



Our Mission:

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

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If you want an audio recording
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CHURCH OFFICE

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News & Notes for October 4-5, 2025

Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday

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:

Ken Bruder (Dan Hevey)
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)
Amy Loyd (Millie Bisesi)
Malu Martin (Dawn Kahler)
Rev. **Garry** McCracken (Trinity, Troy)
Kenny Meyer (Carla Cooper, Karen Copper)
Mike (Debbie Parks)
Barton Moenster (Paul & 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)

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)
Nancy Wors (Denise Lackey)
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 (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 Kleb, **Marian** Schwentker; **Andy & Alicia** Kincaid (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)

WE PRAY for our family and friends who mourn:

Charles Wardenburg, age 79, husband of Brenda, entered the Church Triumphant on Sun., Sept. 28. His full obituary can be found on the Newcomer St. Peter's website. Visitation will be held at Holy Cross on Tues., Oct. 7, from 11AM to NOON. The funeral will be at NOON, followed by a luncheon served by the Ladies Guild in the gym.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, October 4 2025

Lutheran Women in Mission Weekend

Ladies Guild Candy and Nut Sale

3PM Holy Communion: NEW TIME

SUNDAY, October 5, 2025

Lutheran Women in Mission Weekend

Ladies Guild Candy and Nut Sale

8AM Holy Communion

9:30AM Education Hour

10:45AM Holy Communion

1:30PM Board of Elders

MONDAY, October 6, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9:30AM TOPS

9:30AM PS 4s Gym

11AM Line Dancing

6:30PM Bell Choir

TUESDAY, October 7, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9AM Preschool Chapel

11AM Charles Wardenburg Visitation

NOON Funeral (C. Wardenburg)

1PM Funeral Luncheon (gym)

2PM Preschool Board Meeting

6PM Missions & Stewardship Meeting

WEDNESDAY, October 8, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

6:30AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

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 9, 2025

8AM News & Notes Deadline

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9:10AM Preschool Gym Time

6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Study

FRIDAY, October 10, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9:30AM PS 4s Recess

10AM Ladies Guild Meeting & Luncheon

SATURDAY, October 11, 2025

Ladies Guild Candy and Nut Sale

Trip to Perryville (see page 3)

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

— See Ad: Register by Oct. 5

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

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. 1, 2025
Families: 91 Individuals: 298 New Families: 2

Church Attendance for September 27-28, 2025

Service	Attendance	Communion
5PM	60	54
8AM	125	106
10:45AM	101	78
TOTAL	286	238

Bible Class Attendance Week of September 28, 2025

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	4
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	20
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	9
Sunday Adult Bible Class	30
BASICS/TLC	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	12
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	na
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM Bible Class	29
Wednesday Nights	35
20s&30s Thursday	7

Offerings: Sept. 22-28, 2025

General Fund	\$	7,115.32
Endowment	\$	100.00
Building Fund	\$	120.00
Missions Weekly	\$	215.00
Missions 3rd Qtr	\$	6,121.79

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.**

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by the Holy Cross Ladies Guild and Grace Evening Guild in honor of Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday/Weekend.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Join the pastors as they delve into *Science and Scripture: A Study of God's Design and Will*, Sundays, 9:30AM in September and October.

SATURDAY SERVICE TIME CHANGE:

Services on **Saturdays** change this weekend to 3PM until the end of March

BIBLE STUDIES THIS WEEK:

Tuesday Women's Bible Study is canceled for the next two weeks due to a funeral on Oct. 7 and a pastoral conference next week.

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study takes place this Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 6:30AM. All men are welcome. Please sign up in the Welcome Center.

CANDY AND NUT SALE

Don't miss your chance to order a delicious selection of goodies from the Annual Guild Candy & Nut Sale! Visit the table in the Welcome Center before or after services. The sale ends next weekend on Oct. 12. Pay with cash or check when placing an order. Orders will arrive in time for the Thanksgiving holiday. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Concordia Seminary Adopt-A-Student Program. Thank you in advance for your support!

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.

