



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,
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CHURCH OFFICE

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News & Notes for May 9 & 10, 2026

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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:

Chris Alton; **Jameson** Alton; **Brian** Belter; **Dennis** Benassi; **Carolyn** Bertram; **Mary Kay** Bethke; **Kacey** Booth; **Nancy** Caldwell; **Logan** Day; **Shirley** Day; **Bob & Carolyn** Delohi; **Edna** Deubel; **Sandy** Dietz; **Sherien** Duello; **Brenda** Duncan; **Renea** Erickson; **Lois** Foster; **Rich** Franzer; **Ken & Sandie** Fussner; **Peggy** Gallagher; **Connie** Gamache; **Don** Grzina; **Iris** Hackbarth; **Marie** Herrington; **Jayne** Jepsen; **Lizzie** Johansmann; **Emily** Kahler; **Mike** Kahler; **Frieda** Karl; **Edna** Kee; **Ron** Kettler; **Judith** Kirby; **Sandra** Kohrs; **Debra** Korte; **Joyce** Lang; **Betty** Lee; **Sadie** Liefer; **Albert & Ingrid** Marhanka; **Terry** McCann; **Maryanne** McDaniel; **Mabel** McKinney; **Barb** Parsons; **Bill** Price; **Gloria** Rariden; **Zeita** Reed; **Darlene** Rhodes; **Carol** Santoyo; **Roger** Sawall; **Vita** Sayers; **Betty** Schroeder; **Wayne** Walkenhorst; **Larry** Williams; **Ernestine** Wilson.

WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Addie (5yo in serious condition)
Charlie (former HC Preschool Student)
Joe Bryan (Karen Copper)
Rachel Butkovich (Tom & Sue Haywood)
Elizabeth Cash (Heather Koepke)
Layne Chartrand (Mark & Linda Ziolko)
Gina Chitwood (William Wichern)
Mark Chiodini (Nicholas Chiodini)
Charles Claxton Jr. (Matthew Claxton)
John Darby (Rick Walkenhorst)
Blake Davis (Kari Spearman)
Hobie Dufort (Jonathan Frasch)
Emilie Dusheke (Dale & Karen Dusheke)
Olivia Erickson (Ralph & Renae Erickson)
Sandra Fleak (Becky Edgar)
Rev. Dr. **Lee** Hagan, LCMS Missouri District 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)
Mike (Debbie Parks)
Vera Piazza (Robert & Sherry Piazza)
Cindy Preston (Maryanne McDaniel)
Kelly Schlereth (Patti Koepf)
Brenda McCowan (Loretta Ezell)
Blake Schmalzer (Rebecca Schmalzer)
Rosemary Schreiber (Peggy Gallagher)
Christine Scott (Dianne Helvey)
Gina Schweer (John Bertram)
Mark Shearman (Lois Foster)
Noel Scott Shipley (Amy Schipper)
Sara Shroth (choir accompanist)
Ryan Stover (Brenda Marhanka)
Tim (Charity Smith)
Stanika Todorova (Juliana Frerichs)
Leo Troxel (Alice Buehne)
Rita Unzer (Karl Schnoor);
Linda Vesper (Mike Vesper)
Frank Wachter (Elaine Howard)
Rich Waiwood (Kent & Janine Haffer)
Lance Watkins (Jesse Smith)
Bobette Wetzel (Faith Blackwell)

