



Our Mission:

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

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
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Sundays, 8AM & 10:45AM
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O'Fallon MO

If you want an audio recording
(CD) of the Sunday 8AM service,
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send out bulletins, weekly
newsletters, and DVD
recordings (visual) to those who
request them.

CHURCH OFFICE
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News & Notes for September 20-21, 2025

St. Mathew, Apostle and Evangelist

Holy Cross Celebrates 65 years as God's People

WELCOME TO EVERYONE joining us for worship today.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Submit prayer requests by calling or emailing the church office. Confidential prayer requests are shared with the Pastors but not published.

WE PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS: 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; Judy Hollandsworth; Christel Hundt; Lizzie Johansmann; Ron Kettler; Sandra Kohrs; Debra Korte; Jim Kramer; Joyce Lang; Betty Lee; Albert & Ingrid Marhanka; Terry McCann; Bill Price; Grace Randazzo; 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)
William Dafler (Wes Dafler)
John Darby (Rick Walkenhorst)
Tammy Ehlmann (Vickie Glasstetter)
Sandra Fleak (Becky Edgar)
Luella Franke (Sarah Miget)
Sydney Hagen (Craig Dement)
Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan, LCMS MO Dist. Pres.
Sarah Hall (Jayme Price)
Peter Hernon (Elaine Alton)
Sharon Hesse (George & Barb Krieger)
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)
Barton Moenster (Paul & 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)
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)
Steve Wulff (Neal & Cynthia Menscher)
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)
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)
Norma Cooper, Carol Work (Wendy Tentschert)

WE PRAY for the family and friends of those who mourn:

♦ Patricia Furlong, long-time friend of Sandie Fussner, died suddenly this week.

SATURDAY, September 20, 2025**Ladies Guild Candy and Nut Sale)**

2PM Wedding: Clint Morrison+ Hailey Politte

5PM Holy Communion

SUNDAY, September 21, 2025**Ladies Guild Candy and Nut Sale**

8AM Holy Communion

9:30AM Education Hour

+ Midweek Teacher Training

10:45AM Holy Communion

MONDAY, September 22, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

KOINONIA DEADLINE for October

9:30AM TOPS

9:30AM PS 4s Gym

10:30AM LWML Zone Rally Planning Meeting

11AM Line Dancing

6:30PM Bell Choir

TUESDAY, September 23, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9AM Preschool Chapel

9:10AM Preschool 3s Gym

10AM Women's Bible Study

12:30PM Staff Meeting

6:30PM Adult Bible Class

WEDNESDAY, September 24 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9AM Preschool Chapel

9:30AM Adult Bible Class

11AM Preschool 4s Gym Time

6PM Beginning Bells (Sanctuary)

6PM Children's Choir (Choir Room)

6:30PM Confirmation, Midweek, LYF

6:45PM Adult Choir

THURSDAY, September 25, 2025**8AM News & Notes Deadline**

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

PRESCHOOL DINE & DONATE—APPLEBEE'S SEE AD

10AM Organ Maintenance

10:30AM Preschool 3s Dad's Day Class Party

6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Study

FRIDAY, September 26 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

KOINONIA PRODUCTION

9:30AM Preschool 4s Gym

10:30AM Preschool 4s Dad's Day Class Party

SATURDAY, September 27 2025**PALS Event (Pastor Kohm)****Ladies Guild Candy and Nut Sale)**

5PM Holy Communion

SUNDAY, September 28, 2025**Ladies Guild Candy and Nut Sale**

8AM Holy Communion

9:30AM Education Hour

10:45AM Holy Communion

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 October-December 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. Most needed: **soap — all types; gluten-free items; canned soup, toothpaste, canned vegetables. 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: Sept. 17, 2025
Families: 77 Individuals: 264 New Families: 5

Church Attendance for September 13-14, 2025

Service	Attendance	Communion
5PM	72	61
8AM	127	100
10:45AM	174	126
TOTAL	373	287

**Bible Class Attendance
Week of September 14, 2025**

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	2
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	32
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	14
Sunday Adult Bible Class	73
BASICS/TLC	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	c
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	NA
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM Bible Class	c
Wednesday Nights	45
20s&30s Thursday	11

Offerings: Sept. 8-14, 2025

General Fund	\$ 16,388.54
Endowment	\$ 0.00
Building Fund	\$ 50.00
Missions Weekly	\$ 129.00
Missions 3rd Qtr	\$ 5,771.17

Year to Date as of 07/31/2025

Income	\$ 452,358.20
Expenses	\$ 453,533.59
Deficit	\$ (1,175.39)

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.**

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in memory of Clarence Schwentker by his daughter Michelle Kincaid.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Join the pastors as they delve into *Science and Scripture: A Study of God's Design and Will*, Sundays, 9:30AM in September and October.

