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65 Blessings at Holy Cross

*In honor of our congregation's 65th anniversary, I would like to share 65 blessings
that God has given Holy Cross! In no particular order...*

1. The Word of God
2. The multitude of baptisms taken place here
3. The Lord's Supper
4. The forgiveness of sins
5. Pastor Jason
6. DCE Charity Smith
7. Secretary Joyce Niewald
8. Music Director David Gilson
9. Preschool Director Dani Richardson
10. The pavilion
11. The community garden
12. The playground
13. Air conditioning and heating
14. Fantastic congregational singing voices
15. Outstanding musically talented members
16. Many excellent adult Bible study opportunities
17. Our Sunday school teachers and staff
18. Our Midweek teachers and staff
19. An excellent core of faithful children
20. A gym
21. Financial generosity for Holy Cross things
22. Financial generosity for missions
23. An outstanding preschool
24. Our preschool staff
25. Our executive committee serving today
26. Our church council members
27. The many who served on the Holy Cross Council since 1960
28. The Altar Guild
29. LWML Grace Evening Guild
30. LWML Ladies' Guild
31. The Hope Seeds volunteers
32. The Quilting volunteers
33. The main copier and printer
34. An elevator
35. The organ
36. The many and various computers
37. Technology to support the ministry work
38. The live streaming
39. Rooms and space for our outside groups
40. Partnerships with the City of O'Fallon
41. Partnership with Hope Ministries
42. Lutheran High St. Charles
43. Other excellent LCMS congregations in our area
44. Other top-notch LCMS schools in our area
45. The Missouri District
46. The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
47. The many volunteers for the many things
48. The beautiful stained glass windows
49. Electricity
50. Each and every one of our members
51. Faithful pastors since 1960
52. Faithful church staff members since 1960
53. Faithful preschool faculty and staff members since 1960
54. Our many Concordia Seminary field workers
55. Guiding Holy Cross through the lightning strike in 1999 and the restoration that followed
56. Guiding Holy Cross through the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020
57. The CWST
58. The many years of Vacation Bible Schools
59. The food served here and the fellowship that goes with it
60. The trips, retreats, and servant events off-site
61. The polish on our printed publications
62. The three main LCMS hymnals that have guided worship since 1960
63. The different editions of the Small Catechism that have been a helpful tool at all ages
64. The plethora of missionaries who have shared and presented with us
65. Most importantly, for God's faithfulness every single day since Holy Cross began on Sept. 14, 1960, and His faithfulness to whatever the future may hold!

~ Pastor Gimbel



Dani Richardson
Preschool Director
& Lead Teacher

Rebecca Nutter
Assistant Director
& Extended Care

Direct your
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Preschool Starts Sept. 2

Starting Preschool is a big adventure. For many students, this will be their first time away from family, which can cause mixed feelings of fear, anxiety, and lots of excitement. To help adjust to these feelings, we held a Parent Meeting and an individual "Meet the Teacher" session in the classroom in August. We are looking forward to sharing the wonderful message with the children

that Jesus loves them and is always with them. We will focus on our school year theme, "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made." This will be our theme for the next three years. For 2025/26, we will focus on "The Things God has made" (Gen. 1:31). Follow us on our Facebook page at facebook.com/hcnpreschool to see more of our activities.
~ Your Sister in Christ, Dani Richardson

Meet the Preschool Staff



Left to right: Dani Richardson, Director and Lead Teacher; Rebecca Nutter, Assistant Director and Extended Care; Cindy White, 4s Assistant Teacher; Kristin Homan, Teacher Assistant; and Amy Webster, After-School Care.

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 Golf at Turtle Creek. Shotgun start at 1:30 PM. The tournament is sponsored by Anjon Manufacturing, which specializes in custom water-scaping solutions for residential and commercial landscaping. Golf registration fee is \$120 per person and includes 18 holes of golf in a 4-person scramble, prizes, unlimited drinks, and a dinner of barbecue chicken, pulled pork, and sides. Sign up as a team of 4, or as an individual who will be assigned to a team. Registration forms are available in the Church Office, on the Welcome Center table, and on top of the Preschool cubbies. Registration deadline is Aug. 31. Any business or individual interested in sponsoring a hole or game can contact Jason White at white.j.f@gmail.com or 713-859-0244. Proceeds benefit Holy Cross Preschool and Child of God Lutheran Schools. Thrivent Action Teams will be used to support the event.