Mary Young (Elaine Alton)
John Allquist III, **Duane** Stuewe (Janet Allquist)
Ina Guethle, **Dale** Stumpf, **Larry** Zuhone (Amanda Alton)
Carson Aston, **Chlaara** Aston, **Sharon** Staten (Lisa Aston)
Krill Family (Trudy Belter)
Mike & Norma, Terry (Greg & Judy Bonney)
Carl Bradley, **Kathy** Lewis (Darlene Bradley)
Eddie Collier, **Bruce** Brown, **Rush** Brown (Denise Collier)
Tom Heins, **Tony** LaChance, **Bill** Pratt (Becky Coomer)
Brian Ottinger, **Scott** Ottinger (Carla Cooper)
Duane Dafler, **William** Dafler, **Laura** Robinette (Wes Dafler)
Ben & Pat Northcutt (Bryan Drilling)
Janet Davidson, **Lowell** Duncan (Don Duncan)
Scott Brockmann; **Lois** Jobe (Jan Flentke)
Bennett Hoemann, **Eileen** Marting (Mark Hoemann)
Matt & Alissa Schneider (Jean Holthe)
Penni Gronewald, **Kathy** Dore Jepsen, **Mike** Vanover, **Theresa** Davis & Family (Jayne Jepsen)
Morie Winn; **Keith** Wooden (Randy Jones)
Alicia & Mark Kincaid, **Alicia** Kleb, **Mike** Snead (Michelle Kincaid)
George & Sandra Roberts (Elma Jane Kramer)
Donna Fleischacker-Maheras, **Jen** Gabaluther & Family, **Kastens** Family; **Nanette** Zander (Peggy Kuerschner)
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)
David Eggers, **Mike** Niewald (Niewalds)
Violet Mittenberg, **Paul** Palombi, **Elsie** Palombi (Diane Palombi)
Brian Rubar, **Chase** Russell, **Carol** Sills (Barb Parson)
Sarah Hall, **Katie** Hawkey; **Mary Ellen** McAlister; **Maeve** Pardee & Family, **Lori** Miller, **Sarah** Cattan (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)
Len Cox, **David** Steinbacher (Ernestine Wilson)

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, May 9, 2026

7AM High School Lock-in Ends
 9AM TO NOON: TEC 1&2 Meetings
 3:30PM Rose Sale Setup
 5PM Holy Communion
Grace Guild Rose Sale
Personal Care Items for Seminary Families Begins through Father's Day

SUNDAY, May 10, 2026

Mother's Day; Grace Guild Rose Sale
Personal Care Items Drive for Seminary Families
 8AM Holy Communion
 9:30AM Education Hour
 10:45AM Holy Communion

MONDAY, May 11, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11AM
 9:30AM TOPS
 9:30AM Preschool Recess
 11AM Line Dancing
 Preschool Lunchline [kitchen]
 6PM Church Executive Board
 6:30PM Bell Choir
 7:30PM Church Council Meeting

TUESDAY, May 12, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11AM
 9AM Preschool Chapel
 9am Quilting
 9:10AM Preschool Recess
 10AM Women's Bible Study
 12:30PM Staff Meeting
 1-5:30pm Preschool Conferences
 6PM Grace Guild

WEDNESDAY, May 13, 2026

VOTERS ASSEMBLY REPORTS DUE TO CHURCH OFFICE
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
 9AM Beckmann Burial at Immanuel Cemetery
 9AM Preschool Chapel
 11AM Beckmann Memorial Service
 11AM Preschool Recess
 Preschool Lunchline [Rooms 1&2]
 11:45AM Funeral Luncheon (Gym)
 6:30PM Midweek Ice Cream Social (all youth)

THURSDAY, May 14, 2026: ASCENSION

NEWS&NOTES DEADLINE 8AM
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
 9:10AM Preschool Recess
 10AM to 2PM: American Red Cross Blood Drive (9gym)
 7PM Holy Communion—ASCENSION

FRIDAY, May 15, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
JUNE KOINONIA DEADLINE
 9:30AM Preschool Recess
 Preschool Lunchline [kitchen]

SATURDAY, May 16, 2026

5PM Holy Communion
Grace Guild Rose Sale
Personal Care Items for Seminary Families

SUNDAY, May 17, 2026

Personal Care Items Drive for Seminary Families
 8AM Holy Communion
 9:30AM Education Hour
 10:45AM Holy Communion
NOON: VOTERS" ASSEMBLY

CHURCH ATTENDANCE: EASTER 5 May 2 & 3, 2026

Service	Attendance	Communion
5PM	49	47
8AM	90	70
10:45AM	104	84
TOTAL	243	201

Bible Class Attendance
Week of May 3, 2026

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	1
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	16
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	5
Sunday Adult Bible Class	59
New Member Orientation	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	11
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	NA
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM Bible Class	34
Wednesday Nights	26
20s&30s Thursday	5

Offerings: April 27-May 3, 2026

General Fund	\$	16,937.56
Endowment	\$	658.94
Building Fund	\$	140.00
Missions Weekly	\$	110.02
Missions Total	\$	817.08

Year to Date as of 03/31/2026

Income	\$	202,418.56
Expenses	\$	193,236.22
Surplus	\$	9,182.34

WE PRAY FOR ACTIVE MILITARY MEMBERS & RELATIVES

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

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 May: *Pasta Roni, Tuna Helper, dry potatoes (may include mashed potatoes), pasta noodles.*

H.O.P.E. FOOD MINISTRIES: Weekly Totals: May 6, 2026
 Families: 73 Individuals: 231 New Families: 0

ELDER COMMUNICATION

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE: Those with hearing aids can 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 April—June 2026 and new issues of *Lutheran Witness* are 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 coat rack by the kitchen.



