



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 (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.

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News & Notes for January 31-February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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:

Bill Adams, Pam Beck, Gerri Beckmann, Dennis Benassi, Paul & Carolyn Bertram, Mary Kay Bethke, Judy Bonney, Kacey Booth, Nancy Caldwell, Teegan Cannon, Doris Coots, Kathleen Day, Logan Day, Shirley Day, Sandy Dietz, Bob & Carolyn Delohi, Edna Deubel, Sherien Duello, Brenda Duncan, Renea Erickson, Rich Franzer, Ken & Sandie Fussner, Peggy Gallagher, Connie Gamache, Don Grzina, Iris Hackbath, Janine Haffer, Kay Hardman, Marie Herrington, Elaine Howard, Lizzie Johansmann, Mike Kahler, Edna Kee, Ron Kettler, Judith Kirby, Sandra Kohrs, Debra Korte, Joyce Lang, Betty Lee, Roger & Sadie Liefer, Albert & Ingrid Marhanka, Terry McCann, Bill Price, Gloria Rariden, Zeita Reed, Eileen Reichert, Darlene Rhodes, Carol Santoyo, Roger Sawall, Vita Sayers, Betty Schroeder, Marion Schwentker, Verna Tucker, Wayne Walkenhorst, Larry Williams, Ernestine Wilson.

WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Rachel Butkovich (Tom & Sue Haywood)
Elizabeth Cash (Heather Koepke)
Gina Chitwood (William Wichern)
Mark Chiodini (Nicholas Chiodini)
Charles Claxton Jr. (Matthew Claxton)
William Dafler (Wes Dafler)
John Darby (Rick Walkenhorst)
Blake Davis (Kari Spearman)
Olivia Erickson (Ralph & Renae Erickson)
Sandra Fleak (Becky Edgar)
Rev. Dr. **Lee Hagan**, LCMS MO Dist. President
Mark Hanna (Michael Hanna)
Jan Hilton (Zeita Reed)
Jeff Johns (Denice Johns)
Bobbi Kistler (Mike Kahler)
Bill Knehans (Bob & Barb Knehans)
Joyce Kroll (David Schlesselman)
Sandy Lockwood (David Gilson)
Harry Martin (Craig Dement)
Malu Martin (Dawn Kahler)
Rev. **Garry McCracken** (Trinity, Troy)
Kenny Meyer (Carla Cooper, Karen Copper)
Mike (Debbie Parks)
Violet Mittenberg (Diane Palombi)
Barton Moenster (Carolyn Bertram)
Vera Piazza (Robert & Sherry Piazza)
Cindy Preston (Maryanne McDaniel)
Drew Quinn (Terry Hardy)
Blake Schmalzer (Rebecca Schmalzer)
Rosemary Schreiber (Peggy Gallagher)
Christine Scott (Dianne Helvey)
Kelly Schlereth (Patti Koepp)
Mark Shearman (Lois Foster)
Noel Scott Shipley (Amy Schipper)
Sara Shroth (choir accompanist)
David Steinbacher (Ernestine Wilson)
Tim (Charity Smith)
Wendell Storm (Brian Storm)
Ryan Stover (Brenda Marhanka)
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)
Sandy Wischmeyer (Marilyn Mana)
Keith Wooden (Randy Jones)
Mary Young (Elaine Alton)