Upcoming Events for September:

Applebee's Dine-to-Donate, Thurs., Sept. 25 from 4PM to 8PM

Dad's Day for THREE-YEAR OLDS is Thurs., Sept. 25, gym at 10:30AM.

Dad's Day for FOUR-YEAR-OLDS is Fri., Sept. 26, gym at 10:30AM.

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Dine to Donate for Holy Cross Preschool
Thursday September 25th, 2025 4pm-8pm



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Monthly Music Minute for September 2025

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

Every year for the church's auction, I donate a personalized arrangement of a hymn, where the winner and I sit down, choose a favorite hymn, and I add my personal compositional touch to it. In the past, people have used this for various occasions. For example, last year's winner, Dana Otto, asked me to arrange one of Vince's favorite hymns for his ordination service.

This year's winner, however, did not have such a specific occasion in mind. Her primary request was that it simply be for us, the people at Holy Cross, to enjoy singing God's praises together.

Now, that's a pretty broad ask. So, she and I sat down and looked through several hymns, trying to narrow down our possibilities. We looked at many options, both familiar and unfamiliar, but when we got to LSB 941, "We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God," and we started looking through the text, her face lit right up. Immediately, I knew this was the hymn she wanted me to arrange, and there would be no point in looking further.

Honestly, I was a bit intimidated to take on this hymn. Firstly, the tune of the hymn is the famous melody from Gustav Holst's *Jupiter*, one of the more hauntingly beautiful melodies in our hymnal. That tune is so iconic and wonderfully original that I was unsure what I could add to it to make it unique.

Besides this, the text of the hymn is a modern versification of the *Te Deum*, one of (if not *the*) greatest hymn texts that Christianity has ever produced. I've written about the *Te Deum* before; for a refresher, the *Te Deum* is an ancient hymn that dates back to at least the 600s, and likely earlier. It is a hymn about all people throughout time, past, present, and future, and all creation, celebrating and acknowledging God for who He is and what He has done.

So, I had some hurdles to overcome. How could I put my unique voice and the voice of Holy Cross in the year 2025 into such a timeless hymn?

The more I thought about it, though, the more I realized that asking me to set a version of the *Te Deum* was an incredibly appropriate choice by our

hymn arrangement winner. If her intent was for us to sing praises together, what better text to sing than the song that the Church has been singing since its very beginning? What better way to lift our voices to God than with the words of those who have come before and who will come after?

And so, with this in mind, I'm very excited to announce that we'll be singing my arrangement of LSB 941, "We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God," as the closing hymn of our 65th anniversary services on September 13-14. You see, Holy Cross's 65th anniversary is not simply a celebration of 65 years of teaching, preaching, and sharing God's Word in this place, at this time. It is, rather, a celebration of God's unending faithfulness to His people throughout time, past, present, and future.

God has been faithful to His people from the very beginning of time, when he promised to Adam and Eve that He would send a Savior, when He carried Israel through the Red Sea and drowned their enemies, when He delivered Israel from captivity to Babylon, when He sent His only Son to suffer, to die, to rise in our place, that we, His people -- from Adam to Moses to Daniel to Paul to each of us in O'Fallon, Missouri, might be united with Him and with each other forever. And forever together we will sing of the greatness of God, as the hymn proclaims:

*The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;
The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.
The martyrs of Your kingdom,
a great and noble throng,
Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world
this song:
"O all-majestic Father, Your true and only Son,
And Holy Spirit, Comforter — forever Three in one!
...May we with saints be numbered
where praises never end
In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, Amen!*

Indeed, let our prayer this 65th anniversary and always be one of thanksgiving, that, through God's great love for us, we are numbered with those saints, where those praises never end.

~ David Gilson



All women of Holy Cross are invited to attend the meetings of either or both Guilds. Join us as we "serve the Lord with gladness" by raising funds for missions at home and around the world.

Holy Cross has two LWML groups:

Grace Evening Guild meets Tues., Sept. 9, 13, 6PM.

Holy Cross Ladies Guild meets Fri., Sept. 12, 10AM.



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.

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.

CRAFT EXPO

NOVEMBER 1, 2025

9AM to 3PM

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or contact the church office.

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GRACE EVENING GUILD

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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.

On Sept. 1, the price per booth increases. If you have registered, thank you! An email confirmation from Jan Paulson should be on its way. Applications are available on the Welcome Center table.

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. **ALL WOMEN FROM HOLY CROSS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!!** Women from the St. Charles Zone will be in attendance.