RESURRECTION WORKSHOP

Come and learn how the Resurrection victory impacts our life, death, burial and the funeral of a Christian

Sundays at 9:30 AM & Tuesdays at 10 AM

HAPPY EASTER 6

This weekend we continue our celebration of Easter. Adult Bible Class on Sunday continues the Resurrection Workshop.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Michelle Kincaid and Marion Schwentker in memory of Clarence Schwentker.

From Grace Evening Guild:

MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE Grace Guild will host its Rose Sale on Mother's Day weekend. Long-stemmed roses specially tagged for Mother's Day will be available thirty minutes before and after services, May 9-10. Honor a mother, aunt, grandmother, good friend, or other significant woman in your life. Freewill offering. Proceeds will be given to the Holy Cross Organ Fund.

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS: Grace Guild is celebrating the parents of Concordia Seminary. Between Mother's Day, May 10, and Father's Day, June 21, personal care items for Dads/men and Moms/women and other items needed for young families will be collected for the Concordia Seminary Food Bank. A pack-n-play will be set up in the Welcome Center to collect items. A box will be included for cards and messages of encouragement for the parents. We pray for God's blessings on the Concordia Seminary families.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS for Geraldine "Gerri" Beckmann have been finalized. Visitation at Baue Funeral Home at Cave Springs (3950 W. Clay, St. Charles, MO, 63301) will be held Tues., May 12, from 4 to 8PM. Private burial will take place Wed., May 13, at 9AM, at Immanuel Cemetery in St. Charles. A memorial service will be held Wed., May 13, at 11AM at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in O'Fallon, MO. A luncheon served by the Ladies Guild will follow the service.

CAN YOU READ A LITTLE BIT OF SCRIPTURE IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE? On Pentecost Sunday, May 24, something new will be added to our worship here at Holy Cross. And you're invited to be part of it! When the Second Reading for the day is read, different voices will join in speaking two verses from Acts 2. Perhaps you can read in Spanish ... or German ... or French ... or Greek ... or Polish ... or Swahili ... or any other language you or your ancestors spoke in the past or that you studied (or are studying now). The two verses will be Acts 2:17 and 2:21. If you don't have a Bible in a different language, you can find these verses translated at www.biblegateway.com. If you're curious about this or committed to being part of it, send an e-mail to Rev. Mark Barz – one of our newest members here at Holy Cross – at barzm@csl.edu.

Ascension Day Join us for worship on Thurs., May 14, at 7PM as we celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord. This feast of the church year is celebrated 40 days after Easter, and our service will include Holy Communion and an Easter hymn sing.

HOLY CROSS VOTERS' ASSEMBLY, MAY 17

The meeting will start after the second service ends, around **noon**.

All Voting Members are encouraged to attend. Please **sign in** when entering the meeting; only a physical signature records attendance.

Contact Council Secretary Barb Grosch at councilsecretary@hcross.com or 314.368.8142 if you are unable to attend for an excused absence.

Agenda items include: the audit, 2025 financial review, bylaws update, and the proposed playground.

New members to Holy Cross who are 18 years old and above may become voting members by coming to the meeting and signing in as a visitor; proposed new members will be announced at the end of the meeting by an elder and a vote will be taken for their acceptance into voting membership. New members will then sign the constitution.

Lunch of pizza, salad, and dessert will be served prior to the meeting.

From Church Council:

PROPOSED NEW PLAYGROUND & FUNDRAISING:

The Building Committee has determined we will need a new playground before the 2026-2027 preschool academic year, since the current one no longer meets state requirements. An official proposal will be presented at the May Voters' Meeting; however, the Church Council has approved preliminary steps and want to begin raising funds for this need now. The proposed all-inclusive cost of the playground is \$90,000. If you would like to contribute to this project, specify Preschool Playground on the check memo line, or write it on the envelope with your contribution and place in the offering plate. Contributions can also be made online at Simply Giving/Vanco.

