



Our Mission:

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

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Saturdays, 5PM
Sundays, 8AM & 10:45AM
Live Stream on Sunday AT 8AM
Education Hour AT 9:30AM
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O'Fallon MO](http://HolyCrossLutheranChurchO'FallonMO)

If you want an audio recording
(CD) of the Sunday 8AM service,
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send out bulletins, weekly
newsletters, and DVD
recordings (visual) to those who
request them.

CHURCH OFFICE

CHECK WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR
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News & Notes for June 13&14 2026

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

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; 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; Iris Hackbarth; Marie Herrington; Lizzie Johansmann; 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; Shirley Niewald; 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:

Rachel Butkovich (Tom & Sue Haywood)
Elizabeth Cash (Heather Koepke)
Layne Chartrand (Mark & Linda Ziolk)
Gina Chitwood (William Wichern)
Mark Chiodini (Nicholas Chiodini)
Charles Claxton Jr. (Matthew Claxton)
John Darby (Rick Walkenhorst)
Blake Davis (Kari Spearman)
Hobie Dufort (Jonathan Fransch)
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)
Neva Martin (Craig Dement)
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)
Julie Schroeder (Dianne Helvey)
Mark Shearman (Lois Foster)
Noel Scott Shipley (Amy Schipper)
Sara Shroth (choir accompanist)
Sean Smith-Killan (Justin Smith)
Ryan Stover (Brenda Marhanka)
Dennis Sweeso (Harrison Sweeso)
Stanika Todorova (Juliana Frerichs)
Leo Troxel (Alice Buehne)
Rita Unzer (Karl Schnoor)
Linda Vesper (Mike Vesper)
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)
Krill Family (Trudy Belter)
Kathie Bertram, Gina Schweer (John Bertram)
Mike & Norma, Terry (Greg & Judy Bonney)
Carl Bradley, Kathy Lewis (Darlene Bradley)
Tom Heins, Tony LaChance, Bill Pratt (Becky Coomer)
Brian Ottinger, Scott Ottinger (Carla Cooper)
Joe Bryan, Lynn Hibbeler (Karen Copper)
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, Keith Marting
(Mark Hoemann)
Matt & Alissa Schneider (Jean Holthe)
Ron Davis, Penni Gronewald, Kathy Dore Jepsen, Mike Vanover, Theresa Davis & Family (Jayne Jepsen)
Morie Winn; Keith Wooden (Randy Jones)
Alicia & Mark Kincaid, Alicia Kleb, Mike Sneed, Cindy Sneed, Winnie Sneed (Michelle Kincaid)
George & Sandra Roberts (Elma Jane Kramer)
Donna Fleischacker-Maheras, Jen Gabaluther & Family,
Duane Rahe (Peggy Kuerschner)
John Bach, Rachel Long (Betty Lee)
James Olek, Susan Maag, Steve Wulff (Menschers)
Gorman Cooper, Janie Machens (Tina Morrison)
David Eggers, Mike Niewald (Niewalds)
Violet Mittenberg, Paul Palombi, Elsie Palombi (Diane Palombi)
Mark Haeffner, 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)
Cecilianna Wilbur, Tim (Charity Smith)
Scott Steinbruegge, Marcia Sheppard (Bob & Karen Steinbruegge)
Connie Uhlis, Tommy Uhlis (Sue Williams)
Len Cox, David Steinbacher (Ernestine Wilson)

Prayer Requests continued on page 2.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, June 13, 2026

5PM Holy Communion
+ Personal Care Items for Seminary Families Drive

SUNDAY, June 14, 2026

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

MONDAY, June 15, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
KOINONIA DEADLINE FOR JULY
9AM TOPS
11AM Line Dancing

TUESDAY, June 16, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11AM
NEWS&NOTES DEADLINE 8AM
VBS REGISTRATION CLOSES
10AM Women's Bible Study
12:30PM Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, June 17, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
1PM Preschool Board
6PM VBS Work Night

THURSDAY, June 18, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
6:30PM 20s&30s&40s Bible Study

FRIDAY, June 19, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
6PM VBS Work Night

SATURDAY, June 20, 2026

5PM Holy Communion
+ Personal Care for Seminary Families Drive
+ Father's Day Bake Sale (Missions & Youth)

SUNDAY, June 21, 2026

Personal Care Drive for Seminary Families Drive Ends
+ Father's Day Bake Sale (Missions & Youth)
8AM Holy Communion
9:30AM Education Hour
10:45AM Holy Communion

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.**

CHURCH ATTENDANCE: June 6&7, 2026

Service	Attendance	Communion
5PM	73	67
8AM	117	95
10:45AM	97	83
TOTAL	287	245

Bible Class Attendance Week of June 7, 2026

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	0
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	16
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	5
Sunday Adult Bible Class	52
New Member Orientation	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	11
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	7
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM Bible Class	43
Wednesday Nights	NA
20s&30s Thursday	9