Church Anniversary

Reminder: 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.

Tickets were sold in August.

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. See his article on page 3 for more details.

MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK-IN

SEPT 5-6
6 PM - 6 AM

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Renee expressed her frustration with her attorney, saying, "There are just so many options to choose. This is heavy work for me." Her lawyer asked, "What do you mean? Give me an example." Renee responded, "OK. I realize that gifts from my estate can happen all at once or be spread over time. I am not sure how to decide which option is best. And once I make that decision, how do I figure out the best way to accomplish those goals?"

Your attorney is very skilled in helping you with this challenge. You should seek the counsel of the attorney you hire to help with your estate. Yet, your LCMS Gift Planning Counselor is a valuable asset for guidance in this area as well. Your Gift Planning Counselor can bring these opportunities up early in deliberations, so that you have plenty of time to think about, pray about and talk about the options, purposely choosing the options that resonate with your heart and mind, guided by God's Holy Spirit.

There is no cookie cutter design for an estate gift plan. The right plan is the one that satisfies your Christian goals. This may take a bit of time and energy on your part to move through this process, but it will bring you the satisfaction that you have chosen well. To get started, contact Teresa Nelson at (319)351-6529 or Teresa.Nelson@lfnd.org.



Come & Join us!
Thurs., **September 4, 2025**
Gym, 9AM-Noon

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Summer Recap from the Missions and Stewardship Boards

As summer winds down, we want to reflect on the incredible ways God has worked through our Missions and Stewardship Boards these past few months. From outdoor fellowship to global mission support and hands-on compassion, our congregation has truly lived out our calling to serve, give, and ENDURE together.

Outback Campout: Fellowship in God's Creation

On May 15–16, around 35 members gathered for our annual Outback Campout held on the back lot. Friday evening began with a potluck dinner and continued on Saturday with shared meals, music, devotions, and games like washers and ladder golf. Pastor Jason led us in a series of devotions centered on our ENDURE theme, drawing us closer to each other and to God as we reflected on perseverance in faith.



Missionary Presentations: Connecting with the Global Church

On June 15, we had the privilege of hearing from missionaries Ben and Ella Goehring and Lula Tiems, who serve in the Eurasia Mission Field, specifically in Germany and Romania. Their testimonies inspired us and broadened our view of God's work around the world. The congregation responded with heartfelt engagement, and we've heard wonderful feedback about the impact of these presentations. Learn more about their work and how to continue supporting them by checking out their sites <https://www.lcms.org/goehring> and <https://www.lcms.org/tiems>.



Stewardship Sundays: Enduring Together

This summer, our Stewardship Board hosted two special Stewardship Sundays under the theme Enduring Together. June 22 – “Cloud of Witnesses” reminded us that we are surrounded by faithful examples who inspire us to keep running the race. July 13 – “Communion of Saints” highlighted our unity with believers across time and space, sustained by God's grace. These Sundays were a time to reflect on the spiritual and practical ways we support one another in faith and ministry.

Phil's Friends: Hands-on Hope

Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$11,982.96 for Phil's Friends, a ministry that brings hope to those affected by cancer. On July 19, 38 volunteers (plus 2 precious babies!) gathered for a special packing event where we colored dozens of Cards of Hope, tied at least 10 fleece blankets, and packaged 73 care packages which include toiletry items, a Bible, and puzzles to keep their minds sharp. One of the best moments of the day was all of the volunteers praying over the boxes together and asking God to be with the recipients. It was a day of joy, teamwork, and purpose. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Disaster Relief: A Generous Response

In times of crisis, your compassion shines! This summer, our congregation contributed over \$9,000 to support disaster relief efforts. By the numbers we sent: \$4,424 to the Missouri District for general disaster relief, \$2,958 to LERT Missouri District for assistance with tornado clean up efforts, and \$2,331 to the Texas District for flood recovery. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ to those in urgent need.



Petting Zoo, Ponies and Pamphlets

On Sat., Aug. 9, the Evangelism Board of Holy Cross welcomed members and visitors to our campus for Petting Zoo and Pony Rides. People of all ages came to pet and feed the variety of animals, and children enjoyed riding the ponies. Most importantly, we had hundreds of pamphlets, booklets, and brochures available to share the love of Jesus with everyone in attendance. We also shared information about our Preschool with families of young children who were in attendance. Thanks to all the helpers who made the event possible and shared Jesus with our community.



