



ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION

### Our Mission:

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

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Saturdays, 5PM  
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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



## News & Notes for September 13-14, 2025

# Holy Cross Day

*Celebrating 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)  
Norma Cooper (Wendy Tentschert)  
William Dafler (Wes Dafler)  
John Darby (Rick Walkenhorst)  
Sandra Fleak (Becky Edgar)  
Luella Franke (Sarah Miget)  
Cindy Hagen (Craig Dement)  
Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan, Missouri 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)  
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)  
Matthew Niewald, 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)

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

- ♦ Mary Tucker, daughter-in-law of Verna Tucker, died Sept. 8.
- ♦ Kenneth McCullough, husband of Idel McCullough and father of Tracy Porter, died Sept. 9. Arrangements are at Baue Cave Springs on Mon., Sept. 15. Visitation is 9:30-11:30AM, with the service to follow.

## Holy Cross Weekly Calendar

### 65TH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

#### SATURDAY, September 13, 2025

5PM Festival Anniversary, Holy Communion

#### SUNDAY, September 14, 2025

8AM Festival Anniversary, Holy Communion

9:30AM Education Hour

10:45AM Festival Anniversary, Holy Communion

**NOON Church 65th Anniversary Dinner at  
The Christy Banquet Center**

—Doors open at noon

#### MONDAY, September 15, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9:30AM TOPS

9:30AM PS Gym Time 4s

11AM Line Dancing

6:30PM Handbells

#### TUESDAY, September 16, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9AM Preschool Chapel

9AM Ladies Guild Quilting

9:10AM Preschool Gym Time

6:30PM Boards of Education, Youth

#### WEDNESDAY, September 17 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9AM Preschool Chapel

11AM Preschool Gym Time

6PM Beginning Bells (Sanctuary)

6PM Children's Choir (Choir Room)

6:30PM Confirmation, Midweek, LYF

6:45PM Adult Choir

#### THURSDAY, September 18, 2025

##### 8AM News & Notes Deadline

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9:10AM Preschool Gym Time

6PM Wedding Rehearsal

6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Study

#### FRIDAY, September 19 2025

##### OCTOBER KOINONIA DEADLINE

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9:30AM Preschool Gym Time

#### 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

## 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. 10, 2025  
Families: 69      Individuals: 241      New Families: 3

### Church Attendance for September 6-7, 2025

Service	Attendance	Communion
5PM	45	43
8AM	113	99
10:45AM	107	85
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>227</b>

### Bible Class Attendance Week of September 7, 2025

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	2
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	19
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	10
Sunday Adult Bible Class	61
BASICS/TLC	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	11
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	7
Men's Breakfast & Bible	11
Wednesday AM Bible Class	29
Wednesday Nights	39
20s&30s Thursday	11

### Offerings: Sept. 1-7, 2025

General Fund	\$ 19,152.62
Endowment	\$ 150.00
Building Fund	\$ 260.00
Missions Weekly	\$ 4,625
<b>Missions 3rd Qtr</b>	<b>\$ 5,642.77</b>

### Year to Date as of 07/31/2025

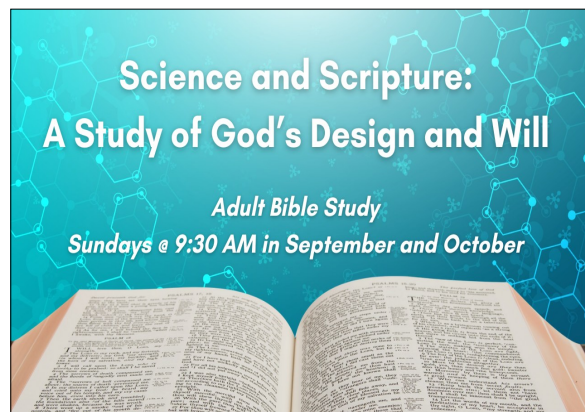
Income	\$ 452,358.20
Expenses	\$ 453,533.59
Deficit	\$ (1,175.39)

**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.**

**TODAY'S SERVICE:** Holy Cross welcomes Rev. Jonathan V. Meyer, former pastor at Holy Cross, as preacher for this festive anniversary day. Music Director David Gilson has gathered a small orchestra to elevate the music for the day and arranged a setting for the final hymn.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God in honor of Becky Edgar who celebrates her 90th birthday on Mon., Sept. 15, and by Earl & Sandy Dietz and Barb & Roger Grosch in tribute to the 65th Anniversary of Holy Cross Lutheran Church by God's grace.

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**ADULT BIBLE STUDIES: SUNDAY**



**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY on Tuesday with Pastor Gimbel and ADULT BIBLE CLASS with Pastor Kohm are canceled this week.** Both pastors will be attending the Concordia Seminary Theological Symposium.

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**DINE & DONATE:** Fundraiser 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.

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church American Red Cross Blood Drive on Sept. 11:** We were able to collect **14 units on our goal of 15**, which will make a lifesaving difference for patients in need. Our next blood drive is scheduled for Thurs., Nov. 13, from 10a-3p.

**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*.

#### **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.

#### **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, where 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.

#### **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), or by Googling "Vocatio: Retreat Concordia Seminary."

**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.

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 | Building dedication at 2:30 pm  
 Open House | by LCMS MO Dist. President,  
 from 2-4:30 pm | Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan

WWW.CFNA-STL.ORG

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

**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 include: health of the brain, 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 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>



## Church Anniversary

### EXCITEMENT IS IN THE AIR!!

Sunday, Sept. 14, is the day we've been planning for and waiting for!

It's the **65th Anniversary Celebration for Holy Cross Lutheran Church!** The time is **Noon** at the **Christy Banquet Center** on Veterans Memorial Parkway.

Doors open at noon. *Please be prompt in arriving* at the Christy as we have an exciting program and delicious meal planned.

Free child care will be available after the meal for children ages six and under.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to come together as a congregation and celebrate 65 years of God's blessings for Holy Cross.

Don't worry if you have misplaced your tickets. Your name has been written on a ticket list and can be checked when you arrive.

Ticket sales have concluded. If you aren't able to be there, please remember our church and the celebration in your thoughts and prayers.

#### **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!

**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

## 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.

A limited number of booths still available.

Contact Applications Administrator Jan Paulson at:  
[crafterpo@hccross.com](mailto:crafterpo@hccross.com)  
or [HCCGraceGuild@gmail.com](mailto:HCCGraceGuild@gmail.com)

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HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Proceeds from vendor fees to Holy Cross Benevolence Fund*

#### **LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL ST. CHARLES COUNTY**

**SHOUT-OUT** to two LHS students from Holy Cross who completed the St. Charles City-County Library Summer Challenge Reading Program! Congratulations to Miriam Gimbel (10) and Oria Ray (9) for their wonderful dedication to learning and love for reading! Ten other students also earned that honor.

#### **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](mailto:jbernhardt@lhssc.org) for more information.

**Lutheran High's Annual Auction: A Night for Blue and White** is just around the corner! Join us for an unforgettable evening filled with fellowship, fun, and the chance to bid on exciting auction items—all while supporting our students and school community. Tickets are on sale now, [lutheranhighstcharles.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/2025LutheranHighAuction/tabid/1551855/Default.aspx](https://lutheranhighstcharles.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/2025LutheranHighAuction/tabid/1551855/Default.aspx) Don't wait—secure your spot today and be part of this special tradition.