



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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Services held in Sanctuary:
Saturdays, 5PM
Sundays, 8AM & 10:45AM
Live Stream on Sunday AT 8AM
Education Hour AT 9:30AM
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[Holy Cross Lutheran Church](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqLlF0t0t0t0t0t0t0t0t0t0)
[O'Fallon MO](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqLlF0t0t0t0t0t0t0t0t0t0)

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

CHURCH OFFICE

CHECK WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR
UPDATES 636.272.4505
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News & Notes for September 27-28 2025

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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; **Marie** Herrington; **Judy** Hollandsworth; **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 Daffler (Wes Daffler)
John Darby (Rick Walkenhorst)
Tammy Ehlmann (Vickie Glasstetter)
Sandra Fleak (Becky Edgar)
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 (Denice Johns)
Bill Knehans (Bob & Barb Knehans)
Joyce Kroll (David Schlesselman)
Sandy Lockwood (David Gilson)
Tony LaChance (Becky Coomer)
Catherine Loney (Nicole Alton)
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)
Dale Stumpf (Amanda Alton)

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)
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)
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)
Linda Thiele, **Kathryn** and **Sarah** Kuerschner, **Darlene** Barr-Walag (Peggy Kuerschner)
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 our family and friends who celebrate:

- ♦ Conrad Family celebrates **Solomon's 50th birthday** on Sept. 25.
- ♦ **Bob & Barb Knehan's 38th wedding anniversary** on Sept. 27.
- ♦ **Gordon Robinson** celebrates his **90th birthday** on Sept. 28.
- ♦ **Harold & Sandy Kohrs** celebrate their **65th wedding anniversary** on Oct. 1

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, September 27 2025

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

MONDAY, September 29, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

KOINONIA MAILING for October

9:30AM TOPS

9:30AM PS 4s Gym

10AM Grace Guild Craft Expo

Planning Meeting [Welcome Center]

11AM Line Dancing

6:30PM Bell Choir

TUESDAY, September 30, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9AM Preschool Chapel

9AM Quilting

9:10AM Preschool 3s Gym

10AM Women's Bible Study

12:30PM Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, October 1, 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, October 2, 2025

8AM News& Notes Deadline

PRESCHOOL LIFETOUCH PICTURES

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9AM HOPE Seeds

9:10AM Preschool Gym Time

6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Study

FRIDAY, October 3 2025

PRESCHOOL LIFETOUCH PICTURES

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9AM-NOON: LWML St. Charles Zone

Board of Directors [gym]

9:30AM PS 4s Recess

10AM LWML Setup in Sanctuary

SATURDAY, October 4 2025

LWML Weekend

Ladies Guild Candy and Nut Sale

3PM Holy Communion: **NEW TIME**

SUNDAY, October 5, 2025

LWML Weekend

Ladies Guild Candy and Nut Sale

8AM Holy Communion

9:30AM Education Hour

10:45AM Holy Communion

1:30PM Board of Elders

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. 24, 2025
Families: 81 Individuals: 277 New Families: 8

Church Attendance for September 20-21, 2025

Service	Attendance	Communion
5PM	58	54
8AM	122	96
10:45AM	69	65
TOTAL	249	215

Bible Class Attendance Week of September 21, 2025

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	1
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	19
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	5
Sunday Adult Bible Class	51
BASICS/TLC	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	14
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	4
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM Bible Class	31
Wednesday Nights	38
20s&30s Thursday	7

Offerings: Sept. 15-21, 2025

General Fund	\$	11,363.60
Endowment	\$	10.00
Building Fund	\$	20.00
Missions Weekly	\$	135.02
Missions 3rd Qtr	\$	5,906.79

Year to Date as of 08/31/2025

Income	\$	515,618.88
Expenses	\$	519,638.86
Deficit	\$	(4,019.98)

HOPE Ministries requests items for **OCTOBER:** Pancake Mix, Syrup, Oatmeal, Stuffing, Corn Muffin mix, Pasta Roni, Ramen Noodles. 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 by the Conrad Family as they celebrate Solomon's 50th birthday on Sept. 25; Bob & Barb Knehans celebrate their 38th wedding anniversary on Sept. 27; and Harold & Sandy Kohrs celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on Oct. 1.

