



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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Saturdays, 3PM
Sundays, 8AM & 10:45AM
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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
send out bulletins, weekly
newsletters, and DVD
recordings (visual) to those who
request them.

CHURCH OFFICE

CHECK WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR
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News & Notes for November 1 & 2, 2025

All Saints' Day

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; **Gerri** Beckmann; **Dennis** Benassi; **Paul** Bertram; **Mary Kay** Bethke; **Judy** Bonney; **Kacey** Booth; **Nancy** Caldwell; **Teegan** Cannon; **Electra** Day; **Logan** Day; **Shirley** Day; **Sandy** Dietz; **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; **Kay** Hardman; **Marie** Herrington; **Judy** Hollandsworth; **Jayne** Jepsen; **Lizzie** Johansmann; **Ron** Kettler; **George** Kirby; **Judith** Kirby; **Paul** Kirby; **Sandra** Kohrs; **Debra** Korte; **Jim** Kramer; **Joyce** Lang; **Betty** Lee; **Catherine** Loney; **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; **Larry** Williams; **Ernestine** Wilson.

WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Christy Benigno (Sal Benigno)
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)
Rev. Dr. **Lee** Hagan, LCMS MO Dist. Pres.
Sydney Hagen (Craig Dement)
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)
Malu Martin (Dawn Kahler)
Rev. **Garry** McCracken (Trinity, Troy)
Kenny Meyer (Carla Cooper, Karen Copper)
Mike (Debbie Parks)
Paul Palombi (Diane Palombi)
Vera Piazza (Robert & Sherry Piazza)
Cindy Preston (Maryanne McDaniel)
Roy Price (Chris Price)
Drew Quinn (Terry Hardy)
Blake Schmalzer (Rebecca Schmalzer)
Rosemary Schreiber (Peggy Gallagher)
Christine Scott (Dianne Helvey)
Mark Shearman (Lois Foster)
Sara Shroth (choir accompanist)
David Steinbacher (Ernestine Wilson)
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)
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,
Rush Brown (Denise Collier)
Tom Heins, **Tony** LaChance, **Bill** Pratt (Becky Coomer)
Brian Ottinger, **Scott** Ottinger (Carla Cooper)
Hilda & Doug Breden (Kathleen Day)
Janet Davidson, **Lowell** Duncan (Don Duncan)
Brenda Schlimpert McCowan, **Sherrill** Schlimpert (Loretta Ezell)
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 (Jayne Jepsen)
Alicia Kincaid, **Mark** Kincaid, **Alicia** Kleb,
Marian Schwentker (Michelle Kincaid)
George & Sandra Roberts, **Rodger** Bratvogel (Elma Jane Kramer)
Linda Thiele, **Darlene** Barr-Walag (Peggy Kuerschner)
John Bach, **Rachel** Long (Betty Lee)
Pat & Edna McCarty (Orion Melton)
Susan Maag, **Steve** Wulff (Menschers)
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)
AJ, Blake Davis (Kari Spearman)
Deb Morrison, **Mary** Alderman, **Jordan** Alderman ~ (Sue Williams)

WE PRAY IN THANKSGIVING with Terry and Sue McCann who celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Thurs., Nov. 6. They have placed altar flowers to the glory of God this weekend.

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, November 1, 2025

ALL SAINTS' DAY

9AM TO 3PM **Grace Guild Craft Expo** (GYM)
3:30PM Gym Reset
3PM Holy Communion

SUNDAY, November 2, 2025

ALL SAINTS' DAY (OBSERVED)

8AM Holy Communion
9:30AM Education Hour
+ **Pastor Appreciation in Gym**
10:45AM Holy Communion
1:30PM Board of Elders

MONDAY, November 3, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

PRESCHOOL CLOSED

9:30AM TOPS
11AM Line Dancing
6:30PM Bell Choir

TUESDAY, November 4, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

PRESCHOOL CLOSED

9AM Quilting
10AM Women's Bible Study
12:30PM Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, November 5, 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, November 6, 2025

8AM News& Notes Deadline

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9AM HOPE Seeds
9:10AM Preschool Recess
6:30PM 20s&30s&40s Bible Study (Rm 1&2)

FRIDAY, November 7, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9:30AM: PS Recess
RSVP for Youth Nerf Night (Nov. 14, 5:30-9PM, 6th grade and up) at hcross.com/youth.
See flyer in Welcome Center for details.

