



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

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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 August 16-17, 2025

The Tenth 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; **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; **Joyce** Lang; **Betty** Lee; **Albert &**
Ingrid Marhanka; **Terry** McCann; **Bill** Price; **Gloria** Rariden; **Zeita** Reed; **Eileen**
Reichert; **Darlene** Rhodes; **Carol** Santoyo; **Vita** Sayers; **Winnie** Thornton; **Wayne**
Walkenhorst; **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)
Rev. Dr. **Lee** Hagan, Missouri Dist. Pres.
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)
Joyce Kroll (David Schlesselman)
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 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 Schlimpert (Loretta Ezell)
Blake Schmalzer (Rebecca Schmalzer)
Rosemary Schreiber (Peggy Gallagher)
Christine Scott (Dianne Helvey)
Sara Shroth (choir accompanist)
AJ (Kari Spearman)
Thomsen Family (Peggy Kuerschner)
Stanika Todorova (Paul & Juliana Frerichs)
Rita Unzer (Karl Schnoor)
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)
Eddie Collier, **Bruce** Brown, **Howard**
Weber (Denise Collier)
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)
Kathy Dore Jepsen, Mike Vanover
~ (Jayne Jepsen)
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)
Jim Szopinski, **Lon** Prifti, **Wilma** Prifti,
Kit Kramer, **John** Halversonn ~ (Patrick
Szopinski)

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Holy Cross Weekly Calendar

SATURDAY, August 16, 2025

5PM Holy Communion

SUNDAY, August 17, 2025

8AM Holy Communion

+ LHS Teacher Installation

9:30AM Education Hour

+ Midweek Teacher Training

10:45AM Holy Communion

MONDAY, August 18, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9:30AM TOPS

10:30AM LWML Zone Rally Meeting (WC)

11AM Line Dancing

6:30PM Handbells—Orientation

TUESDAY, August 19, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9AM Visitation, Funeral, Luncheon
~ Aldena Hermann

10AM Women's Bible Study

12:30PM Staff Meeting

6:30PM Boards of Education & Youth

WEDNESDAY, August 20, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9AM Training (Preschool)

6PM Beginning Bells (Sanctuary)

6PM Children's Choir (Choir Room)

6:30PM Confirmation

6:30PM Midweek: PreK — 5th grade

6:45PM Adult Choir

THURSDAY, August 21, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

8AM News& Notes Deadline

6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Study

FRIDAY, August 22, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

Koinonia Production

SATURDAY, August 23, 2025

3PM Baptism (Powers)

5PM Holy Communion

SUNDAY, August 24, 2025

8AM Holy Communion

9:30AM Education Hour

9:30AM Transfer for Lutherans Class (Rm1&2)

10:45AM Holy Communion

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: August 13, 2025
Families: 77 Individuals: 272 New Families: 4

Church Attendance for August 9-10, 2025

Service	Attendance	Communion
5PM	51	48
8AM	125	92
10:45AM	134	95
TOTAL	310	235

Bible Class Attendance Week of August 10, 2025

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	NR
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	NR
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	NR
Sunday Adult Bible Class	NR
BASICS/TLC	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	10
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	7
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM Bible Class	29
Wednesday Nights	37
20s&30s Thursday	10

Offerings: Aug. 4-10, 2025*

General Fund	\$ 18,588.46
Endowment	\$ 602.16
Building Fund	\$ 140.00
Missions Weekly	\$ 0
Missions 3rd Qtr	\$ —

Year to Date as of 06/30/2025

Income	\$ 385,426.34
Expenses	\$ 390,379.97
Deficit	\$ (4,953.63)

HOPE Ministries requests these items for AUGUST:
Tuna Helper, Canned Beef Stew, Dry Boxed Potatoes, Rice-A-Roni, Pasta Roni.
Place items in the box under the Mission Board display in the Welcome Center. **No expired goods.**

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: for the family of **Aldena Herman**, 92, who entered the Church Triumphant on Thurs., Aug. 14, 2025. Visitation, funeral, and luncheon will be held at Holy Cross on Tues., Aug 19, 2025 (details to be arranged).

ADDITIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS:

George & Barb Krieger will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on Wed., Aug. 20.

Zeita Reed because a great-grandmother of a baby girl this past week.

Harry Cromer, friend of Jim & Sue Bastian entered the Church Triumphant after battling pancreatic cancer. His service is Mon., Aug. 18, at Zion Harvester..

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God in honor of **Shirley Niewald's** birthday on Aug. 19.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY on Tuesdays features the "Women of the Bible" presented by Jan Paulson. Still to be covered: Aug 19 The Women of the Gospels; Aug 26 Mary the Mother of Jesus.

TRANSFER LUTHERAN CLASS on August 24: This class is designed for anyone wishing to transfer their membership to Holy Cross from another LCMS congregation or anyone who has recently completed our BASIC class in Lutheran doctrine. The pastor will share information about programs at Holy Cross, you will meet other new members, and we will gather information from you to welcome you into our Holy Cross family. The class will meet Sun., Aug. 24, during the Education Hour from 9:30 to 10:30 in Rooms 1 & 2 downstairs.

GRACE GUILD The summer is nearing an end, and the Holy Cross Grace Evening Guild will begin meetings again in September. We would love to have the ladies of Holy Cross join us on Tues., Sept. 9, at 6PM in the church gym. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet one another, join in fellowship, and serve the Lord in our activities. If you have any questions, contact Karen Copper at 314-497-7024 or kkcopper@gmail.com

Have you signed up for your booth at the **Holy Cross Grace Guild Craft Expo**? There are just a couple of weeks left to get your booth locked at the early bird pricing. As of Sept. 1, the price per booth increases. If you have already registered, thank you! An email confirmation from Jan Paulson should be on its way. Applications are available on the Welcome Center table.

For the fifth year, the Missouri District continues **Tomorrow's Teachers & Preachers**—the annual campaign to promote church work vocations and bolster the scholarship endowment. We have seen the shortage of professional church workers within the LCMS and are taking these steps to slow and perhaps reverse this trend. Knowing what God can do, this task is taken with a joyful boldness—and offers an invitation to all of you to join in the mission. **Sunday, Aug. 24**, is the day congregations throughout the state will hold a **special offering** for the endowment and pray for current and future church workers. Holy Cross will be participating in this endeavor this year, so please prayerfully consider giving to support this cause. We thank God for all of you and the many ways He is and will be using these leaders to care for His flock!

RUMMAGE SALE SUCCESS AND THANKS

The annual Ladies Guild Rummage Sale took place on Aug. 9. Thank you to guild members, husbands, friends, and congregation members for your help and support. We raised \$2,542, which will be donated to Youth in Need.

MUSICAL ENSEMBLES begin this week! Our Handbell Choir meets Mondays at 6:30PM starting Aug. 18, and our Adult Choir meets Wednesdays at 6:45PM, starting Aug. 20. We'd love to have new members in both, but Handbells, in particular, could *really* use a couple more hands. Talk to David Gilson if you're interested or have any questions!

MISSIONS & STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS for the 2025-2026 Program Year

Along with Evangelism, Youth, and Education Boards, we will be focusing on caring for the 'things' that God has created during 2025-26. For the next two months, a **School Supply Drive for Hope Food Pantry** in O'Fallon. This is a meaningful opportunity to care for God's creation by supporting the physical needs of children in our community. By providing essential school supplies, we help students flourish in their learning and show God's love in action. *"And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good."* –

Genesis 1:31 As part of God's good creation, we are called to care for one another and help meet the needs of those around us.

