



### **Our Mission:**

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

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O'Fallon MO

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### CHURCH OFFICE

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# *News & Notes for August 30-31, 2025*

## *Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

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

**Elaine** Alton; **Cindy Aubertin**; **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; **Janice** Fred; **Sandie** Fussner; **Peggy** Gallagher; **Connie** Gamache; **Don** Grzina; **Iris** Hackbarth; **Janine** Haffer; **Mike** Hanna; **Norma** Helms; **Marie** Herrington; **Christel** Hundt; **Lizzie** Johansmann; **Ron** Kettler; **Sandra** Kohrs; **Debra** Korte; **Jim** Kramer; **Joyce** Lang; **Betty** Lee; **Albert & Ingrid** Marhanka; **Terry** McCann; **Bill** Price; **Gloria** Rariden; **Russ** Reed; **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 (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)  
**Barton** Moenster (Carolyn Bertram)  
**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)  
**Mary** Tucker (Verna Tucker)  
**Rita** Unzer (Karl Schnoor)  
**Ken** Vesper (Mike Vesper)  
**Frank** Wachter (Elaine Howard)  
**Lance** Watkins (Jesse Smith)  
**Bobette** Wetzel (Faith Blackwell)  
**Fred** Wiese (Rick & Carla Wiese)  
**Sandy** Wischmeyer (Marilyn Mana)  
**Nancy** Wors (Denise Lackey)  
**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)  
**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);  
**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** Halverson (Patrick Szopinski)

### **WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:**

For the family and friends of Joan Schlichter, sister of Jeanette Stewart, who entered the Church Triumphant on Wed., Aug. 27, 2025, after a recent diagnosis of bone cancer. Joan was an active LWML member who served on the LWML Missouri District Board and on the Seminary Guild Board. Arrangements are set for Tues., Sept. 2, 2025, at EverTrue Laclede Grove Chapel (723 S Laclede Station Road, St. Louis, MO 63119): Visitation at 10AM, Funeral at 11AM. The complete obituary can be found on the Bopp Chapel website.

### **WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO CELEBRATE:**

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by John & Linda Jackson on the occasion of John's Aug. 30th birthday.

**HOLY BAPTISM:** *Ryder Glenn Smith*, born Oct. 5, 2024, son of Anthony & Kaylee (Rowland) Smith, will be baptized at the 10:45AM service. His sponsors are Brianna Rowland and Aaron Williamson. Welcome to God's Family!

**Correction:** Last week *News & Notes* printed that Brian Ottinger had died. It should have read Robert Ottinger (Carla Cooper).

## Holy Cross Weekly Calendar

### 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

### MONDAY, September 1, 2025

Labor Day — Building Closed

### TUESDAY, September 2, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

Preschool: 3s First Day of School, Extended Education

9AM Quilting

10AM Women's Bible Study

12:30PM Staff Meeting

2PM Preschool Board

6PM Mission & Stewardship Boards

### WEDNESDAY, September 3, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

Preschool: 4s First Day of School, Extended Education

9:30AM Adult Bible Study

6PM Beginning Bells (Sanctuary)

6PM Children's Choir (Choir Room)

6:30PM Confirmation

6:30PM Midweek: PreK — 5th grade

6:30PM LYF

6:45PM Adult Choir

### THURSDAY, September 4, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

**8AM News& Notes Deadline**

9AM HOPE Seeds

6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Study

### FRIDAY, September 5, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

Middle School Lock-in, 6PM—6AM

### SATURDAY, September 6, 2025

5PM Holy Communion

### SUNDAY, September 7, 2025

8AM Holy Communion

9:30AM Education Hour

10:45AM Holy Communion

1:30PM Preschool Golf Tournament

1:30PM Board of Elders

### **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 27, 2025

Families: 75      Individuals: 266

New Families: 8

## Church Attendance for August 23-24, 2025

Service	Attendance	Communion
5PM	70	65
8AM	107	80
10:45AM	106	85
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>230</b>

## Bible Class Attendance Week of August 24, 2025

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	2
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	18
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	7
Sunday Adult Bible Class	51
BASICS/TLC	7
Tuesday Women's 10AM	12
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	7
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM Bible Class	c
Wednesday Nights	38
20s&30s Thursday	10

## Offerings: Aug. 18-24, 2025

General Fund	\$ 19,919.75
Endowment	\$ 0.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00
Missions Weekly	\$ 96.02
<b>Missions 3rd Qtr</b>	<b>\$ 1,017.79</b>