On Sun., Aug. 10, students placed their backpacks on the altar steps and received a blessing and prayer for the new school year.

On the left is a picture of the students at the 8AM service, and at the right is the picture of the students at the 10:45PM service.

PICTURES BY DAVID SCHLESSELMAN



A Visit to Our Lutheran Roots in Perry County

On **Sat., Oct. 11**, Holy Cross is planning a day bus trip to Altenburg and Frohna, Mo., where German Lutherans first settled when they came to America. We will visit the Lutheran Heritage Center & Museum in Altenburg and tour the Log Cabin College which was the LCMS first seminary. The museum galleries have maps showing where the Saxon German immigrants came from in Germany. Learn the history of how they arrived in 1839 and their struggle to establish churches, farms, and businesses. You will learn about the foundation they established for the LCMS through their hard work.

In the afternoon we will attend the Fall Festival at Saxony Lutheran Memorial in Frohna. You will get the opportunity to tour historic log cabins, watch demonstrations of activities common in the mid 1800's, enjoy great German food and entertainment, and browse the wares of many local crafters. You will be purchasing your own lunch through the vendors at the Fall Festival or you may pack your own lunch for the day.

The bus will leave from Holy Cross parking lot at 8am and will return home by 5pm. **Cost of the trip is \$10** per person. Please **sign up by Sept. 21** on the table in the Welcome Center. This trip is underwritten by the Board of Elders.



CWST Shares Their Story

The Holy Cross Church Worker Support Team was recently invited to Immanuel Church and School in Washington to meet with the Elders and the Pastors. Their Head Elder asked us to share how we formed and developed our team to support our Called and Church Staff during their Fall Retreat. The team traveled to Washington on Aug. 15 to deliver a presentation on why we were formed, how we were formed, what we provide, and a framework of what works for us. We were given a tour of their beautiful campus, served dinner, and then spent time sharing our experiences—what worked, how we improved, what we have learned, and answered questions on some details.

We enjoyed meeting Pastors Wehmeyer and Spies and all their Elders, and we hope we gave them some good information to start their support team. We appreciate the support and generosity that the Elders and you, our Holy Cross Congregation, always show us, and we thank you for your continued support.

Your CWST,
Brian Belter, Darlene Wischmeyer, Dawn Kahler, Neal Menscher, Solomon Conrad, and Vickie Glasstetter

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September 2025

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Calendar of Events

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
31	August	1	September	2		3		4		5		6	
8 AM Mains 9:30AM Education Hour 10:45AM Mains	Labor Day Office Closed Preschool Closed			PS First Day of school 3s + Extended Education		PS First Day of School 4s 9:30AM Adult Bible Class 6pm Beginning Handbells 6pm Children's Choir 6:30pm Midweek 2pm Preschool Board 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm LYF 6:45pm Adult Choir		8 News & Notes Deadline 9AM HOPE Seeds 6:30pm 20s&30s Bible Class		Middle School Lock-in, Sept. 5-6, 6PM-6AM		5pm Holy Communion	
7		8		9		10		11		12		13	
8AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour 10:45AM Holy Communion 1:30PM Preschool Golf Tournament 1:30PM Board of Elders	9:30AM TOPS 11AM Line Dancing 6PM Council Boards 6:30PM Handbells. 7:30PM Council Meeting	9AM Preschool Chapel 9AM Quilting 10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meeting 6PM Grace Guild 6:30pm Adult Bible Study	6:30AM Men's Breakfast 9AM Preschool Chapel 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 Deadline 9AM to 3pm: American Red Cross Blood Drive 6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Class	10AM Ladies Guild	5PM Holy Communion							
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HOLY CROSS 65TH ANNIVERSARY 8AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour 10:45AM Holy Communion Noon Church Anniversary Dinner at The Christy	9:30 AM TOPS 11AM Line Dancing 6PM Board Meetings 7:30PM Council Meeting	9AM Preschool Chapel 9AM Quilting 10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meeting	9AM Preschool Chapel 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	CIRCUIT MEETING (HC Host) 8AM News & Notes Deadline 6PM Wedding Rehearsal 6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Class	KOINONIA DEADLINE	2PM Morrison Wedding 5PM Holy Communion + Ladies' Guild Candy & Nut Sale							
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PRESCHOOL RECESS TIMES	9:30AM—9:50AM 1:30PM—1:50PM	9:10-9:30AM	11-11:20AM 1:30-1:50PM	9:10-9:30AM	9:30AM—9:50AM 1:30PM—1:50PM								

September 2025 Celebrations

The LORD will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

Happy Birthday!

