



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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O'Fallon, MO 63366
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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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YouTube channel at
[Holy Cross Lutheran Church
O'Fallon MO](https://www.youtube.com/HolyCrossLutheranChurchO'FallonMO)

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 25-26, 2025

Reformation Day (observed)

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; **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** Ariden; **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)
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)
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 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)
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 (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)
Deb Morrison,, **Mary** Alderman, **Jordan** Alderman ~ (Sue Williams)

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: For the family of *Norman Roehrs*, father of Darlene Birk, the former Holy Cross Preschool Director and a current leader of HOPE Seeds at Holy Cross. Norman entered the Church Triumphant on Monday, Oct. 20. His funeral will be Saturday, Oct. 25, in Ohio.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, October 25, 2025

REFORMATION DAY (OBSERVED)

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)Rm1&2

10:45AM Holy Communion

+ Holy Baptism

+ Rite of Confirmation

+ Children's Choir & Adult Choir

MONDAY, October 27, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

PRESCHOOL DISNEY DAYS CLASSROOM PARTY

9:30AM TOPS

9:30AM PS 4s Gym

11AM Line Dancing

6:30PM Bell Choir

TUESDAY, October 28, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

PRESCHOOL DISNEY DAYS CLASSROOM PARTY

9AM Preschool Chapel

9:10AM Preschool Gym

10AM Women's Bible Study

12:30PM Staff Meeting

6PM Bylaws Committee (Room 3)

6:30PM Adult Bible Study (Room 1)

WEDNESDAY, October 29, 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 30, 2025

8AM News & Notes Deadline

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON; PRESCHOOL CLOSED

6:30PM 20s&30s&40s Bible Study (Rm 1&2)

FRIDAY, October 31, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON; PRESCHOOL CLOSED

Noon: Grace Guild Craft Expo Setup

3:30PM-6:30PM Vendors setup

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

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. 22, 2025
Families: 86 Individuals: 308 New Families: 4

Church Attendance for October 18-19, 2025

Service	Attendance	Communion
5PM	32	27
8AM	128	101
10:45AM	86	70
TOTAL	246	198

Bible Class Attendance Week of October 19, 2025

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	0
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	19
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	9
Sunday Adult Bible Class	54
BASICS/TLC	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	14
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	NA
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM Bible Class	29
Wednesday Nights	37
20s&30s Thursday	8

Offerings: Oct. 13-19, 2025

General Fund	\$ 11,534.47
Endowment	\$ 10.00
Building Fund	\$ 0.00
Missions Weekly	\$ 1,110.02
Missions 4th Qtr	\$ 2,047.22

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.**

HOLY BAPTISM: Luke Martin Grabanski, son of Matthew & Jill (Bushur) Grabanski, will be baptized at the 10:45AM service this weekend by Pastor Gimbel. Luke was born Aug. 29, 2025, in St. Louis. His baptism sponsors are Wade Murray and Holly Bushur.

RITE OF CONFIRMATION: Chloe Benigno will be confirmed on Sunday in the 10:45 service. See her bio in the bulletin.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS: Join the class in the concluding session of *Science and Scripture: A Study of God's Design and Will* at 9:30AM in the gym.

OCTOBER is Pastor Appreciation Month!

Next Sun., 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
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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.

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.

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**. 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 next 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 2 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.

SLEEPING BAG DRIVE Adult-sized sleeping bags will be collected through Oct. 26 for distribution 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.

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!

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!

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/](https://lutheranhighstcharles.com/about/faculty-staff/careers/) to apply. Contact the LHS principal, Dr. Jon
Bernhardt, at jbernhardt@lhssc.org for more information.

IMMANUEL BOAR'S HEAD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

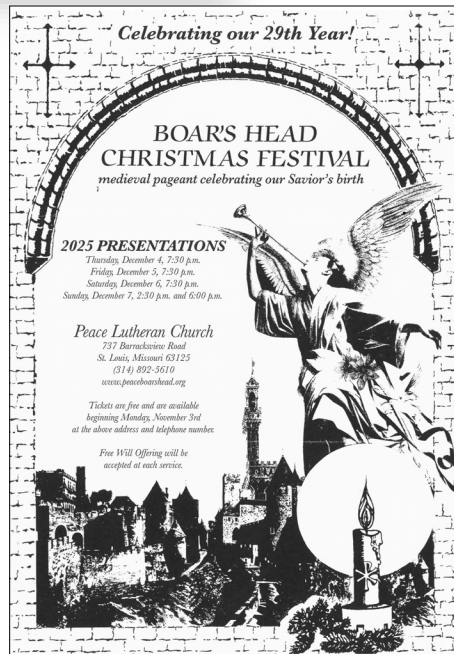
The 37th Boar's Head Festival will be held at Immanuel Lu-
theran Church in St. Charles, Dec. 11, 12, 13, and 14. There
will be a 7:30PM performance each evening with afternoon
performances at 4PM both Saturday and Sunday. Tickets
will be available on a first-come, first-served basis starting
at 8AM 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.



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 Barrackswine Road
St. Louis, Missouri 63125
(314) 892-5019
www.peaceboarhead.org

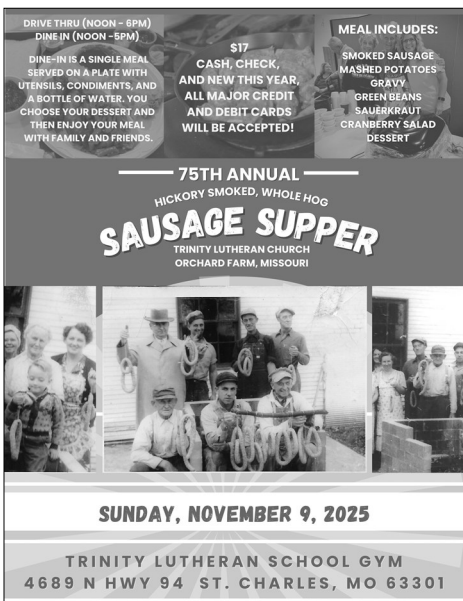
Tickets are free and are available
beginning Monday, November 3rd
at the above address and telephone number.

Free Will Offering will be
accepted at each service.



TRUNK OR TREAT

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



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

\$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



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July 10-14, 2026
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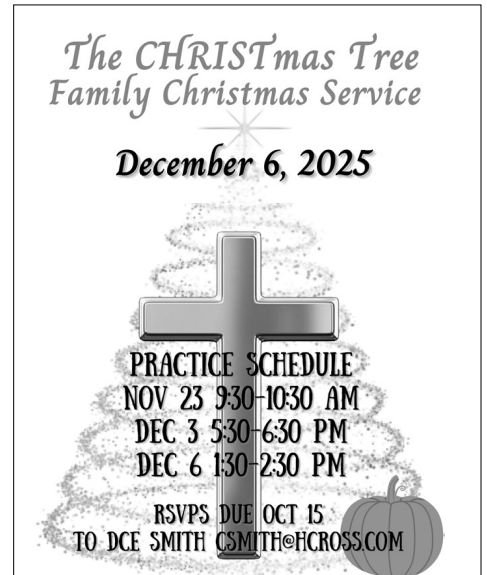
CREATION MUSEUM

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 CSMITH@HCROSS.COM

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.