## 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 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.**

**HOLY CROSS MERCHANDISE ORDERS ARE HERE!!**

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

**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.

**INTERESTED IN MINISTRY?**

College students and second-career men and women considering service as a pastor, deaconess, missionary, or chaplain are invited to *Vocatio: Retreat* Oct. 5-7, 2025, at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. This distinctively

Lutheran retreat offers an introduction to life as a seminarian, time in God's Word, and the opportunity to learn from some of the church's brightest theologians. Register by Sept. 15 at [www.csl.edu/vocatio-retreat](http://www.csl.edu/vocatio-retreat), by scanning the QR code, or by Googling "*Vocatio: Retreat* Concordia Seminary."

**WORKSHOP: WONDERFUL COUNSELOR:** Sat., Sept. 27, 2025, 9AM to NOON. Hosted by Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church & Preschool (907 Jungermann Rd., St. Peters, MO 63376 — located behind Walgreens, 636-928-5885). Come hear a number of renowned counselors speak to the importance of maintaining your mental and emotional health: Ted Kober, Rev. Dr. Mark Rockenbach, and Lori Snyder LCSW. Topics will include: the health of the brain, the importance of spiritual health contributing towards overall emotional and physical health, anxiety and depression, grief, family and marital relationships, identity and belonging, and drug and alcohol recovery. Vendors and speakers will provide more information and resources for caregivers and support groups. In partnership with: Kaleo Counseling Services, Good Living Counseling, Lutherans for Life. Light Breakfast provided. Free event. Register by Sun., Sept. 21 at: <https://tinyurl.com/wonderfulcounselor>

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** at Holy Cross: Thurs., Sept. 11, 2025, 10AM to 3PM, in the gym. Please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: **HolyCrossLC** to schedule an appointment. Download the Blood Donor App at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) (1-800-RED CROSS)

**DINE & DONATE:** Dine to Donate for Holy Cross Preschool, Thurs., Sept. 25, 2025, 4PM-8PM, at Applebee's on Highway K (by Walmart). Fifteen percent of your check will be donated back to the preschool, tax and tip not included.

**THANK YOU NOTE**

Dear Holy Cross Lutheran,

On behalf of the students and families of Concordia Seminary St. Louis, thank you for your regular and generous food donations. Your continued support helps provide for our daily needs and is a meaningful reminder of God's care through His people.

We are truly grateful for your kindness and faithfulness. May the Lord bless you and multiply the joy you've share with others.

With heartfelt thanks,

The Students & Families of Concordia Seminary,  
St. Louis, Missouri

**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.



**Opportunity to Serve at Holy Cross:** Would you like to be part of the Hospitality Program at Holy Cross by serving as a Greeter? We have more than 20 non-members at Holy Cross worship services each weekend, and you can help welcome them. We aim to create a friendly and welcoming family environment. You can select your service, and it will typically be served only once a month. It is a great way to meet our members, our visitors, and help people get to know you. A more comprehensive outline of our activities can be found on the middle table in the Welcome Center, on a pink sheet for you to take and review before volunteering.

**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.



**100 CHRISTIAN FRIENDS  
OF NEW AMERICANS**

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE  
**NEW BUILDING,  
NEW POSSIBILITIES**


5515 S GRAND BLVD, ST. LOUIS, MO 63111

**Sunday, September 21, 2025**  
Open House  
from 2-4:30 pm

Building dedication at 2:30 pm  
by LCMS MO Dist. President,  
Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan

[WWW.CFNA-STL.ORG](http://WWW.CFNA-STL.ORG)

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



# Church Anniversary

## LAST CHANCE!! ANNIVERSARY DINNER TICKETS PURCHASES & REFUNDS

**THIS** weekend, August 30 & 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 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.

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

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.

This weekend is also your **LAST CHANCE** to return your tickets for a refund. If have purchased tickets but aren't 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 isn't used, the church still has to pay the \$20. Please see the ladies at the selling table if you have questions.

**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

## 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-scrabble-2025-tickets-1450906031999?aff=oddttdcreator>

### 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:  
[craftexpo@hcross.com](mailto:craftexpo@hcross.com)  
or [HCGraceGuild@gmail.com](mailto:HCGraceGuild@gmail.com)

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**LOVE PACKAGES: Thank you!** Twelve boxes of assorted Bibles and other religious materials were sent off to Benton, Illinois, this week. They will be sent to people in English-speaking countries by Love Packages. Visit this group on Facebook or YouTube for more information.