



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

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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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## *News & Notes for August 23-24, 2025*

### *St Bartholomew, Apostle*

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

**Elaine** Alton; **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; **Norma** Helms; **Marie** Herrington; **Lizzie** Johansmann; **Ron** Kettler; **Sandra** Kohrs; **Debra** Korte; **Jim** Kramer; **Mark** Krieger; **Joyce** Lang; **Betty** Lee; **Albert & Ingrid** Marhanka; **Terry** McCann; **Bill** Price; **Gloria** Rariden; **Zeita** Reed; **Eileen** Reichert; **Darlene** Rhodes; **Carol** Santoyo; **Roger** Sawall; **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)  
**Joan** Hicks (Karen Steinbruegge)  
**Jan** Hilton (Zeita Reed)  
**Jeff** Johns (Denise 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)  
**Joan** Schliechter (Jeanette Stewart)  
**Sara** Shroth (choir accompanist)  
**AJ** (Kari Spearman)  
**Thomsen** Family (Peggy Kuerschner)  
**Stanika** Todorova (Paul & Juliana Frerichs)  
**Mary** Tucker (Verna Tucker)  
**Rita** Unzer (Karl Schnoor)  
**Ken** Vesper (Mike Vesper)  
**Frank** Wachter (Elaine Howard)  
**Lance** Watkins (Jesse Smith)  
**Bobette** Wetzel (Faith Blackwell)  
**Sandy** Wischmeyer (Marilyn Mana)  
**Nancy** Wors (Denise Lackey)  
**John** Allquist III, **Duane** Stuewe (Janet Allquist)  
**Dale & Carol** Stumpf (Amanda Alton)  
**Nancy** Wors ~ (Denise Lackey)  
**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, **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)  
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**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** For the family and friends of **Bessie Marie Frayne**, 97, who entered the Church Triumphant on Mon., Aug. 18, 2025. Visitation is at Newcomer Funeral Home in St. Peters, Mo., on Mon., Aug. 25, from 10AM to 11AM. The funeral service led by Pastor Gimbel follows at 11AM. Graveside service will follow the funeral at New Bethlehem Cemetery in St. Louis. Memorials may be made to Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

For the family and friends of **Rick Wors**, brother of Denise Lackey, who died Sat., Aug. 16, after a 7-year battle with Lewy-Body Dementia.

For the family and friends of **Brian Ottinger**, cousin of Carla Cooper, who died this week after a battle with cancer.

## Holy Cross Weekly Calendar

### SATURDAY, August 23, 2025

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

### MONDAY, August 25, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

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9:30AM TOPS

10AM Bessie Frayne Visitation & Funeral

At Newcomer Funeral Home, St. Peters

11AM Line Dancing

6PM Preschool Parent Information Night

6:30PM Handbells

### TUESDAY, August 26, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9AM Quilting

10AM Women's Bible Study

12:30PM Staff Meeting

6PM Preschool Meet & Greet

6:30PM Adult Bible Study

### WEDNESDAY, August 27, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9AM Preschool Zoom Training

[No Adult Bible Study]

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 28, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

8AM News& Notes Deadline

6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Study

### FRIDAY, August 29, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

### SATURDAY, August 30, 2025

5PM Service of Prayer & Preaching

### SUNDAY, August 31, 2025

8AM Matins

9:30AM Education Hour

10:45AM Matins + Baptism of Ryder Smith

### **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 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 20 2025  
Families: 73      Individuals: 246      New Families: 1

## Church Attendance for August 16-17, 2025

Service	Attendance	Communion
5PM	62	54
8AM	150	129
10:45AM	88	84
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>267</b>

## Bible Class Attendance Week of August 17, 2025

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	4
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	29
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	8
Sunday Adult Bible Class	58
BASICS/TLC	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	10
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	NA
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM Bible Class	30
Wednesday Nights	46
20s&30s Thursday	7

## Offerings: Aug. 4-10, 2025

General Fund	\$ 10,318.57
Endowment	\$ 0.00
Building Fund	\$ 50.00
Missions Weekly	\$ 210.00

