



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 February 7&8, 2026

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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 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)
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)
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)
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)
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 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, **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

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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)

MONDAY, February 9, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE: 9AM TO NOON

9:30AM TOPS
9:30AM Preschool Gym/Recess
11AM Line Dancing
6PM Council Executive Board Meeting
6:30PM Bell Choir
7:30PM Council Meeting

TUESDAY, February 10, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11AM

9AM Ladies Guild Quilters (gym)
9AM Preschool Chapel
9:10AM Preschool Recess/Gym
10AM Women's Bible Study (Rm 1&2)
NOON Staff Meeting (off-site)
6PM Grace Guild (gym)
6:30PM Adult Bible Class (Rm 1&2)

WEDNESDAY, February 11, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

6:30AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
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 12, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

CIRCUIT MEETING (CALLED WORKERS)

PRESCHOOL VALENTINE'S PARTY (CLASSROOM)
8AM News&Notes Deadline
9:10AM Preschool Gym/Recess
6:30PM 20s&30s&40s Bible Class

FRIDAY, February 13, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

PRESCHOOL VALENTINE'S PARTY (CLASSROOM)
9:30AM Preschool Gym/Recess
10AM Ladies Guild

SATURDAY, February 14, 2026

11AM TO 3PM: Private Birthday Party (Gym)
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)

Church Attendance for January 31—February 1, 2026

Service	Attendance	Communion
3PM	62	61
8AM	86	77
10:45AM	88	76
TOTAL	236	214

Bible Class Attendance Week of February 1, 2026

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	2
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	16
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	7
Sunday Adult Bible Class	40
New Member Orientation	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	14
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	NA
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM Bible Class	35
Wednesday Nights	32
20s&30s Thursday	9

Offerings: January 19-25, 2026

General Fund	\$ 13,949.09
Endowment	\$ 00.00
Building Fund	\$ 0.00
Missions Weekly	\$ 150.02
Missions 4th Qtr	\$ 78,773.20

Year to Date as of 11/30/2025

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

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Begins In 10 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: Feb. 4, 2026
Families: 81 Individuals: 269 New Families: -

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 *Sherrill Schlimpert*, friend of Loretta Ezell, who died this past week

MISSION OF THE QUARTER: Comfort Dogs on Sunday

The LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs will be at Holy Cross on Sun., Feb. 8. Their visit is in support of the Mission of the Quarter (January to March), and this year's theme *The Things God Has Made*. The Comfort Dogs will be around before, during, and after both services, and their handlers will give a short presentation during Bible study. The remainder of the Bible study will be a time to pet and interact with the dogs. We will have Noah from Timothy Lutheran Church and Zillah from Immanuel St. Charles.

GRACE GUILD meets Tues., Feb. 10 at 6pm. All women are welcome! Join us as we plan our spring activities. Contact Karen Copper for details.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS meets this week at 6:30PM on Tues., Feb. 10. Discussion includes selection of the next topic. Contact Bruce Linn for details.

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MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY: Wed., Feb 11 at 6:30AM. Sign up in the Welcome Center so cooks have a count for breakfast food.

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 10 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!

TROLLS: 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. (Yes, the movie title has changed. Long story.)

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.

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.

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WALTER LEAGUE 2.0 BIBLE STUDY DATES for the remainder of the school year at LHS: 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 continues leading a study in the

Thank You! I want to send out a big thank you for your cards, emails and prayers for my recent illness. I am recovering at home now. Again, it meant a lot to hear from friends and family. — Debi Korte

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.lutheranspecialed.org) and/or contact LASE's Executive Director, John Jameson, at 636-505-0501 (text/call) or john.jameson@lutheranspecialed.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://lutheranspecialed.org/>

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

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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Lutheran Education Tuition Assistance

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.



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Center and must be
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March 31.

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