John Allquist III, Duane Stuewe
~ (Janet Allquist)
Ina Guethle, Brian Lewis, Dale Stumpf
~ (Amanda Alton)
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)
Ben & Pat Northcutt (Bryan Drilling)
Janet Davidson, Lowell Duncan (Don Duncan)
Brenda Schlimpert McCowan, Sherrill Schlimpert (Loretta Ezell)
Scott Brockmann; Lois Jobe, Ron Kasten
~ (Jan Flintke)
Tim Deppe, Rich Waiwood (Kent & Janine Haffer)
Penni Gronewald, Kathy Dore Jepsen, Mike Vanover ~ (Jayne Jepsen)
Alicia Kincaid, Mark Kincaid, Alicia Kleb
~ (Michelle Kincaid)
Brandon Ward; George & Sandra Roberts
~ (Elma Jane Kramer)
John Bach, Rachel Long ~ (Betty Lee)
Pat & Edna McCarty ~ (Orion Melton)
Susan Maag, Steve Wulff ~ (Menschers)
Gorman Cooper, Janie Machens
~ (Tina Morrison)
Virginia and Mike Niewald ~ (Niewalds)
Paul Palombi, Elsie Palombi (Diane Palombi)
Brian Rubar, Chase Russell, Carol Sills
~ (Barb Parson)
Sarah Hall, Katie Hawkey, Maeve Pardee & Family ~ (Jayme Price)
Amy Mueller, Larry Schenk (Carol Santoyo)
Charlotte Gaines, Nissem, Daniel, Dr. Eric Semler (Sandra Semler)
Scott Steinbruegge, Marcia Sheppard
~ (Bob & Karen Steinbruegge)
Denny Morrison, Mike Schweiss (Sue Williams)
Therese and Roger Daoin

—Prayer Requests continue on pages 2&3

Please review the prayer list and update the church office with any changes.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, January 31, 2026

1PM Organ Committee
3PM Holy Communion

SUNDAY, February 1, 2026

8AM Holy Communion
9:30AM Education Hour
10:45AM Holy Communion
Noon to 1:30PM: Preschool Open House (gym)
Noon to 1:30PM: Mystery Dinner Rehearsal (WC)
1:30PM Board of Elders
2:30PM Caroling: Sing Away the Blues

MONDAY, February 2, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE: 9AM TO NOON

9:30AM TOPS
9:30AM Preschool Gym/Recess
11AM Line Dancing
6:30PM Bell Choir

TUESDAY, February 3, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11AM

9AM Preschool Chapel
9:10AM Preschool Recess/Gym
10AM Women's Bible Study
12:30PM Staff Meeting
3PM Preschool Board
6PM Missions & Stewardship Boards (Rm 1&2)
6:30PM Altar Guild (Gym)

WEDNESDAY, February 4, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9AM Preschool Chapel
9:30AM Adult Bible Class
11AM Preschool Gym/Recess
6PM Beginning Bell Choir, Children's Choir
6:30PM Confirmation, Midweek, LYF
6:45PM Adult Choir

THURSDAY, February 5, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

8AM News&Notes Deadline
9AM HOPE Seeds
9:10AM Preschool Gym/Recess
6:30PM 20s&30s&40s Bible Class

FRIDAY, February 6, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9:30AM Preschool Gym/Recess

SATURDAY, February 7, 2026

10AM Altar Guild Work Day
3PM Holy Communion

SUNDAY, February 8, 2026

8AM Holy Communion
9:30AM Education Hour
10:45AM Holy Communion
Noon to 1:30PM: Mystery Dinner Rehearsal (gym)

PRAYER LIST FOR ACTIVE MILITARY:

Dominic Bisesi, **Andrew** Chema, **Jacob** Franke, **Josh** Linn, **Thomas** Matoushek, **Justin** Quinn, **Joshua** Rainwater, **Jackson** Redfield, **Jesse** Smith.

Church Attendance for January 24&25, 2026

Service	Attendance	Communion
3PM	28	23
8AM		Weather Cancellations
10:45AM		
TOTAL	28	23

Bible Class Attendance Week of January 25, 2026

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	C
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	C
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	C
Sunday Adult Bible Class	C
New Member Orientation	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	C
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	NA
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM Bible Class	32
Wednesday Nights	39
20s&30s Thursday	8

Offerings: January 19-25, 2026

General Fund	\$ 8,954.30
Endowment	\$ 100.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,020.00
Missions Weekly	\$ 525.02
Missions 4th Qtr	\$ 7,708.18