## Offerings: Aug. 11-17, 2025

General Fund	\$ 10,594.87
Endowment	\$ 10.00
Building Fund	\$ 0.00
Missions Weekly	\$ 711.75
<b>Missions 3rd Qtr</b>	<b>\$ 921.75</b>

## Year to Date as of 06/30/2025

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

*Additional Prayer requests: from page 1:*

**Julie** Germain & Family (Norma Helms); **Kathy Dore Jepsen, Mike** Vanover, **Elaine** (Jayne Jepsen); **Alicia** Kleb, **Marian** Schwentker; **Andy & Alicia** Kincaid (Michelle Kincaid); **George & Sandra** Roberts, **Rodger** Bratvogel (Elma Jane Kramer); **Mark** Krieger, **Sharon** Hesse (George & Barb Krieger); **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)

**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.

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!

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** on Tuesdays features the "Women of the Bible" presented by Jan Paulson. Still to be covered: August 26 Mary the Mother of Jesus This will be the last session in this series.

**WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS** will not be held this week because of a Preschool training session involved the Called workers.

**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](mailto: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.





JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE

## NEW BUILDING, NEW POSSIBILITIES

5515 S GRAND BLVD, ST. LOUIS, MO 63111

**Sunday, September 21, 2025** | Building dedication at 2:30 pm  
 Open House | by LCMS MO Dist. President,  
 from 2-4:30 pm | Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan

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PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING US AS  
WE MOVE FORWARD IN FAITH  
SCAN QR CODE TO MAKE A DONATION



**MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK-IN**, Sept. 5-7, 6PM—6AM. Confirmation Topic: First Table of the Law. Boys bring drinks; girls bring snacks; everyone bring \$5 and a friend. RSVP by Sept. 1 with the QR Code. Questions? Contact Pastor Kohm.



### DAY TRIP TO PERRY COUNTY AND OUR LUTHERAN

**ROOTS:** On Sat., Oct. 11, Holy Cross will be taking a bus to Altenburg and Frohna, MO. We will tour and visit the Lutheran Heritage Center & Museum in Altenburg and then spend the afternoon at the Fall Festival at Saxony Lutheran Memorial in Frohna. You will have the opportunity to tour historic log cabins, watch demonstrations, eat great German food, and browse wares of local crafters. The trip is underwritten by the Elders so your cost is just \$10 per person. Check out the bulletin board in the Welcome Center for more details and sign up on the middle table by Sept. 21 if you want to go.

**LUTHERAN RESALE SHOP** needs volunteers on Mon., Sept. 22, when they will be clearing the shop of summer clothing and hanging used fall clothing for the whole family. Funds raised will go to Lutheran Senior Services and Lutheran Children & Families Services. Volunteers will hang clothing, straighten shelves, sort greeting cards, and more. Hours are 10am to 3pm. Park on the street near the shop. Bring a sack lunch. Those volunteering that day will get a \$10 gift of merchandise. This is an all-volunteer shop. The funds raised will go to Lutheran Senior Services and Lutheran Children & Families Services. Call the Shop for any questions: 314-389-9970

**LOVE PACKAGES: Last 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.

**HOPE Ministries** requests these items for SEPTEMBER: 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.**

# Church Anniversary

## ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER TICKETS ON SALE until Aug. 31!!

Next weekend, August 30 and 31, will be your **LAST CHANCE** to purchase tickets for the Holy Cross 65th Anniversary Dinner and Program being 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 through August 31 unless 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 they **MUST** be requested when tickets are purchased.

If you purchased tickets but are now unable 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.

## HOLY CROSS MERCHANDISE ORDERS ARE HERE!!

If you placed an order for Holy Cross merchandise, please pick up your order in the Welcome Center before and after services this weekend.

## 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=oddttdtcreator>

### Sign up before Sept. 1.

Brochures with further information are on the Welcome Center table. For questions, contact Kyle Dibler; [Kyle.Dibler@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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,  
or on the church website.

Contact Applications Administrator Jan Paulson at:  
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or [HCGraceGuild@gmail.com](mailto: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!