SATURDAY, November 8, 2025

Tell The Next Generation (LHS)
Sunday School Teacher Training (off-site)
9AM Celebration of Lights Setup (Elders in Park)
3PM Holy Communion
4:30-6:30PM BASICS (Rm 1&2)

SUNDAY, November 9, 2025

8AM Holy Communion
9:30AM Education Hour
9:30AM Ushers' Information Meeting (Sanctuary)
10:45AM Holy Communion
3PM Fall Hymn Festival

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: Oct. 29, 2025
Families: 92 Individuals: 309 New Families: 10
Month's End: Families: 445; Individuals: 1,505.

Church Attendance for October 25-26, 2025

Service	Attendance	Communion
5PM	49	45
8AM	118	101
10:45AM	133	86
TOTAL	300	232

WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT, 10/24/2025 = 240

Bible Class Attendance Week of October 26, 2025 NA=not applicable; NR=not reported; C= cancelled		Offerings: Oct. 20-26, 2025	
Little Lambs, Sunday	3	General Fund	\$ 15,785.45
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	13	Endowment	\$ 100.00
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	10	Building Fund	\$ 20.00
Sunday Adult Bible Class	57	Missions Weekly	\$ 10.00
BASICS/TLC	0	Missions 4th Qtr	\$ 2,057.22
Tuesday Women's 10AM	11	Year to Date as of 09/30/2025	
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	7	Income	\$ 576,237.31
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA	Expenses	\$ 578,644.35
Wednesday AM Bible Class	31	Deficit	\$ (2,407.04)
Wednesday Nights	35	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.	
20s&30s Thursday			

OCTOBER is Pastor Appreciation Month!

This Sunday, Nov. 2, please join the Adult Bible Class in the gym at 9:30am to celebrate 'Pastries with our Pastors'! Enjoy homemade baked goods, fresh fruit, drinks, lots of laughter and love with our awesome servants of God. The CWST asks that you take the time to write personal notes of thanks to them during October. A mailbox has been placed on the Welcome Center table for your notes of appreciation.

The Music Department of Holy Cross Lutheran Church presents:

Thy New Creation

A Hymn Festival



Sunday, November 9, 3:00 pm

HYMN FESTIVAL:

Reflect on everything God has made, as recorded in Genesis 1, as part of our "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" Series.

Featuring the Adult Choir and instrumentalists of Holy Cross Lutheran Church

The event is free and open to the public.

A free-will offering will be taken in support of the Holy Cross Music Department

NOTE FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT GREG EMERICK REGARDING THE BYLAWS REVISIONS:

The Missouri District has reviewed our proposed new Bylaws and current Constitution. They have recommended some adjustments before final approval. Much of the feedback is focused on our Constitution. The district is asking us to update some language due to legal changes over the last 65 years. There are also a few additions needed to the Bylaws. The Bylaw Committee has agreed to reconvene and will be working through the recommendations in the coming weeks.

We will continue to operate under our old Bylaws for the time being. This means our Church Council structure will remain the same until we repeat the approval process through the Voters' Assembly and the Missouri District. Stay tuned for Special Voters Meetings in the coming months as we seek approval of these changes. Thank you for your patience and understanding through this process.

Lord of Life Lutheran Church presents a String Trip Concert with members of the St. Louis Symphony, on Tues., Nov. 11, 2025 (Veteran's Day), at 7PM. The one-hour concert includes Beethoven's Trio in C Minor, Op. 9, NO.3, Ernst von Dohnanyi's Serenade in C major Op. 10, and Bach's Prelude from his G major Suite for solo cello. No tickets required. A freewill offering will be received, and refreshments served at a post-concert reception.