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| 1: Benjamin Piazza | 12: Nicholas Benigno, Mabel McKinney, Bill Price | 22: Ryan Blackwell, Ray Schroeder, Pamela Schweitzer, Lucas Van Wave |
| 2: Isabel Cross, Susan Reidel, Andrew Schnoor, Chyrl Smith | 13: Eric Cagle | 24: Jameson Alton, Jeremy Berjer, Albert Marhanka |
| 3: Ian Claxton, Raymond Karl II | 14: Robin Cross, Addisyn Freand, Connie Gamache, Kaitlyn Markham | 25: Solomon Conrad, Curt Paulson |
| 5: Collien Beyer, Logan Brown, Hailey Fink, Laura Hoffman, Mark Losch | 15: Becky Edgar, Ian Laufer | 26: Claire Ulrich |
| 6: Melissa Eaton, Rick Walkenhorst | 16: Jill Danchus, Jim Kramer, Payton May | 27: Norma Helms |
| 7: Alex Wiese | 17: Edna Deubel, Steven Schweitzer | 28: Christopher Polashek, Gordon Robinson Jr. |
| 8: Eugene Buehne, Erika Cross | 18: Debbie Raymond | 29: Judith Brueggeman, Gloria Rariden, Judie Woelfer |
| 9: Gary Hardebeck, Mikayla Kirk | 19: David Kunzweiler | 30: Emma Rheinecker |
| 10: Ray Karl, Kiersten Tichenor | 20: McKenzie Kiely | |
| 11: Harper McCulloch, Jack Lacey | 21: Marc Maull, Justin Shouse, Don Wischmeyer | |

Happy Baptism Anniversary!

- 1: Alice Buehne, Tom Haywood, Dianne Helvey, Doug Koepke, Lauren Kunzweiler, Jerry Lancour, Pat Temple, Keri Wardenburg
- 2: Elizabeth Rasche
- 3: Dean Gooding, Evelyn Smith
- 4: Nancy Caldwell, Katherine Hoylman, Hazel Langley, Benjamin Wiese
- 5: Will Wiese IV
- 6: Nick Chiodini, Josh Linn, Sandy Macke, Jennifer Powers
- 7: Emma Estes
- 8: William Wichern, Rhys Langley
- 9: Floyd Darling Jr., Matt Lackey
- 11: David Alton, Jan Paulson, Zeita Reed
- 16: Tidus Willis, Shana Ziolk
- 18: Jeannine Bisesi, Penelope Elick, Jessica Maull
- 19: Mark Losch
- 21: Mia Blackwell, Cassa Henderson
- 22: Kevin Smith
- 23: Autumn Jones, Aylah Jones
- 24: Andrew Schnoor
- 26: Carter Danchus, Ashlyn White
- 27: Mikayla Kirk
- 29: Kayleigh Hardebeck, Jack Lacey

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Blessed Wedding Anniversary!

- 4: Mark & Christine Eaton, 51
Kevin & Janine Martens, 26
Mark & Tina Morrison, 32
- 7: Bob & Judith Brueggeman, 57
Kevin & Lauren Rheinecker, 12
- 8: Lisa & Roy Byers, 35
- 10: Mark & Kathy Unger, 48
- 11: Dale & Christy Witte, 26
- 14: Greg & Judith Bonney, 34
Matthew & Jill Grabanski, 1
- 16: Sarah & Eliason Black, 2
Dale & Karen Dusheke, 47
- 19: Justin & Chyrl Smith, 13
- 20: Robert & Cindy Aubertin, 29
Michael & Susan Halm, 50
- 22: Karl & Dena Schoenike, 24
- 23: Dennis & Marilyn Benassi, 53
- 24: Werner & Laurie Heizmann, 20
Matthew & Angela Maue, 35
Kelly & Ryan Schlereth, 20
- 25: Rachel & Ryan Tichich, 4
- 27: Tony & Carol Crafton, 45
Bob & Susan Williams, 56
Bob & Barb Knehans, 39
- 28: Erick & Ashleigh Wallace-Lacey, 6
Albert & Ingrid Marhanka, 67
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Preschool for 3s & 4s. Extended Care available.

Sunday School for ages 3 through High School —Sundays, 9:30AM
and **Little Lambs** (under 3s with a parent)

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 10, 6:30AM

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