LADIES GUILD meets Fri., Oct. 10, at 10AM. Join us!

HYMN FESTIVAL: Join us at Holy Cross on **Sun., Oct. 12, at 3PM** for our fourth annual hymn festival! Part of our "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" series of events, the festival, entitled "Thy New Creation," will reflect on the creation account in Genesis 1. Featuring the choir and instrumentalists of Holy Cross, this is an event you won't want to miss!

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.

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.

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. THANKS!

Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday 2025

Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday is traditionally celebrated on the first Sunday in October and focuses on work done year-round by its societies.

This year's theme begins a four-year cycle focusing on the LWML Mission Statement: *As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.* For Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday 2025, we focus on Proclaiming Christ.

Everything we do as Lutheran Women in Mission begins with Christ's message of repentance and forgiveness. The Ascension text of "GO" (Luke 24:44-53) is the mission emphasis for Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday 2025. On Ascension Day, Jesus gave His followers an assignment "that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations." We, as the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, have a responsibility to proclaim the message of Christ, to be that body which proclaims repentance and forgiveness, showing forth the merciful Christ in what we do and say. As Lutheran Women in Mission, we continue to support, encourage, and uplift missionaries, and also provide physical support and compassion to all people. It is the proclamation of repentance and forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name that motivates us to do this work. All Glory be to Jesus!

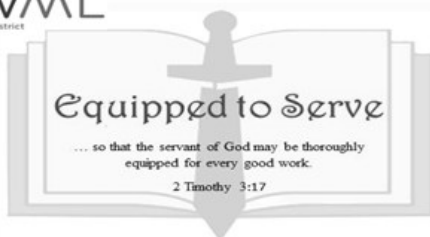
LAST CALL for Perry County Trip: Less than 10 seats are left on the bus for the trip to Perry County and Lutheran roots this Sat., Oct. 11. The cost is \$10, and the first people to get names and money to Don Wischmeyer or David Schlesselman will get those seats. We will tour the Lutheran Heritage Center & Museum and spend the afternoon at the Fall Festival at Saxony Lutheran Memorial. God is providing a beautiful day. There will be seating at the Fall Festival, but you are also free to bring your own lawn chair. The bus arrives in our parking lot at 7:30AM and leaves sharply at 8AM. We will return by 5PM.

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.

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.



**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)
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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. 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.

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. Please 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. Salem is located at 8343 Gravois Road in Affton, MO 63123.

NURSING HOME CRUISE – Starting from Immanuel, Washington, MO, Sun., Oct. 19, 2025, 5:30-6:30PM.

Immanuel [Washington, MO] Lutheran's Cars and Coffee group is hosting a cruise to seven of the nursing homes in Washington. They will start from Immanuel's parking lot at 5:30PM on Sun., Oct. 19. When finished, they will head to Immanuel for grilled burgers and sides prepared by Immanuel's Men's Ministry. All antique cars, trucks, and bikes are welcome to join in. Please RSVP about your willingness to join in on the cruise by contacting Immanuel at 636-239-4705."

CRAFT EXPO

NOVEMBER 1, 2025

9AM to 3PM

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Featuring Custom Artwork, Woodwork,
Christmas Items, Jewelry ... and more!**

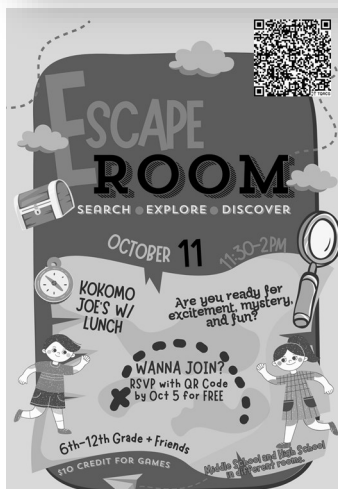
SHOP OUR VENDORS!

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HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Proceeds from vendor fees to Holy Cross Benevolence Fund



The CHRISTmas Tree Family Christmas Service

December 6, 2025



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, lutheranhigh-stcharles.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/2025LutheranHighAuction/tabid/1551855/Default.aspx