From Ladies Guild:

CASH CULTIVATOR REMINDER! If you bought any of the Cash Cultivator gift certificates from the Ladies Guild Flower and Plant Sale, it's time to spend them! Ladies Guild gets an extra percentage if you spend your Cash Cultivators at Parkview Gardens between April 15 and May 15. Of course, you can use them anytime you want, but please consider using them during this time to add to our profits and allow us to donate even more to the World Lutheran Deaf Outreach. Thank you!

SPRING CLEANING?! Remember — the Annual Ladies Guild Rummage Sale will be held on Sat., Aug. 15.

Please save your unwanted items for the rummage sale! *We do not accept clothing, electronics, or furniture.*

Proceeds from the rummage sale will benefit the O'Fallon Senior Center, which provides Meals on Wheels and other services in the City of O'Fallon.

July 10-14, 2026
Visit hcross.com/trip

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ARK ENCOUNTER®

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Holy Cross Lutheran Church in O'Fallon, MO

Registration Closes May 15th

END OF THE YEAR

ICE CREAM PARTY

MAY 13

6:30-8:00 PM
ALL INVITED

RSVP BY MAY 6

MISSION OF THE QUARTER currently supports National Lutheran Outdoors Ministry Association (NLOMA) camps, helping provide camp experiences that nurture faith and fellowship for youth and families.

From Lutheran High School St. Charles:
LHS ROBOTICS is about much more than just gears and code; it's about building authentic relationships that last a lifetime. From a heartwarming alumni reunion to the announcement of the **Dave Zilz Lutheran Roboteers Practice Area**, visit the LHS website to see how students are innovating today to become the servant leaders of tomorrow. We're so thankful for the stewardship of the LHS community that is making a new home possible for our student innovators.

Discover your shine! Junior Gems registration for the 2026-2027 season is now open. Visit the link: <https://forms.gle/B5utZDDu3hMqRZyLA>. For more details about the program, visit our website:

KOINONIA DEADLINE FOR JUNE: MAY 15

CHURCH CALENDAR: If you have events, meetings, or activities in June or future months, double-check that those items are on the church calendar by contacting the church secretary at secretary@hcross.com

FACILITIES USE: All events in the Holy Cross building and grounds must be on the church calendar. Before planning a meeting or event, contact the church secretary to discuss availability and avoid conflicts. Do so at least a week in advance so that building monitors, if needed, may be assigned.

USHERS: If you plan to serve next weekend or in the near future, please sign up at the Welcome Center Information Table today.

3 yr olds and potty trained to entering 5th grade

RAINFOREST FALLS

June 22-26

Exploring the Nature of God

Family Dinner 5:00-6:00 pm
VBS 6:00-8 pm

Registration is open!

Register by May 31 and get a FREE themed t-shirt

To register, volunteer or donate, visit hcross.com/vbs

American Red Cross

Every 2 seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.

Give blood. Help save lives.

Blood Drive
Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Gym
8945 Veterans Memorial Parkway
O Fallon, MO 63366

Thursday, May 14, 2026
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: HolyCrossLC to schedule an appointment.

Come to give blood May 1-17 and get a \$20 eGift Card, thanks to Amazon! See: rcblood.org/Amazon

Scan to schedule an appointment.

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65th Annual St. Charles County-Wide Veterans Memorial Service Program

Please Join Us In Honoring Our Veterans
Sunday, May 24th
2:00 PM

St. Charles Memorial Gardens
3950 West Clay Street
St. Charles, MO 63301

Join us for food, drinks, and more starting at 12:00 pm, then at 2:00 pm, we will honor all Veterans who have died since last year's program. During this beautiful service, families of those Veterans will be invited forward to place a poppy in a wreath in their honor.

Volunteers Needed
Flag Placement May 20th
Flag Cleanup May 30th

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Summer Camp Registration is OPEN! Join us at Lutheran High School this summer for camps filled with fun, skill-building, and Cougar spirit. There's something for everyone! Spots fill fast—register today! <https://lutheranhighstcharles.com/athletics/summer-camps/>

Registration is open for our **Golf Outing!** Join us on **Sat., Aug. 8, at 1PM** at **The Falls** for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and friendly competition on the course. Grab your foursome, enjoy a great day outdoors, and support a fantastic cause! Spots are limited.
Register today: <https://lutheranhighstcharles.com/event/annual-golf-outing>