, Jennifer Reed, Kevin Smith
- 15: Michael Claxton
- 16: Dena Schoenike, Keri Wardenburg
- 17: Joyce Lang, Shana Ziolk
- 18: John Schneider IV, Michelle Sliger
- 19: Jerry Bradley, Jocelyn Elick, Shirley Niewald
- 20: Dianne Helvey, Kathy Unger
- 21: Penelope Elick, Rachel Evans, Larry Ezell, Garrett Piazza, Bob Williams
- 22: Ripley Bennett, Brandon Shouse
- 23: Jonathan Frasch, Tanner May
- 24: Craig DeMent, Austin Shouse, Will Wiese IV, Benjamin Wiese
- 25: Mark Crider, Kelly Schlereth
- 26: Paul Brown, Kaitlyn Cunningham, Maggie McCulloch, Blanche Richter-kessing, Ryan Van Wave
- 27: Mary Bollinger, Alice Buehne, Cindy Downs, Melinda Meyers
- 28: Alexander Eaton
- 29: Paul Goris, Charlotte Grissom
- 30: Carl Hardman, John Jackson Jr., Cassa Henderson, Amanda Saale, William Wichern
- 31: Joy Adams, Donald Duncan, Christine Eaton, Jessica Maul

Happy Baptism Anniversary!

- 1: Matthew Clark, Alyssa Crider, Dale Ledford
- 4: Jim Dunajcik
- 6: Jaidyn Benson, Conner Walkenhorst
- 7: Michelle Dunajcik, Wyatt Dunajcik
- 8: Axel Powers
- 11: Tanner May, Ashley Zimmerman
- 12: Logan Harmon, Lukas Harmon, Rachel Laufer
- 14: George Kunzweiler
- 16: Rowan Fink, Ethan Schnoor
- 17: Nicole Alton, Carol Boyd, Timothy McDaniel
- 18: Isaac Conrad, Ethan Schuler
- 21: Carter Price
- 22: Sophia Frerichs
- 23: Becky Edgar
- 24: Pam Beck, Hunter Cameron, Magnus Powers, Roger Sawall
- 25: Douglas Cunningham, Harrison Sweeso
- 26: Chris Alton, Mason Dillender, Kason Smith
- 27: Joyce Niewald
- 29: Max Ellis

Blessed Wedding Anniversary!

- 1: Floyd & Joan Darling (54); Tim & Lovisa Davison (26)
- 2: Brandon & Cara Shouse (27)
- 6: Chris & Amanda Alton (19)
- 7: John & Amy Estill (29); Kent & Janine Haffer (42)
- 9: David & Kathy Darst (38)
- 11: Diane & Joe Palombi (45)
- 12: Ed & Karen Belter (46); Neal & Cynthia Menscher (35)
- 16: George & Collien Beyer (33); Eric & Carol Cagle (29); Adam & Shana Elick (16); Karl & Sarah Schnoor (21)
- 17: Charles & Melissa Eaton (28), Bill & Kathy Holt (56)
- 18: Paul & Carolyn Bertram (68)
- 19: Ned & Judy Koprowski (46)
- 20: Eric & Trina Christensen (26); George & Barb Krieger (64); Bruce & Peggy Linn (53)
- 21: Tom & Anetta Duncan (37)
- 22: Joe & Diana Snyder (55)
- 23: Donald & Brenda Duncan (44); Dale & Linda Ledford (27); Russell Zilka & Sharon Falter (18)
- 24: Jeremy & Keri Berjer (11)
- 25: Vince & Jan Ogar (45)
- 26: Mark & Julie Northrup (44)
- 27: John & Marian Hoehner (42)
- 28: Derek & Michelle Freand (20)
- 29: David & Nicole Alton (9)

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Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class: 9:30AM in the GYM

BASICS: For those who want to join the Lutheran Church
TLC (Transfer for Lutherans Class)
Call the office for next dates.

Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 10AM, RMS 1&2

Adult Bible Class: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 6:30PM, RMS 1&2

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study: September

Adult Bible Class: Wednesdays at 9:30 AM, GYM

Confirmation (grades 6-8); MidWeek Classes (grades PreK-5)
— see Wednesday night schedule

High School Wednesdays, see calendar

20s & 30s Bible Study: Thursdays, 6:30PM, Rm 1&2