Year to Date as of 11/30/2025

Income	\$ 700,147.69
Expenses	\$ 703,217.68
Deficit	\$ (3,069.99)

LENT

Begins In 25 Days

ASH WEDNESDAY: FEB. 18

Midweek Theme: Forgiveness

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.** Requested food for February: Tuna, Tuna Helper, Spaghetti Noodles, Pasta Roni

H.O.P.E. FOOD MINISTRIES: Weekly Totals: Jan. 28, 2026
Families: 70 Individuals: 236 New Families: 4

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

2025 Offering Statements for Church Members who do not have an email address in Breeze or who have requested paper statements were mailed Fri., Jan. 30, 2026.

All other offering statements were emailed to members at 9AM on Fri., Jan. 30, 2026. Please check your spam folder if you did not receive it in your inbox.

If you have any questions, contact Brenda Marhanka, the church bookkeeper. She is in the office on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons after 1PM, and can be reached by email (bookkeeper@hcross.com) or voicemail (636.272.4505 x 105) any time.

Or call the church office to get in contact with her.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: We pray for the family and friends of *Christy Benigno*, daughter of Sal & Barb Benigno, and sister of Matt Benigno, who died this past week. We pray for the family and friends of *Larry Kremer*, friend of Sandra Semler, who died this past week. We pray for the family of *Julie Germain*, relative of Norma Helms, who died recently.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS: Join the class as it delves into the Psalms. Class is held during the Education Hour at 9:30AM in the gym.

SING AWAY THE WINTER BLUES: On Sun., Feb. 1, all ages are invited to "Sing Away the Winter Blues" to residents in local retirement communities. Even if you were unable to sign up in the Welcome Center, meet in the church parking lot at 2:30PM to car pool to retirement homes of several members. We will sing hymns and spiritual songs that you know and enjoy. No music talent is required, only the desire to brighten someone's day and your own. We should finish between 4:30 and 5PM.

MISSION & STEWARDSHIP BOARDS are continuing the year's theme of The Things God Has Made by supporting the Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Ministries from January to March. This will include donation opportunities, a service project, and a potential visit from the Comfort Dogs to Holy Cross.

LENTEN DINNERS: Ash Wednesday is 18 days away. Four of 6 possible hosts have already signed up for Lenten dinners: Ladies Guild, Feb. 18; Missions & Stewardship, March 4; Grace Guild, March 18; Elders, March 25. If your group would be interested in hosting on Feb. 25 or March 11, contact the church office.

ORGAN COMMITTEE: With the recent mechanical failures of the organ, the Church Council has authorized a committee to begin pursuing a replacement of the organ. The committee includes David Gilson, Wes Dafler, and Karen Belter, with Andy Goodman serving as an advisory member. The process is still in its early stages, but reach out to David with any questions you might have.

FLOWER AND PLANT SALE IS COMING The Holy Cross Ladies Guild will hold its annual flower and plant sale this spring! Please watch the *News&Notes* and *Koinonia* for more information.

SHREK: HOLY CROSS MOVIE NIGHT Feb. 14 at 11:30AM at Dardenne Prairie Marcus Theaters. RSVP with signup sheet in the Welcome Center by Feb. 8. Bring canned goods or \$2 per person. All donations go to Youth in Need.

Immanuel Lutheran Annual Sausage Dinner: Sun., Feb. 1, 2026, 10:30AM to 5PM. Adults \$15; Children 4yrs-10yrs, \$7; Children 3yrs old and under Free.

Menu: Sausage, mashed potatoes and gravy, sauerkraut, green beans, applesauce, bread and assorted desserts. Cash, check or credit card. Dine-in or Carry-out orders taken. Immanuel: 115 S. 6th Street, St. Charles, MO

Salem (Affton) Men's Club has RESCHEDULED its SAUSAGE DINNER, to Sun., March 1, from 11AM-4PM in the Salem School Cafeteria (originally scheduled for Sun., Feb. 1). Tickets are still available (\$14 per adult / \$6 per child, ages 5-12/kids age 4 and younger eat free!). Call their church office for ticket information. Previously purchased tickets will be honored March 1. Contact Tim Howard at 314-574-7596 for a refund if unable to attend.

