



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, 3PM

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
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 October 11-12, 2025

Eighteenth 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; **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; **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; **Vita** Sayers; **Winnie** Thornton; **Wayne** Walkenhorst; **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)
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)
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)
Sherrill Schlumpert (Loretta Ezell)
Blake Schmalzer (Rebecca Schmalzer)
Rosemary Schreiber (Peggy Gallagher)
Christine Scott (Dianne Helvey)
Mark Shearman (Lois Foster)
Sara Shroth (choir accompanist)
AJ (Kari Spearman)
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)
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,
Rush Brown (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 Kincaid, **Mark** Kincaid, **Alicia** Kleb,
Marian Schwentker (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)
Deb Morrison,, **Mary** Alderman, **Jordan** Alderman (Sue Williams)

WE PRAY for the family and friends who mourn:

- ♦ **Ken Bruder**, brother of Dan Hevey, died Mon., Oct. 6.
- ♦ **Loyce Sagez**, mother of Randy (Denise) Sagez., died Wed., Oct. 8.

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, October 11, 2025

Ladies Guild Candy and Nut Sale

Trip to Altenburg

11:30-2PM: Escape Room (6th-12th graders)

3PM Holy Communion

+ Preschool Sings

SUNDAY, October 12, 2025

Ladies Guild Candy and Nut Sale — LAST DAY!

8AM Holy Communion

9:30AM Education Hour

10:45AM Holy Communion

MONDAY, October 13, 2025

MISSOURI DISTRICT PASTORS' CONFERENCE

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9:30AM TOPS

9:30AM PS 4s Gym

11AM Line Dancing

6PM Council Boards

6:30PM Bell Choir

7:30PM Council Meeting

TUESDAY, October 14, 2025

MISSOURI DISTRICT PASTORS' CONFERENCE

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9AM Preschool Chapel

9AM Ladies Guild Quilting

9:10AM Preschool Gym

6PM Grace Evening Guild (GYM)

6:30PM Adult Bible Class (RM 1&2)

WEDNESDAY, October 15, 2025

8AM News& Notes DeadlineNew!****

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

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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 16, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9:10AM Preschool Gym Time

6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Study

FRIDAY, October 17, 2025

9:30AM PS 4s Recess

10AM to 2PM: LWML Rally Setup (gym, kitchen)

SATURDAY, October 18, 2025

8AM TO 12:30PM:

LWML Missouri District St. Charles Zone Rally

3PM Holy Communion + Beginner Bells

SUNDAY, October 19, 2025

8AM Holy Communion

9:30AM Education Hour

+ Midweek Teacher Training

10:45AM Holy Communion

1:30PM Music Rehearsal

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. 8, 2025

Families: 91

Individuals: 303

New Families: 4

Church Attendance for October 4-5, 2025

Service	Attendance	Communion
5PM	55	47
8AM	108	84
10:45AM	76	64
TOTAL	239	195

Bible Class Attendance Week of October 5, 2025

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	0
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	13
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	8
Sunday Adult Bible Class	54
BASICS/TLC	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	C
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	NA
Men's Breakfast & Bible	12
Wednesday AM Bible Class	33
Wednesday Nights	37
20s&30s Thursday	9

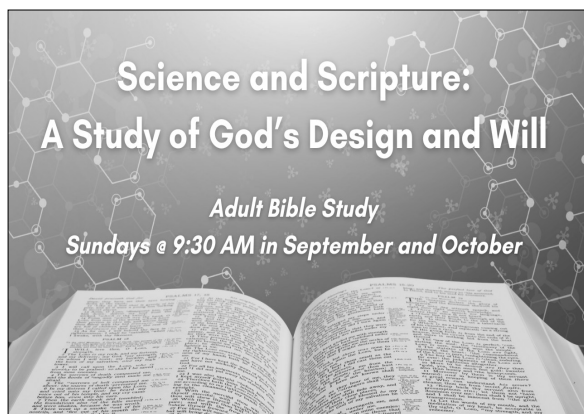
Offerings: Sept. 29-Oct. 5, 2025

General Fund	\$	28,504.65
Endowment	\$	2,150.00
Building Fund	\$	140.00
Missions Weekly	\$	297.20
Missions 3rd Qtr	\$	6,418.99

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.**



TRANSFER LUTHERAN CLASS (TLC): If you have recently completed our BASIC instruction class or would like to transfer your membership from another Lutheran congregation, you are invited. This is a single-day meeting on **Sun., Oct. 26, at 9:30AM** during the Bible Class hour. The pastor and several current members will meet and get acquainted with the new members and share information about programs at Holy Cross.