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

CANDY AND NUT SALE

The Annual Ladies Guild Candy and Nut Sale is happening now!! Don't miss your chance to order from a delicious selection of goodies! Please visit the table in the Welcome Center before or after services. The sale ends on Oct. 12. You must pay with cash or a check when placing an order. Orders will arrive in time for the Thanksgiving holiday. And what a quick and easy way to take care of your Christmas shopping! Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Concordia Seminary Adopt-A-Student Program. Thank you in advance for your support!

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.

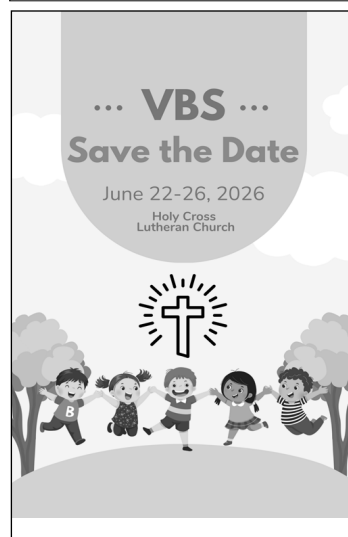
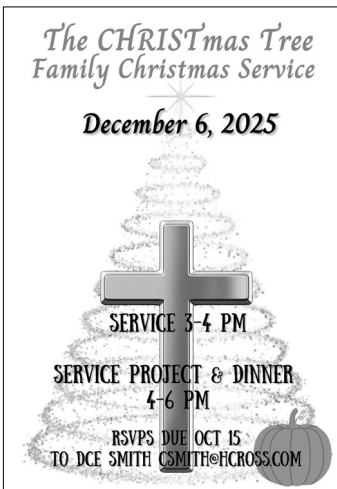
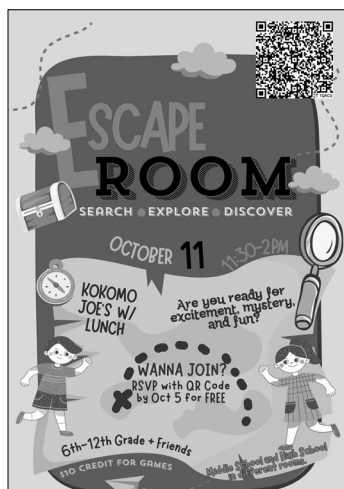
OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE at Holy Cross: Would you like to be part of the Hospitality Program at Holy Cross by serving as a Greeter? You can select to your service and serve about once a month. It is a great way to meet members and visitors, and help people get to know you. A comprehensive outline of activities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

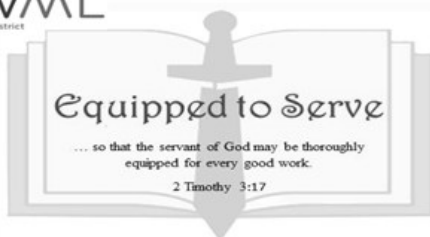
HYMN FESTIVAL: Join us at Holy Cross on **Sun., Oct. 12, at 3PM** for our fourth annual hymn festival! Part of our "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" series of events, the festival, entitled "Thy New Creation," will reflect on the creation account in Genesis 1. Featuring the choir and instrumentalists 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.

HOLY CROSS MERCHANDISE

The sale at church has ended. However, if you would like to order Holy Cross merchandise, you can contact our suppliers directly. The embroidered polo shirts sold at church can be bought through American Stitched in Dardenne Prairie. All other items sold are available through the Craft Cottage in Cottleville. The prices used at church were for bulk orders, so your cost may be different.





**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

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.

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.

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."

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!**

SHOP OUR VENDORS!

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GRACE EVENING GUILD

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Proceeds from vendor fees to Holy Cross Benevolence Fund

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL ST. CHARLES COUNTY

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.

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.**