HOLY CROSS PRESCHOOL ART SHOW AND SENSORY OPEN HOUSE: NEW DATE!

Please join us next Sunday, Feb. 1, for the Preschool Art Show and Sensory Open House from Noon to 1:30PM.

Activities:

- ◆ Slime and Play-Doh.
- ◆ Obstacle course with Balance Gym.
- ◆ Cars with Mats.
- ◆ Legos — and much more.
- ◆ Students' artwork will be on display in the hallway for your viewing pleasure (Multiply projects).

Please join us for this free event and bring a friend. A light snack will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Director Dani Richardson at drichardson@hcross.com or 636-272-4505 Ext: 106

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION for the 2026-2027 school year opens to the public on February 1. Children must be 3 or 4 years old before August 1, 2026.

FROM LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL-ST. CHARLES

Lutheran High School is committed to preparing students for Christ-centered lives of purpose and service. We are receiving inquiries and preparing applications for several 2026-2027 staffing needs. If you know someone gifted in teaching or student engagement, please invite them to visit our website apply under "Work at LHS" or careers@lhssc.org with questions.

CHAMPIONS! Congratulations to the LHS Cheer team on earning a National Championship through virtual competition!

Join us for **Pink Out Night** as Cougar Basketball takes the court in support of cancer awareness and research. We partner with the American Cancer Society and Coaches vs. Cancer for two nights of competition, community, and purpose. Wear pink!

Thurs., Feb. 5: Boys vs. Hazelwood West, 4:30PM & 6PM

Fri., Feb. 6: Girls vs. Tipton, 5:30PM & 7PM

Trivia Night 2026: Get your teams together now!

Registration is now open on this site:

<https://lutheranhightcharles.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/2026LutheranHighTriviaNight/tabid/1572319/Default.aspx>

Event Details:

•**Date:** Fri., Feb. 27; **Time:** Doors open at 6PM, Trivia Begins at 7PM **Location:** LHS Commons

•**Theme:** 90's vs. 00's – Test your knowledge of everything from the 90's and 2000's!

•**Team Size:** Teams of 8 people (so grab your squad!)

LUTHERAN HIGH HALL OF HONOR celebrates alumni, athletes, coaches, teachers, and supporters who exemplify faith, service, and excellence. Nominations are open until March 15, 2026. Nominate a deserving individual whose contributions reflect the Christ-centered values that define LHS. Nominate today! Questions: contact Dr. Doug Kuhlmann at dkuhlmann@lhssc.org

WALTER LEAGUE 2.0 BIBLE STUDY DATES for the remainder of the school year: Feb. 11, March 11, April 15, May 13. Join us at 8:15AM in the Academic Success Center. After the study, stay for Chapel at 9:20AM. Park at the front entrance, enter through the main doors, then head to the right to find the Academic Success Center. Pastor Millard will continue leading us through the Book of Revelation.

HOLY CROSS YOUTH PRESENTS MYSTERY DINNER

Sat., February 21

Annual Youth Group Fundraiser

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by Peter Kennedy

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TICKETS AVAILABLE JANUARY 25

Rehearsals on Sundays, Noon to 2PM
Usually in the gym

Want to be a crew member?
Contact Shana Ziolko
at shana.ziolko@gmail.com

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Holy Cross Lutheran Church supports families who desire a Lutheran Education. Students who, along with parent(s) or legal guardian(s), are members of Holy Cross are eligible for Tuition assistance. Students must be enrolled in grades K-12 at an LCMS Lutheran school in St. Charles County or in a Concordia University System (LCMS) higher education institution.



Applications are in
the Welcome
Center and must be
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March 31.

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