



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

Connect through

www.hcross.com or

YouTube channel at

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
UPDATES 636.272.4505
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News & Notes for October 18-19, 2025

Nineteenth 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; **Jayne** Jepsen; **Lizzie** Johansmann; **Ron** Kettler; **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; **Sharon** Wachter; **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)
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)
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 Schlimpert (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)
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)
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)
Norma Cooper, **Carol** Work ~ (Wendy Tentschert)
Deb Morrison,, **Mary** Alderman, **Jordan** Alderman ~ (Sue Williams)

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 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 (sanctuary)

MONDAY, October 20, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9:30AM TOPS

9:30AM PS 4s Gym

11AM Line Dancing

6:30PM Bell Choir

TUESDAY, October 21, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9AM Preschool Chapel

9:10AM Preschool Gym

10AM Women's Bible Study

12:30PM Staff Meeting

6:30PM Boards of Education & Youth

WEDNESDAY, October 22, 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 23, 2025

8AM News & Notes Deadline

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9:10AM Preschool Gym Time

6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Study

FRIDAY, October 24, 2025

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9:30AM PS 4s Recess

NOON: CUC Arrival & Setup

7PM CUC Wind Symphony (concert)

SATURDAY, October 25, 2025

3PM Holy Communion

5-7PM Trunk or Treat

SUNDAY, October 26, 2025

REFORMATION DAY (OBSERVED)

8AM Holy Communion

9:30AM Education Hour

+ Transfer for Lutherans Class (TLC)

10:45AM Holy Communion

+ Rite of Confirmation

+ Children's Choir

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. 15, 2025
Families: 85 Individuals: 287 New Families: 5

Church Attendance for October 11-12, 2025

Service	Attendance	Communion
5PM	70	53
8AM	102	84
10:45AM	105	89
TOTAL	277	236

Bible Class Attendance Week of October 12, 2025

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	0
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	16
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	10
Sunday Adult Bible Class	55
BASICS/TLC	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	C
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	7
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM Bible Class	33
Wednesday Nights	33
20s&30s Thursday	8

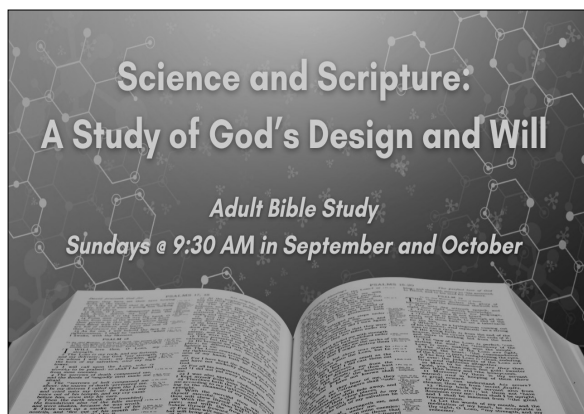
Offerings: Oct. 6-12, 2025

General Fund	\$ 11,037.47
Endowment	\$ 0.00
Building Fund	\$ 50.00
Missions Weekly	\$ 340.00
Missions 4th Qtr	\$ 340.00

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.**



Science and Scripture: A Study of God's Design and Will

Adult Bible Study
Sundays @ 9:30 AM in September and October

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.



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.

MARK CALENDARS FOR THESE DATES:

THE **FALL NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON** is on **Sun., Nov. 16**. Join the potluck dinner and meet our newest members.

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY: Sun., **Nov. 23, noon**.

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 in early November.

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

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
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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.

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

ENROLLMENT for the 2026–2027 school year at opens **Mon., Nov. 3!**

LUTHERAN HIGH'S ANNUAL AUCTION: Last chance to grab your auction tickets! *A Night for Blue and White* is Fri., Oct. 24, at Old Hickory Golf Club, starting at 5:30PM.
<https://tinyurl.com/lhsauction2025>

SPORTS HONORS: **Emma K.** and **Isa A.** are Golf State Qualifiers; they will compete on **Oct. 20 & 21.** **Hadleigh** and **Lilly Todd** earned Individual Tennis State Qualifier honors. The **Girls Softball Team** earned **#1 seed in Districts.**

Walther League 2.0 Bible Study for the rest of this year! Join us on **Nov. 12 & Dec. 17.** Bible Study will start at **8:15AM.** Stay to join Chapel at 9:20AM.

