



Our Mission:

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

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(CD) of the Sunday 8AM service,
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News & Notes for November 8 & 9, 2025

Twenty-Second 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:

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)
Etan's Family (Jameson Alton)
Sandra Fleak (Becky Edgar)
Evie Gabbard (Lainey Alton)
Rev. Dr. **Lee** Hagan, LCMS MO Dist. Pres.
Sarah Hall (Jayme Price)
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)
Barton Moenster (Carolyn Bertram)
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)
Keith Wooden (Randy Jones)
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)
Becky Clapper, **Sydney** Hagen (Craig Dement)
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)

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 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

MONDAY, November 10, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9:30AM TOPS
9:30AM PS recess
11AM Line Dancing
6PM Executive Board
6:30PM Bell Choir
7:30pm Church Council

TUESDAY, November 11, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9:10AM PS GYM
10AM Women's Bible Study
12:30PM Staff Meeting
6PM Grace Guild
6:30PM Adult Bible Class (Rm 1&2)
6:30PM Altar Guild (Welcome Center)

WEDNESDAY, November 12, 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, November 13, 2025

8AM News & Notes Deadline

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

Circuit Meetings at Holy Cross (Welcome Ctr)
American Red Cross Blood Drive (Gym)
—10AM to 3PM

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

FRIDAY, November 14, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

Koinonia (December) Deadline

9:30AM: PS Recess
10AM Ladies Guild
5:30PM to 9PM Youth Nerf Night (gym)

SATURDAY, November 15, 2025

GIVING TREE BEGINS

3PM Holy Communion
4:30-6:30PM BASICS (Rm 1&2)

SUNDAY, November 16, 2025

8AM Holy Communion
9:30AM Education Hour + Mdwk Tchr Training
10:45AM Holy Communion
NOON NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON

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: Nov. 5, 2025
Families: 105 Individuals: 347 New Families: 11

Church Attendance for November 1&2, 2025

Service	Attendance	Communion
5PM	64	60
8AM	126	106
10:45AM	109	94
TOTAL	299	260

Bible Class Attendance

Week of November 2, 2025

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	1
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	14
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	9
Sunday Adult Bible Class	105
BASICS/TLC	0
Tuesday Women's 10AM	11
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	NA
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM Bible Class	33
Wednesday Nights	35
20s&30s Thursday	7

Offerings: Oct. 27-Nov. 2, 2025

General Fund	\$ 13,447.16
Endowment	\$ 566.82
Building Fund	\$ 4,120.00
Missions Weekly	\$ 275.00
Missions 4th Qtr	\$ 2,332.22

Year to Date as of 09/30/2025

Income	\$ 576,237.31
Expenses	\$ 578,644.35
Deficit	\$ (2,407.04)

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.**

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

USHERS' INFORMATION MEETING will be held in the Sanctuary on Sunday between services at 9:30AM. We are in need of a steady group of ushers who can team up and provide scheduled service. The holiday season is coming up soon, and the usher staff needs more people.

MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY: Sign up in the Welcome Center for this event on Wed., Nov. 12, at 6:30PM.

THE GIVING TREE: The Missions and Stewardship Boards are partnering with Youth in Need (youthinneed.org) for the 2025 Giving Tree. Holy Cross will sponsor 44 youth this year and bless them with some gifts this Christmas. We will have a tree in the Welcome Center beginning the weekend of Nov. 15 through Nov. 23 for you to pick a youth tag to sponsor from the tree. Grab a name from the tree and a paper bag from underneath the tree. Return items in the paper bags with the tag inside underneath the Welcome Center tree by Dec. 3. Please direct any questions to Liz Belter or Ashleigh Lacey.

MOTQ: Currently, the Missions and Stewardship Boards are working to support LERT. LERT is the acronym for Lutheran Early Response Team, a ministry program of the LCMS that trains volunteers to assist in times of disaster. These teams respond to both natural and man-made disasters by providing Christian care and assisting with cleanup, debris removal, and other essential services in affected communities. Several members of Holy Cross have attended LERT training in the past and have utilized the skills learned to support our community. All MOTQ donations from now through the beginning of 2026 will be used to help fund and support LERT projects. We are working to have a guest speaker speak to Holy Cross in the near future. Our boards are also keeping in touch with the work that is happening in Frohna, MO, and seeing how we can be of assistance either monetarily or with hands-on work.

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!

THANK YOU — I sincerely thank the congregation for all the prayers. As of Tuesday, I learned my cancer was in remission. Praise and thank the Lord. Now is the time for prayers of thanksgiving. Joe Snyder

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 FALL NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON is **next Sunday, 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

The City of O'Fallon is hosting **Walk-Through Nights on Dec. 7, 8, and 9**. Holy Cross will provide free parking and serve hot drinks and cookies in the gym as we share hospitality with our community. People come to us, and we get to share Jesus with them. Once again, we will need a few volunteers to help with parking cars and serving refreshments, as well as more people to donate cookies. You can sign up on the sheets in the Welcome Center. Thanks in advance for helping with this outreach project.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS — More Help Wanted:

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 are on the Welcome Center table. For more information, contact Elder Chris Price.

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

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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DESSERT

— 75TH ANNUAL —
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025

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

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; and refreshments served Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 15750 Baxter Road, Chesterfield, MO . 636-532-0400 www.LOLSTL.org

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**Blood Drive
Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

Gym
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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!



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LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL —ST. CHARLES COUNTY

Join us for a joyful celebration of the Christmas season at Lutheran High for our first ever, **Very Cougar Christmas!**

Date: Saturday, December 13

Time: 9AM - Noon (Photos with Santa: 10AM - Noon)

Location: Lutheran High School - 5100 Mexico Road, St. Peters

Cost: Nothing!

We'd love for you and your family to stop by to enjoy a nice holiday morning. We'll have activities for kids, including: photos with Santa, breakfast treats, crafts, and more! Don't worry, parents, we've got you covered too! Enjoy a coffee, on us, to say Merry Christmas! All are welcome -- bring your friends and family to celebrate the joy of this Christmas season!

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.

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

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH BOAR'S HEAD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL:

The 29th year for this medieval pageant celebrating our Savior's birth. 2025 presentations: Thurs., **Dec. 4**, 7:30PM; Fri., **Dec. 5**, 7:30PM; Sat., **Dec. 6**, 7:30PM; Sun., **Dec. 7**, 2:30PM, and 6PM. Tickets are free and available Nov. 3 at 737 Barracksview Road, St. Louis, MO 63125. Call 314.892.5610 or www.peaceboarshead.org. Free will offering will be accepted at each service.

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.

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.

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July 10-14, 2026

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