



News & Notes for February 14&15, 2026

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

WELCOME TO EVERYONE JOINING US FOR WORSHIP TODAY

PRAYER REQUESTS: Submit prayer requests by filling out a prayer card found in the pew and putting it in the offering plate. Or call or email 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 Hackbarth; 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)
Hobie Dufort (Jonathan Frasch)
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)
Malu Martin (Dawn Kahler)
Eileen Marting (Mark Hoemann)
 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)
Kelly Schlereth (Patti Koepf)
Brenda Schlimpert McCowan (Loretta Ezell)
Blake Schmalzer (Rebecca Schmalzer)
Rosemary Schreiber (Peggy Gallagher)
Christine Scott (Dianne Helvey)
Mark Shearman (Lois Foster)
Noel Scott Shipley (Amy Schipper)
Sara Shroth (choir accompanist)
David Steinbacher (Ernestine Wilson)
Tim (Charity Smith)
Ryan Stover (Brenda Marhanka)
Stanika Todorova (Paul & Juliana Frerichs)
Rita Unzer (Karl Schnoor)
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)
Carl Bradley, **Butch** Whitworth, **Kathy** Lewis (Jerry & Darlene Bradley)
Eddie Collier, **Bruce** Brown, **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)
Scott Brockmann; **Lois** Jobe, **Ron** Kasten ~ (Jan Flentke)
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)
James Olek, **Susan** Maag, **Steve** Wulff ~ (Neal & Cynthia Menscher)
Gorman Cooper, **Janie** Machens ~ (Tina Morrison)
Virginia and **Mike** Niewald ~ (Niewalds)
Paul Palombi, **Elsie** Palombi (Diane Palombi)
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Irina, Cara, Mindi, Richard, Dawn, Ross, David ~ (Patricik Szopiniki)
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Charlotte Gaines, **Nisseem, Daniel**, Dr. **Eric** Semler (Sandra Semler)
Scott Steinbruegge, **Marcia** Sheppard ~ (Bob & Karen Steinbruegge)
Connie Uhlis, **Tommy** Uhlis (Sue Williams)

—Prayer Requests continue on pages 2&3

Our Mission:

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

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 Saturdays, 3PM
 Sundays, 8AM & 10:45AM
 Live Stream on Sunday AT 8AM
 Education Hour AT 9:30AM
 Connect through
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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.

CHURCH OFFICE

CHECK WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR
 UPDATES 636.272.4505
 secretary@hcross.com



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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, February 14, 2026

11:30AM Holy Cross Movie Night: *Trolls* (offsite)
3PM Holy Communion

SUNDAY, February 15, 2026

KOINONIA DEADLINE—MARCH

8AM Holy Communion
9:30AM Education Hour
+ New Member Orientation
+ Midweek Teachers' Training
10:45AM Holy Communion
Noon: Special Voters' Assembly (Sanctuary)
Noon to 2PM: Mystery Dinner Rehearsal (gym)

MONDAY, February 16, 2026

PRESIDENT'S DAY—PRESCHOOL CLOSED CHURCH OFFICE: 9AM TO NOON

9:30AM TOPS
11AM Line Dancing
6:30PM Bell Choir

TUESDAY, February 17, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11AM

9AM Preschool Chapel
9:10AM Preschool Recess/Gym
10AM Women's Bible Study (Rm 1&2)
12:30PM Staff Meeting
6:30PM Educ & Youth Boards

WEDNESDAY, February 18, 2026

ASH WEDNESDAY

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 10:30AM

9AM Preschool Chapel
9:30AM Adult Bible Class
11am Holy Communion
11AM Preschool Gym/Recess
5:30PM Lenten Dinner: Ladies Guild
6:15PM Confirmation Level 100 & 200
7PM Holy Communion

THURSDAY, February 19, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

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

FRIDAY, February 20, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

KOINONIA PRODUCTION

9:30AM Preschool Gym/Recess
5 to 8 PM: Youth—Dinner Prep

SATURDAY, February 21, 2026

HOLY CROSS YOUTH PRESENTS MYSTERY DINNER (6PM)

11AM Dinner Prep
3PM Holy Communion
5:30PM Doors Open for Mystery Dinner
6PM HCYP Mystery Dinner

SUNDAY, February 22, 2026

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

8AM Holy Communion
9:30AM Education Hour
10:45AM Holy Communion

Church Attendance for February 7&8, 2026

Service	Attendance	Communion
3PM	65	60
8AM	103	87
10:45AM	113	94
TOTAL	281	241

Bible Class Attendance Week of February 8, 2026

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	73
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	
Sunday Adult Bible Class	
New Member Orientation	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	13
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	7
Men's Breakfast & Bible	12
Wednesday AM Bible Class	C
Wednesday Nights	33
20s&30s Thursday	9

Offerings: February 2-8, 2026

General Fund	\$	19,126.00
Endowment	\$	150.00
Building Fund	\$	190.00
Missions Weekly	\$	735.02
Missions 4th Qtr	\$	9,548.22

Year to Date as of 11/30/2025

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

LENT

Begins In 3 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 March: *Beef Stew, Jelly, Peas, Pork & Beans*

H.O.P.E. FOOD MINISTRIES: Weekly Totals: Feb. 11, 2026
Families: 84 Individuals: 265 New Families: 6

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 *Drew Quinn*, nephew of Terry Hardy, who died this past week

SPECIAL VOTERS' ASSEMBLY on Sun., Feb. 15: Voters will meet after the second service (around noon) to hear a reading or discussion of the new bylaws. Sign in at the desk. This is a one-item agenda. New voting members cannot be accepted into the assembly since this is a special meeting.