Lord of Life Lutheran Church
15750 Baxter Road
Chesterfield, MO
636-532-0400
Www.LOLSTL.org

The CHRISTmas Tree Family Christmas Service

December 6, 2025



RSVPS DUE OCT 15
TO DCE SMITH CSMITH@HCROSS.COM

BASIC Class: This **two-session class** will cover the basic doctrines of our Lutheran faith. It is an excellent way to introduce a partner or friend to what we believe as Lutherans. Offer to attend the class with them so you can refresh your beliefs and talk about those beliefs with each other. Pastors will have the **first session on Sat., Nov. 8, from 4:30 to 6:30PM**, followed by the **second session on Sat., Nov. 15, from 4:30 to 6:30PM**. Please talk to either pastor if you have questions.

THE H.O.P.E. FOOD PANTRY needs a volunteer for the 4th and 5th Thursdays of each month to pickup food from the Olive Garden in Wentzville. Pickup time would be around 9 to 9:30AM. If you are interested, please call Cheryl at the Pantry number 636-281-1069 on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday between 10AM and 2PM; or leave a voice-mail on her landline (no texting) 636-240-6443.

MARK CALENDARS FOR THESE DATES:

THE FALL NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON is on **Sun., Nov. 16**. Holy Cross welcomes its newest members at this potluck starting around noon (after the second service). Current church members are asked to bring side dishes:

Last Names A to K: side dish & dessert

Last Names L to Z: side dish & salad

The Evangelism Board provides a meat dish, and Grace Guild will serve and cleanup. *Bring your name tags!*

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY: Sun., **Nov. 23, noon**. A light lunch will be served prior to the meeting. Agenda items include the 2026 Budget and Board reports.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS – WALK-THROUGH NIGHTS are coming: The City of O'Fallon will have walk-through nights this year on **Dec. 7, 8, & 9**. Holy Cross will provide free parking in its parking lots and refreshments in the gym following walk-throughs. This is such a wonderful opportunity when our community comes to us, and we get to share Jesus and Holy Cross hospitality. We will be looking for people to serve refreshments, people to help park cars, and many ladies to provide cookies. Watch for signup sheets coming this weekend.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS More Help Wanted: On **Nov. 8**, volunteers are needed for scene setup. Meet at 9AM at church. Gate Nights: **Dec. 8** at the back gate starting at 5:30PM—six people needed; **Dec. 11** at the front gate starting at 5:30PM—six people needed. During the Holiday Stroll (Dec. 7-9), at least two volunteers are needed to hang out at the scene and greet visitors. Sign up sheets will be placed in the Welcome Center on Nov. 2. For more information, contact Elder Chris Price.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WARMING SHELTER: Are you looking for a way to serve your neighbor this winter? Chapel of the Cross-St. Peters will be hosting a warming shelter during the weeks of Jan. 11, Jan. 25, and Feb. 22. They are looking for volunteers. The shelter will open any night during those weeks when the temperature is expected to be 20 degrees or below. Chapel needs help with greeting and registering people as they arrive (from 9 -11PM) and overnight in two shifts: 11PM to 3AM, and 3AM to 7AM. If you are interested in helping or would like more info, please contact Jennie Bain at 636-288-3373 or jenniembain@gmail.com. Thank you!

 **Chapel of the Cross**
LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL
907 Jungermann Rd
St Peters



**Sausage
Supper**

Free Event

**Sunday
November 2nd
11:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

DRIVE THRU (NOON – 6PM)
DINE-IN (NOON – 5PM)

DINE-IN IS A SINGLE MEAL
SERVED ON A PLATE WITH
UTENSILS, CONDIMENT, AND
A BOTTLE OF WATER. YOU
CHOOSE YOUR DESSERT AND
THEN ENJOY YOUR MEAL
WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

\$17
CASH, CHECK,
AND NEW THIS YEAR,
ALL MAJOR CREDIT
AND DEBIT CARDS
WILL BE ACCEPTED!

