



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

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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
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CHECK WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR UPDATES
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News & Notes for August 2-3, 2025

The Eighth 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)
Harry Cromer (Jim & Sue Bastian)
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 (Denise 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 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)
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 Belton)
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)
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 Those Who Mourn: For the family of Lois Meyer, aunt of Carla
Cooper and Karen Copper, who died July 30.

Holy Cross Weekly Calendar

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

MONDAY, August 4, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9:30AM TOPS

11AM Line Dancing

TUESDAY, August 5, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

10AM Women's Bible Study

12:30PM Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, August 6, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9:30AM Adult Bible Study

5PM Circuit-Wide High School Backyard Bash (here)

6:45PM Photo Scavenger Hunt (6-8gr)

At Fort Zumwalt Park (see p. 3)

THURSDAY, August 7, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

8AM News& Notes Deadline

9AM HOPE Seeds

1PM—4PM LG Rummage Sale Dropoff

6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Study

FRIDAY, August 8, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

10AM Ladies Guild

Noon LG Rummage Sale Setup

SATURDAY, August 9, 2025

7AM TO NOON: Ladies Guild Rummage Sale

9AM to 11am: Petting Zoo

3PM VBS Volunteer BBQ (Pavilion)

5PM Holy Communion

SUNDAY, August 10, 2025

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

BACKPACK BLESSING

8AM Holy Communion

9:30AM Education Hour

9:30AM Back to School Bash

10:45AM Holy Communion

1-3PM High School Pool Party at

Mark & Linda Ziolkowski's house (see p. 3)

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 30, 2025

Families: 63

Individuals: 201

New Families: 3

Church Attendance for July 26-27, 2025

Service	Attendance	Communion
5PM	73	59
8AM	110	95
10:45AM	80	7
TOTAL	263	225

Bible Class Attendance Week of July 27, 2025

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	2
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	9
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	8
Sunday Adult Bible Class	46
BASICS/TLC	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	10
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	NA
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM Bible Class	40
Wednesday Nights	8
20s&30s Thursday	p

Offerings: July 21-27, 2025

General Fund	\$	5,884.36
Endowment	\$	0.00
Building Fund	\$	120.00
Missions Weekly	\$	65.00
Missions 2025	\$	11,792.96
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. A member of Holy Cross, he enters his second year at Concordia Seminary-St. Louis.

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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY on Tuesdays features the "Women of the Bible" presented by Jan Paulson. Each lesson will stand on its own. Still to be covered: Aug 5 The Virtuous Woman; Aug 12 Elizabeth; Aug 19 The Women of the Gospels; Aug 26 Mary the Mother of Jesus.

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.

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.

YOUTH NOTES

CIRCUIT-WIDE HIGH SCHOOL BACKYARD BASH will be held at Holy Cross on Aug. 6, 5-9PM. Scan the QR code to RSVP.



PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT for 6th to 8th grades in Fort Zumwalt Park, Wed., Aug. 6, 6:45-8PM. Adult leaders: Pastor Kohm, Trudy Belter, Stacey Sweeso.

HIGH SCHOOL POOL PARTY hosted by Mark & Linda Ziolkowski on **Aug. 10, 1-3PM** (2942 Trapper Trail in Wentzville). *RSVP to Linda by Aug. 3 mjllz@yahoo.com*

MOTQ is supporting Phil's Friends, an organization "providing Christ-centered support and hope to those affected by cancer." They send free care packages to 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://philfriends.org/request-a-care-package/>.

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 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-cogcls-golf-scrabble-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

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.

LOVE PACKAGES: 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.

LHS Thanks to the incredible generosity of LHS families, alumni, and friends — and the dedication of two LHS alumni, Nate Droste (Droste Construction) and Carl Drafall (Mission Architects) — major renovations are ahead of schedule! When students return on August 13, they'll walk into seven fully renovated classrooms and a brand-new kitchen, ready to serve and strengthen our campus community. Food Service Consultants (FSC) will be the new on-campus food provider! The Commons and science labs are receiving major upgrades continuing into the fall. These spaces will soon host worship services, concerts, theater productions, and collaborative learning — all supporting the mission to Grow and Serve in Christ. So far, more than \$2.2 million in pledges have brought these projects to life — from fresh paint to new technology and furniture that encourages learning, faith, and fellowship. Thank you for partnering with LHS in this exciting season of growth. Together, we are building a Christ-centered campus for generations to come!

Church Anniversary

LAST CHANCE!

This weekend, before and after services, is your last chance to **order Holy Cross merchandise!** Cash or check will be accepted, and you must **pay when you place your order.** Orders will be taken in the Welcome Center. Watch the *News and Notes* for delivery information.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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 starting **NEXT WEEKEND, Aug. 9-10**, in the Welcome Center. 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.

All children under 6 are free.

Free child care will be available at The Christy during the program following the meal.

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

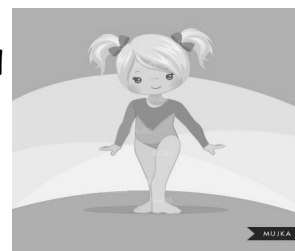
Preschool Open House

August 12 from 6PM to 7PM

*Balance Gym-Mobile Gymnastic
will be here to play with preschoolers!*

Come do crafts, see the school rooms, and participate in gymnastics fun with Ms. Makayla!

Registration will be available at the Open House! The event is open to children 3, 4 and 5 years of age, but to enroll children must be 3 or 4 years old by July 31, 2025.



If you have questions, contact Interim Preschool Director Dani Richardson at drichardson@hcross.com.

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

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.

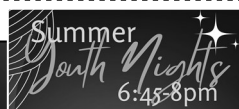
Contact Applications Administrator Jan Paulson at:
craftexpo@hcross.com
or HCGraceGuild@gmail.com

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Proceeds from vendor fees to Holy Cross Benevolence Fund



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.

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!