Requested items include: glue sticks, spiral notebooks in **black, orange, and pink** (*many children need six different colors, and Hope already has many of the others*), protractors, and compasses; packs of pens (blue, black, red); pack of pencils 24-ct; colored pencils; colored markers (thin and broad); solid color folders; geometry sets; 3-hole punched folders; subject dividers for notebooks; index cards; art boxes; composition notebooks; simple calculators. The collection box will be under the Mission Board in the Welcome Center. You can always donate funds to the MOTQ dedicated account, and we can purchase supplies as well. Thank you for sharing God's goodness through your generosity!

LOVE PACKAGES: One More Week! Do you have Bibles, devotion materials, Christian books, or other printed religious materials that you would like to donate to English-speaking countries overseas? A box under the LWML table will be setup from Aug. 9-24. Visit Love Packages on Facebook or YouTube for more information about this organization.

SEARCH FOR LWML EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: The LWML seeks nominations for its next executive director, based in the LWML office on the campus of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. The position calls for a leader to articulate the mission, vision, and ministry of Lutheran Women in Mission through relationships and partnerships around the Synod. Additionally, this leader must inspire a collaborative approach to strategy and mission with the LWML staff and board of directors. Strong operational, financial, and business acumen will be critical traits for success. A detailed position description is available on the downstairs bulletin board. The LWML thanks you for your prayerful consideration of qualified candidates. Submit names to Nathan Thomas, executive director of LCMS Human Resources (nathan.thomas@lcms.org). Nominations will be accepted until Sept. 30, 2025. Additionally, candidates may also apply on the Synod's website: lcms.org/serve/careers/job-postings.

Church Anniversary

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER TICKETS NOW ON SALE!!

The Holy Cross 65th Anniversary Dinner and Program will be held on Sun., Sept. 14, at noon at The Christy Banquet Center, 9000 Veterans Memorial Parkway. A delicious meal and entertaining program are being planned!

Tickets will be sold in the Welcome Center before and after services. Ticket prices for HCLC members are \$10 each, and non-member prices are \$30 each. Only cash or a check will be accepted. Tickets will be available for purchase throughout August until they are sold out.

The buffet-style meal includes chicken and beef entrees. All children under 6 are free but **MUST** have a ticket in order to be seated. Free child care will be available at The Christy during the program following the meal.

Gluten-free meals with a chicken entree are available, but **MUST** be requested when tickets are purchased.

If you have purchased tickets but are not able to attend, please return your tickets to the selling table for a refund. In addition to the \$10 that members are paying for their tickets, the church is covering the other \$20 of the cost for the dinner. So if your ticket is not used, the church still has to pay the \$20. Please see the ladies at the selling table if you have questions.

Rev. Jonathan V. Meyer will be the guest preacher at the church anniversary services.

Music Director David Gilson has composed a special hymn arrangement for the congregation to sing.

*Stay tuned for more details
in the coming weeks ...!*

ANNUAL PRESCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT: Sponsorships, early registration available

Child of God and Holy Cross are preparing for the annual Golf for Schools Tournament on Sun., Sept. 7, 2025! Sponsorships for Driving Range (\$250) and Beverage Cart (\$500) are available. This year, we will transition from snail mail to **Eventbrite for registration** to advertise sponsorships and update the registration page with 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-scrumble-2025-tickets-1450906031999?aff=oddtcreator>

Brochures with further information are on the Welcome Center table. For questions, contact Kyle Dibler; Kyle.Dibler@gmail.com; 314-610-5551

Another way to help **Holy Cross Preschool** is by buying items off their **Amazon Wish List** at <https://a.co/chl8DvS>

LHS: The new Lutheran High website is an updated digital glimpse at the spiritual, academic, and student growth at LHS. Visit lutheranhighstcharles.com to explore the new site and experience for yourself the energy, growth, and Christ-centered mission that define our school.

CRAFT EXPO NOVEMBER 1, 2025

9AM to 3PM

SHOPPERS WANTED

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,
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Contact Applications Administrator Jan Paulson at:
craftexpo@hcross.com
or HCGraceGuild@gmail.com

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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!