



Our Mission:

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

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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
O'Fallon MO

If you want an audio recording
(CD) of the Sunday 8AM service,
please notify the office. We also
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newsletters, and DVD
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CHURCH OFFICE

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News & Notes for September 6-7, 2025

Thirtieth 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; **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)
Rev. Dr. **Lee** Hagan, Missouri Dist. Pres.
Sarah Hall (Jayme Price)
Peter Hernon (Elaine Alton)
Sharon Hesse (George & Barb Krieger)
Joan Hicks (Karen Steinbrugge)
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 (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)
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 **Dorothy Rosenwinkel**, grandmother of Pastor Gimbel, who entered the Church Triumphant on Tues., Sept. 2.

Teresa Doerr, a frequent visitor to Holy Cross and our sister in Christ, lost her battle to breast cancer, Sept. 2. We pray for her husband, family and friends.

Holy Cross Weekly Calendar

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

MONDAY, September 8, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9:30AM TOPS

9:30AM PS Gym Time 4s

11AM Line Dancing

6PM Council Board Meetings

6:30PM Handbells

7:30PM Church Council Meeting

TUESDAY, September 9, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9AM Preschool Chapel

9:10AM Preschool Gym Time

10AM Women's Bible Study

12:30PM Staff Meeting

6PM Grace Guild

6:30PM Adult Bible Class

WEDNESDAY, September 10, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

6:30AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

9AM Preschool Chapel

9:30AM Adult Bible Study

11AM Preschool Gym Time

3PM Preschool Board Meeting

6PM Beginning Bells (Sanctuary)

6PM Children's Choir (Choir Room)

6:30PM Confirmation, Midweek, LYF

6:45PM Adult Choir

THURSDAY, September 11, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

8AM News& Notes Deadline

8AM Circuit DCE Meeting Rm 1&2

9AM-3PM American Red Cross Blood Drive

9:10AM Preschool Recess

6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Study

FRIDAY, September 12, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9AM Ladies Guild Setup

9:30AM Preschool Recess

10AM Ladies Guild Meeting & Luncheon

65TH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

SATURDAY, September 13, 2025

5PM Holy Communion

SUNDAY, September 14, 2025

8AM Holy Communion

9:30AM Education Hour

10:45AM Holy Communion

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

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. 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: September 3, 2025
Families: 67 Individuals: 221 New Families: 4

Church Attendance for August 30-31, 2025

Service	Attendance	No Communion
5PM	58	
8AM	103	
10:45AM	130	
TOTAL	291	—

Bible Class Attendance Week of August 31, 2025

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	1
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	16
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	12
Sunday Adult Bible Class	43
BASICS/TLC	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	15
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	NA
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM Bible Class	36
Wednesday Nights	33
20s&30s Thursday	5

Offerings: Aug. 25-31, 2025

General Fund	\$ 10,360.14
Endowment	\$ 0.00
Building Fund	\$ 0.00
Missions Weekly	\$ 0
Missions 3rd Qtr	\$ 1,017.77

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 loving memory of Bessie Frayne by her children and family. Bessie, who entered the Church Triumphant on Aug. 18, 2025, would have celebrated her 98th birthday on Sept 6.

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS: The topic is *Science & Scripture: A Study of God's Design and Will*. Pastor Gimbel will lead the discussion today.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets every Tuesday at 10 AM in person and online. The topic is "In the Beginning God... - A Study on the Book of Genesis" and flows from the yearly emphasis at Holy Cross this year, "The Things God Has Made." All are invited for this discussion-based Bible study led by Pastor Gimbel.

TUESDAY EVENING'S ADULT BIBLE CLASS meets this week, Tues., Sept. 9, at 6:30PM, led by Bruce Linn

WEDNESDAY:

MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY at 6:30AM, Wed., **Sept. 10.** Signup in the Welcome Center.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS led by Pastor Kohm, Wed., Sept. 10, at 9:30AM.

GRACE GUILD Holy Cross Grace Evening Guild 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**? 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.

LADIES GUILD meets **Fri., Sept. 12, at 10AM.**

Thank you for filling the bins for Concordia Seminary Food Bank. Delivery of your gifts was made Aug. 28. See list on page 2 for the next delivery when the bins are full.

Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church—St Peters hosts its **5th Annual Craft & Vendor Fair Sat., Sept. 13 from 9AM -2PM. Free Admission.** Items available: Hand-made Wood items, Mary Kay, Hand-made Cards, Norwex, Hand-made Beaded Jewelry, Scentsy, Pampered Chef, Homemade Bath & Body Items, L'BRI Pure n' Natural, Freshies, Coasters, Soaps, Tupperware, Sewn & Crocheted items, Laser Engraving/3-D Printing, Color Street Nails, Apparel, Fall & Christmas Items, and more! "Crossed Heart BBQ" with indoor setting will supply your lunch needs. Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church, 907 Jungermann Road, St Peters, MO, is located at the corner of Willott & Jungermann behind Walgreens. All vendor fees will be donated to Child of God Lutheran School Tuition Assistance in St Peters, MO. For more information about Child of God, visit their website at: <https://coglcs.com/>

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, including a new Children's Choir. 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.

OPPORTUNITY to Serve at Holy Cross: Would you like to be part of the Hospitality Program at Holy Cross by serving as a Greeter? More than 20 non-members worship at Holy Cross 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 Welcome Center table 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, 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.

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

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 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>

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, or by Googling "Vocatio: Retreat Concordia Seminary."

Church Anniversary

EXCITEMENT IS IN THE AIR!!

Next 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.

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.

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
or HCGraceGuild@gmail.com

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GRACE EVENING GUILD

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Proceeds from vendor fees to Holy Cross Benevolence Fund

BENEVOLENCE FUND: Holy Cross has a benevolence fund to help members in need. Contributions to this fund may be made at any time. If you want to contribute to this fund, put a memo line on your check for the HC Benevolence Fund and secure it in an envelope. Put your offering envelope number and your name on the outside of the envelope and place in the offering plate or send it to the church office. Thank you!

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL is currently seeking a long-term substitute art teacher. Applicants with experience in art education are preferred. 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 principal, Dr. Jon Bernhardt, at 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 Don't wait—secure your spot today and be part of this special tradition.

Walther League Bible Study is back on Sept. 10! If you or someone you know is interested in joining, please contact Rev. Millard at millard@lhssc.org

PRAYER LIST FOR ACTIVE MILITARY:

Dominic Bisesi, Andrew Chema, Jacob Franke, Josh Linn, Justin Quinn, Joshua Rainwater, Jackson Redfield, Jesse Smith, and Matthew Thornton.

Have a 7th or 8th grader interested in joining a robotics team? The Roboteer Cadets are seeking applicants to join the FTC Roboteer Cadets, the 7th- and 8th-grade robotics team of the Lutheran Roboteers. Applications due by Sept. 9. Call the high school office for applications.

Save the Date for **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

Save the dates for LHS Football Game themed nights!

All Home Games start at 7PM!

9/12 - Armed Forces Night (active duty and veterans get free admission)

9/19 - Cancer Awareness "White Out" (also Senior Night, subject to change)

9/26 - CougarPalooza/Homecoming

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!