MEAL INCLUDES:
SMOKED SAUSAGE
MASHED POTATOES
GRAVY
GREEN BEANS
SAUERKRAUT
CRANBERRY SALAD
DESSERT

75TH ANNUAL
HICKORY SMOKED, WHOLE HOG
SAUSAGE SUPPER
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
ORCHARD FARM, MISSOURI



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL GYM
4689 N HWY 94 ST. CHARLES, MO 63301

IMMANUEL BOAR'S HEAD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

The 37th Boar's Head Festival will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in St. Charles, Dec. 11, 12, 13, and 14. There will be a 7:30PM performance each evening with afternoon performances at 4PM both Saturday and Sunday. Tickets will be available on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 8AM Mon., Nov. 3, by calling their church office at 636-946-2656. While there is no charge for the tickets, there is a limit of 5 tickets per person.

See more
information
on the
Welcome
Center
bulletin board

July 10-14, 2026
Visit hccross.com/trip

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MUSEUM**
Prepare to believe.

**ARK
ENCOUNTER**

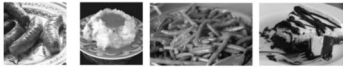
Dine In or Carry Out
Annual Sausage Dinner and Christmas Bazaar
Trinity Lutheran Church
1307 Boone Street Troy, MO 63379

Sunday, November 2, 2025
11:00 am to 3:00 pm



Includes all you can eat – dine in delicious link pork sausage, mashed potatoes and gravy, sauerkraut, green beans, applesauce, bread, a dessert and a drink.

Adults \$15.00
Children 6-12 \$8.00
Children under 5 are FREE



Please help us support our community!
Enjoy a great meal and holiday shopping!

Visit: www.tlctroycms.org
636-528-4999

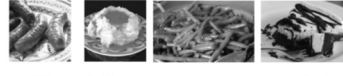
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Celebrating our 29th Year!

**BOAR'S HEAD
CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL**
medieval pageant celebrating our Savior's birth

2025 PRESENTATIONS
Thursday, December 4, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, December 5, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 6, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 7, 2:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Peace Lutheran Church
737 Barnackville Road
St. Louis, Missouri 63125
(314) 892-5610
www.peaceboarshhead.org

Tickets are free and are available
beginning Monday, November 3rd
at the above address and telephone number.

Free Will Offering will be
accepted at each service.



LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL — ST. CHARLES COUNTY

Walther League 2.0 Bible Study:

Join us on **Nov. 12 & Dec. 17** as **Pastor Millard** leads a study in the **Book of Revelation**. Bible Study will start at **8:15AM**. Stay to join Chapel at 9:20AM. Park at the front entrance and enter at the main doors; head to the right to find the Academic Success Center.

SUBSTITUTE ART TEACHER

WANTED: LHS seeks a long-term substitute with experience in art education from mid-December to mid-February. 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.

LHS Experiences Sports Firsts:

For the **FIRST** time, Lutheran High Girls Golf earned two spots on the MSHSAA Class 2 All-State Team! Congratulations to Emma Kombrink ('27), who finished 7th overall with a two-day total of 180; and Isa Antcliff ('26), who placed 9th overall with a two-day total of 183.

Hadleigh and Lilly Todd earned **All-State honors in Doubles** at the State Tournament, finishing in **7th place!** This marks the **first time in Cougar history** that the tennis program finished in the top eight at State.

The **Lutheran High Softball team** captured its first MSHSAA **District Championship!**

Support the Cheer team! Poinsettias are on sale now! Perfect for decorating your home or gifting to brighten someone's day this Christmas season.

Spring Coaching Positions available:
Girls Head Soccer Coach, Boys Head Tennis Coach, Boys & Girls Track & Field Coach

Give blood.
Every 2 seconds someone
in the U.S. needs blood.
American Red Cross



Blood Drive
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Gym
8945 Veterans Memorial Parkway
O Fallon, MO 63366

Thursday, November 13, 2025
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: HolyCrossLC to schedule an appointment.

Give blood + get thanked! Come to give Oct. 20-Nov. 16 for a \$10 e-gift card to merchant of choice!

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App