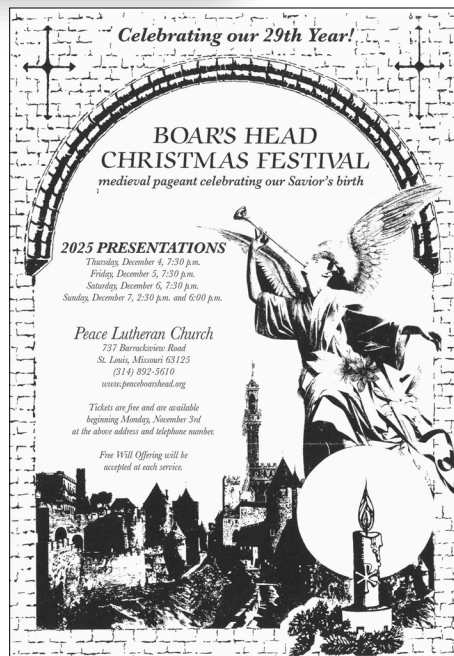
SUBSTITUTE ART TEACHER WANTED: LHS seeks a long-term substitute with experience in art education from mid-December to mid-February. Interested applicants should visit the Lutheran High School website (Explore Careers), <https://lutheranhighstcharles.com/about/faculty-staff/careers/> to apply. Contact the LHS principal, Dr. Jon Bernhardt, at jbernhardt@lhsc.org for more information.



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.



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 Barrackville Road
St. Louis, Missouri 63125
(314) 892-5519
www.peaceboarshhead.org

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

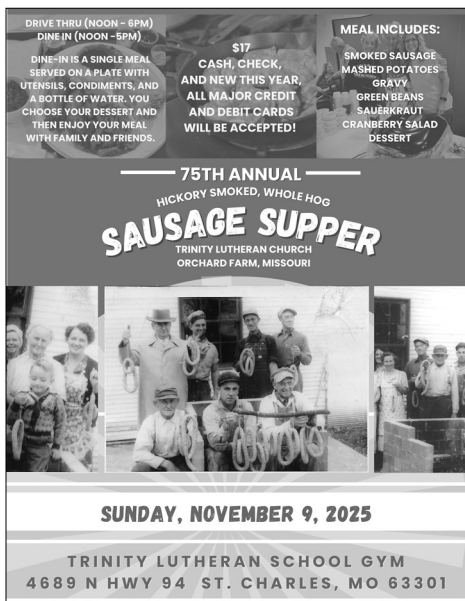
Free Will Offering will be accepted at each service.



TRUNK OR TREAT

October 25 5–7pm
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
8945 Veterans Memorial Pkwy

Sign up to host a trunk by October 19 in the Welcome Center or with the QR code.



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

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

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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



JOIN US!

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

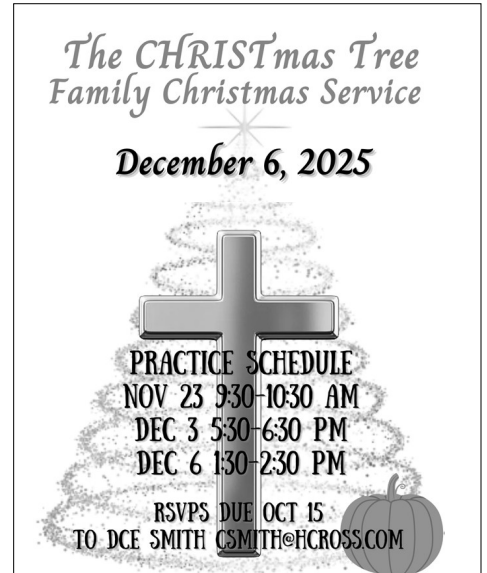
CREATION MUSEUM

Prepare to believe.

ARK ENCOUNTER

Hosted by
Holy Cross Lutheran Church in
O'Fallon, MO

Early Bird Closes January 15th



The CHRISTmas Tree Family Christmas Service

December 6, 2025

PRACTICE SCHEDULE
NOV 23 9:30–10:30 AM
DEC 3 5:30–6:30 PM
DEC 6 1:30–2:30 PM

RSVPs DUE OCT 15
TO DCE SMITH@HCROSS.COM