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. (Food is involved.)

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.

OCTOBER is Pastor Appreciation Month!

How blessed Holy Cross is to have both Pastor Andrew Gimbel and Pastor Jason Kohm sharing God's Word through their preaching and teaching! We are thankful for the many ways they continually share God's mercy, grace, and the redeeming love of Christ to our congregation and community. We ask 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.

On **Sun., Nov. 2**, please join us in the gym during the Bible class hour to celebrate 'Pastries with our Pastors'! We will enjoy homemade baked goods, fresh fruit, drinks, lots of laughter and love with our awesome servants of God.

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.

Tuesday Women's Bible Study is canceled this week due to a pastoral conference.

CANDY AND NUT SALE—LAST WEEKEND TO ORDER

Order delicious goodies from the Annual Ladies Guild Candy & Nut Sale at the Welcome Center table before or after services. The **sale ends this weekend on Oct. 12**. Please pay with cash or check when placing an order. Orders will arrive in time for Thanksgiving. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Concordia Seminary Adopt-A-Student Program.

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.

HYMN FESTIVAL POSTPONED Due to technical issues with the organ (no sound on Monday morning), the hymn festival originally scheduled for this Sun., Oct. 12, is postponed. Technicians reviewed the problem on Thursday and were able to fix it. The **new date will be Sun., Nov. 9**. We hope you can join us at that time!

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.



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SLEEPING BAG DRIVE The cooler air of Fall is welcomed soon, but the cold of Winter is around the corner and can be brutal, especially for the homeless. Karl Schnoor is collecting any unwanted adult-sized sleeping bags through Oct. 26. A co-worker of his will distribute them to homeless persons in St. Charles, MO. Place them in the marked bin downstairs under the coat rack. Feel free to pin a Bible verse or message to your donated bag.



REVIEW DEADLINES FOR THESE TWO EVENTS

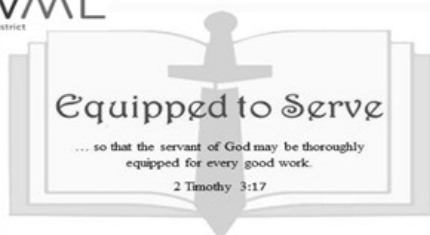
The CHRISTmas Tree Family Christmas Service

December 6, 2025



SERVICE PROJECT & DINNER 4-6 PM

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



**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

In-gathering:

Post-it notes, paper plates, index cards
Band-Aids, hydration mix packets, Imodium
Bible story or catechism posters (creed, Lord's prayer, etc.), education materials

Contact Sue Williams to register, swilliams0514@gmail.com
or 314-303-8603

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

Lutheran High Theatre is proud to present the Fall Play, *The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon* by Don Zolodis on **Oct. 17&18 at 7PM at Immanuel Lutheran Church's Fellowship Hall**. The fairy tales of the Brothers Grimm are turned on their heads in this fast-paced, rollicking ride as two narrators and actors attempt to combine all 209 stories, ranging from classics (like Snow White, Cinderella, and Hansel and Gretel) to more bizarre, obscure stories (like The Devil's Grandmother and The Girl Without Hands). Tickets are \$10 for Adults (ages 19 and up), \$5 for students (ages 6 through 18), and free for children 5 years old and younger. Tickets may be purchased using a credit card at <https://bit.ly/LutheranTheatre> or by cash at the door. **IMPORTANT:** Due to construction, the show will be performed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in the Fellowship Hall [115 S. Sixth Street, St. Charles, MO 63301].

Congratulations to the **LHS CHEER TEAM**, which took **1st Place at Regionals** last weekend!

ENROLLMENT for the 2026-2027 school year at Lutheran High opens Mon., Nov. 3!

LUTHERAN HIGH'S ANNUAL AUCTION:

A Night for Blue and White is Fri., Oct. 24, at Old Hickory Golf Club, starting at 5:30PM. Tickets are on sale now, lutheranhighstcharles.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/2025LutheranHighAuction/tabid/1551855/Default.aspx

ART TEACHER SUBSTITUTE 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.



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. Call 636-228-4642 or visit <http://www.clcaugustamo.org/> for more information.



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.

NURSING HOME CRUISE – Immanuel, Washington, MO, Sun., Oct. 19, 2025, 5:30-6:30PM. After cruising to local nursing homes, a meal will be served at the church. RSVP your willingness to join in on the cruise by contacting Immanuel at 636-239-4705."