SATURDAY SERVICE TIME CHANGE:

Services on Saturdays will change to 3PM on Oct. 4. This will last until the last weekend in March

KOINONIA for OCTOBER: The deadline is extended to Mon., Sept 22, in part to include coverage of the anniversary. If you have articles or other content, please send it to secretary@hccross.com by Monday morning!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: We pray for **Clint** Morrison and **Hailey** Politte who were married by Pastor Gimbel at Holy Cross., Sept. 20.

FALL IS IN THE AIR!! And fall brings the **Annual Ladies Guild Candy and Nut Sale!** We have an opportunity to try products from a new company this year! We will be using the Durham Ellis Pecan Company located in Texas. Old favorites will be available, and some new yummy-sounding items too! **Sales begin Sept 20&21.** Orders will arrive for Thanksgiving. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Concordia Seminary Adopt-a-Student Program. Watch for more information soon in the *News & Notes* and *Koinonia*.

HYMN FESTIVAL: Join us at Holy Cross on **Sun., Oct. 12, at 3PM** for our fourth annual hymn festival! Part of our "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" series of events, the festival, entitled "Thy New Creation," will reflect on the creation account in Genesis 1. Featuring the choir and instrumentalists of Holy Cross, this is an event you won't want to miss!

CONCORDIA CHICAGO WIND SYMPHONY Please join us at Holy Cross on **Fri., Oct. 24 at 7PM** for a free concert performed by the Concordia University Chicago Wind Symphony! Under the direction of Dr. Richard Fischer in his 51st and final season, the ensemble has performed in 43 states, Canada, Europe, China, and South Africa.

GRACE GUILD invites the women of Holy Cross to the October Guest Night at its regular meeting, **Oct. 14, at 6PM.** Learn about Grace Guild's history, missions, fellowship, and fun (& food!). Open to women who would like to visit and learn more about this LWML group.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE at Holy Cross: Would you like to be part of the Hospitality Program at Holy Cross by serving as a Greeter? You can select to your service and serve about once a month. It is a great way to meet members and visitors, and help people get to know you. A comprehensive outline of activities is found on the Welcome Center table to review before volunteering.

74th ANNUAL WHOLE HOG SAUSAGE & SAUERKRAUT DINNER, Sun., **Oct. 12, 2025**, from 11AM to 5PM at Christ Lutheran Church (123 Church Road, Augusta, MO). Menu: pork sausage, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, bread, home-made pies. Cost: \$15. Major credit cards accepted. Carry outs available. Country Store. To preorder pork sausage, meaty backbones, or ribs, please call 636-228-4417. Please call 636-228-4642 or visit <http://www.clcaugustamo.org/> for more information.

DINE & DONATE

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



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DAY TRIP TO PERRY COUNTY, 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, with 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 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.

HYMN FESTIVAL AT IMMANUEL WASHINGTON

Come raise your voice in beloved hymns as we celebrate the light of Christ with the musical groups of Immanuel Lutheran Church. The hymn festival will be **Oct. 5, 2025**, at 7PM in the Sanctuary at Immanuel Lutheran Church at 214 W. 5th St., Washington, MO. Refreshments will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Salem's [Affton] Ladies Guild is hosting its **FALL RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE** in their Fellowship Hall on **Tues., Oct. 14**, from 4-7pm, and on **Wed., Oct. 15**, from 8am – 3pm. Salem is located at 8343 Gravois Road in **Affton, MO 63123**. If you wish to donate rummage, you can drop off your donations NO SOONER THAN Sept. 29 through Oct. 14 during business hours of 8am-4pm, Monday - Friday.

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!

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 HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
Proceeds from vendor fees to Holy Cross Benevolence Fund

Church Anniversary

The **65th Anniversary Celebration for Holy Cross Lutheran Church** on Sunday, Sept. 14, was a wonderful opportunity to gather as a congregation.