LENTEN DINNERS: Ash Wednesday is 3 days away. Five of 6 possible hosts have already signed up for Lenten dinners: Ladies Guild, **Feb. 18**; Missions & Stewardship, **March 4**; Elders, **March 11**; Grace Guild, **March 18**; Wednesday Morning Bible Class, **March 25**. If your group would be interested in hosting on Feb. 25, contact the church office. Thanks to these groups for volunteering!

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.

SPRING IS COMING! Time to think about the flowers and plants you will want for your home and for gifts. The Ladies Guild Flower and Plant Sale starts on the weekend of February 28/March 1 and continues through the month of March. Order pickup will be the first weekend of May. Watch the *News and Notes* for more information.

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.

ANNUAL SAUSAGE DINNER AND SPRING BAZAAR
Sun., March 1, 2026, Serving 11AM—3pm. Carry-outs available 11:30-3:30PM. **Immanuel Lutheran Church—Olivette** (9733 Olive Blvd. (east of St. Paul's cemetery; 3 miles east of I-270). Featuring home-made sausage made by the Immanuel Men's Club. Menu includes all you can eat pork sausage, real mashed potatoes, with gravy, sauerkraut w/pork meat, green beans w/bacon & onion, applesauce, bread, dessert (pie, cake, cookies), drinks. Adults \$16; Children (6-12) \$8; children 5 and under — free; All carry-outs \$16 Bring your family, friends, and neighbors and enjoy a great home-cooked meal. You can also do some shopping at the Spring Bazaar, featuring many hand-made, unique items.

ELDER COMMUNICATION

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE: Instructions for its use are provided in the Welcome Center.

CONTACT AN ELDER: Contact them if you have questions or concerns regarding services, policies, procedures, personal or other issues. Or contact either Pastor. Personal issues will be kept confidential.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for January—March 2026 and new issues of *Lutheran Witness* are on the Welcome Center table.

New Member Orientation: If you have recently joined Holy Cross or are in the process of transferring your membership, you are invited to the New Member Orientation on Sun., Feb. 15, from 9:30 to 10:30AM in Room 1 & 2. You will meet other new members, we will gather some information from you, and pastors and church leaders will share information about various programs at Holy Cross. This is part of our effort to make you feel at home in our Holy Cross family.

Do you love numbers and love kids? Then maybe LASE Specialized Education has a spot for you! LASE (Lutheran Association for Special Education) is seeking a mission-minded financial expert to serve as Treasurer on its Board of Directors. This is a volunteer position working with 6 to 12 other mission-minded and passionate Christ-followers to further the mission of LASE Specialized Education. For further information, check out the LASE website (www.lutheranspecial.org) and/or contact LASE's Executive Director, John Jameson, at 636-505-0501 (text/call) or john.jameson@lutheranspecial.org.

2026 RACE for LASE - June 13, 2026 @ Creve Coeur Park The RACE for LASE is a joyful expression of our shared commitment to serve the children God has entrusted to us. Through this event, friends of LASE Specialized Education come together to run, walk, give, and pray so that students in our Lutheran Schools with unique learning needs can receive the support they need to thrive. Every dollar raised through the RACE directly impacts children and families, making it possible for LASE to provide compassionate, Christ-centered educational services and to remind every child that they are known, valued, and deeply loved by God. Grab your family, your friends, and join us for a morning of fellowship, racing, walking, and jogging in support of the kids of LASE! Check out the website for registration information: <https://lutheranspecial.org/race-for-lase/>

FROM LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL-ST. CHARLES

LHS is accepting applications for the Varsity Girls Volleyball Head Coach position. Our volleyball program has a strong tradition of success in Class 4, and we are seeking a coach who is committed to building on that legacy. The ideal candidate will be passionate about developing student-athletes both athletically and spiritually, emphasizing leadership, character, and competitive excellence while supporting our mission to help students Grow & Serve in Christ. Interested applicants can learn more and apply by visiting <https://lutheranhighstcharles.com/about/faculty-staff/careers/> **Application deadline: Feb. 20, 2026.**

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

Sapphires Dance Clinic Come dance alongside the Sapphires as we cheer on the LHS Varsity basketball team! Friday, Feb. 20, the clinic starts at 4PM! **Register here!**

LHS Trivia Night 2026: Get your teams together now! **Registration is now open on this site:** <https://lutheranhighstcharles.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/2026LutheranHighTriviaNight/tabid/1572319/>

HOLY CROSS YOUTH PRESENTS
MYSTERY DINNER
Sat., February 21

Annual Youth Group Fundraiser

ALIBIS

by Peter Kennedy

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TICKETS AVAILABLE JANUARY 25

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at shana.ziolko@gmail.com

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March 31.

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