Sincere thanks to the Dinner & Program Committee for their efforts: Barb Grosch, Sandy Dietz, Darlene Wischmeyer, Sue Williams, Norma Helms, and Brenda Fore, and others, including the Holy Cross Youth.

Read more about this wonderful day in the October Koinonia, coming soon.

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: Vendors and speakers will provide 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>

CHRISTIAN FRIENDS OF NEW AMERICANS celebrates its New Building, New Possibilities (5515 S Grand Blvd., St. Louis, MO), Sun., Sept. 21, 2025 with an Open House from 2-4:30PM. Building dedication takes place at 2:30pm. For more information or to make a donation, www.cfna-stl.org

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL ST. CHARLES COUNTY

LHS Homecoming: Cougar-Palooza on Fri., Sept. 26.

Kick off the evening with **Varsity Softball** at 4:30PM, then stick around for:

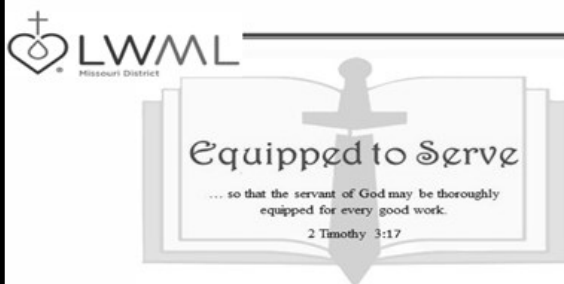
Tailgate at 5PM – Free hotdogs & hamburgers (while supplies last)

Spirit Zone 5–7PM – Meet the cheerleaders, Sapphires & mascot, plus face painting & giveaways!

Football Kickoff at 7PM

WANTED: LHS seeks a long-term substitute with experience in art education. The service period will be from mid-December to mid-February. Courses include Art Fundamentals, Digital Arts, and Publications. Interested applicants should visit the Lutheran High School website (Explore Careers), <https://lutheranhighstcharles.com/about/faculty-staff/careers/> to apply. Contact the LHS principal, Dr. Jon Bernhardt, at jbernhardt@lhssc.org for more information.

Lutheran High's Annual Auction: A Night for Blue and White is Fri., Oct. 24, at Old Hickory Golf Club, starting at 5:30pm. This unforgettable evening will be filled with fellowship, fun, and the chance to bid on exciting auction items while supporting our students and school community. Tickets are on sale now, lutheranhighstcharles.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/2025LutheranHighAuction/tabid/1551855/Default.aspx Don't wait—secure your spot today and be part of this special tradition.



You are invited to the
Lutheran Women in Mission
MO District, ST. CHARLES ZONE RALLY

All women are invited
LWML MO St. Charles Zone VP Gail Hahn,
Guest Speaker

Equipped to serve — How does God equip us to serve? Joyfully receiving His overflowing gifts is the one thing necessary. What are some opportunities to serve wherever and whenever the Lord needs us? Gail Hahn will share from God's Word and discuss the equipping gifts God gives, drawing from her recent experience with Mission Opportunity Short Term (MOST) Ministries.

Saturday, October 18, 2025

8AM to 12:30PM

Holy Cross Lutheran Church (Gymnasium)
 8945 Veterans Memorial Pkwy, O'Fallon, MO 63366

NURSING HOME CRUISE – Starting from Immanuel, Washington, MO, Sun., Oct. 19, 2025, 5:30-6:30PM.

Immanuel [Washington, MO] Lutheran's Cars and Coffee group is hosting a cruise to seven of the nursing homes in Washington. They will start from Immanuel's parking lot at 5:30PM on Sun., Oct. 19. "The residents will be expecting us and waiting for us to parade by. It will take about an hour to make our way around town. When we are finished, we'll head back to Immanuel for grilled burgers and sides prepared by Immanuel's Men's Ministry. All antique cars, trucks, and bikes are welcome to join in. Please RSVP about your willingness to join in on the cruise by contacting Immanuel at 636-239-4705."

PRAYER LIST FOR ACTIVE MILITARY: Dominic Bisesi, Andrew Chema, Jacob Franke, Josh Linn, Thomas Matoushek, Justin Quinn, Joshua Rainwater, Jackson Redfield, Jesse Smith, and Matthew Thornton.