Offerings: June 1-7, 2026

General Fund	\$	18,219.70
Endowment	\$	160.00
Building Fund	\$	260.00
Missions Weekly	\$	95.02
Missions Total	\$	1,537.18
NEW PLAYGROUND		
New funds 6/7		\$11,600.18
Previously Raised		\$58,000.00
Goal		\$85,000.00
Still Needed		[\$15,399.82]

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: June 10, 2026
Families: 78 Individuals: 244 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Duane and Joyce Lang on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary on June 11.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO REJOICE: *Jaidyn Norine Lynne Strubelt*, daughter of Jenna Haffer and Joshua Strubelt, was born on June 11, 2026. Grandparents are Kent & Janine Haffer and Quinton & Vickie Glasstetter. All are members of Holy Cross.

From the CHURCH OFFICE: Please note the times that the Church Office is open next week as we move into vacation season for staff. Please submit items for the July *Koinonia* by Monday, and for *News&Notes* by Tuesday (instead of Thursday). The office will be closed on Friday. Note that the Wednesday morning Bible class will not meet this week.

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS DRIVE ENDS NEXT WEEKEND: As Grace Guild celebrates the parents of Concordia Seminary between Mother's Day, and Father's Day by sponsoring a **personal care items drive** for Dads/men and Moms/women with items needed for young families will be collected for the Concordia Seminary Food Bank. A pack-n-play in the Welcome Center is set up to collect items.

FATHER'S DAY BAKE SALE: Mission, Stewardship, and Youth Boards are teaming up for a **Father's Day Bake Sale on June 20 - 21**. We are asking for your help in providing a baked good if baking is your jam! Please sign up on the sheet on the center table in the Welcome Center by June 14. Bring your baked good on the morning of June 20 so we can price it to sell. If baking isn't your thing and you just want to eat all the yummy treats, we will accept cash, check, or card on both bake sale days. Sugar-free and gluten-free items will be available! What better way to make Father's Day a breeze than picking up a fresh homemade baked good after church?

From the WELCOME CENTER COMMITTEE

To help keep the Welcome Center clean, organized, and inviting for all members and visitors, any new display, table, sign-up area, or promotional setup must receive prior approval from the Welcome Center Committee before being placed in the space.

Requests can be emailed to the committee members: Liz Belter (missions@hcross.com), Todd Rasche (vicepresident@hcross.com), and Pastor Gimbel (agimbel@hcross.com).

If your group has an existing display and is requesting additional space, you may first be asked to consolidate materials into one designated area.

We are blessed with many active ministries and events, but we must also remain mindful of our limited space.

Additionally, all fundraisers — whether supporting Holy Cross ministries, missions, youth groups, or outside organizations — must receive prior approval from the Board of Elders before being promoted or conducted on campus. Fundraiser requests may be submitted to elders@hcross.com.

ONE SERVICE JULY 5: With Independence Day falling on a Saturday this year, and in response to Pastor Jason's "What If?" sermon, on the weekend of July 5 we will only be having one service. There will be **no Saturday service on July 4**, and there will be **one service on Sunday, July 5 at 10AM**, with Education Hour preceding. We hope you can join us on this day as we all worship together as one congregation!

SUMMER CHOIR: The Holy Cross Choir will sing for the July 5 service, with a rehearsal at 6:30PM on Wed., July 1. This is a great, low-commitment way to try out the choir if you haven't sung in a choir before or if you're just curious what our group might be. We hope you can join us! Let David Gilson know if you're interested or have any questions.

DONUTS WITH DCE: June is DCE Recognition Month in the LCMS. Our DCE, Charity Smith, will be toasted with donuts during the Adult Bible Class on **Sun., June 28**. Cards of appreciation can be dropped off in the Welcome Center mailbox.

CWST WELCOMES YOUR HELP FOR FUTURE EVENTS: If you are willing to help us with future events, please add your name and telephone number to the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center. We realize that you will not always be available. Just let us know if that is the case when you are contacted, and we will call another person on the list. We will definitely look forward to your helpful hands and hearts in the future!

CHURCH CALENDAR: If you have events, meetings, or activities in July 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: Sign up today if you plan to serve next weekend or in the near future, at the Information Table in the Welcome Center (near the windows).

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** — except for 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.

From LCFS FOUNDATION

A good gift plan within an estate includes inheritance for family and gifts to ministry. As you consider an estate gift to your favorite ministry, should you talk with ministry leaders in this planning? Sometimes prospective donors forget to remember that all things belong to the Lord. You may want privacy so as not to brag about your gift. But in reality, you are simply directing God's things to God's things. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help facilitate conversations with ministry leaders. Contact Teresa Nelson at (319)351-6529 or Teresa.Nelson@lfnd.org.

HELP US BUILD A NEW PLAYGROUND!

TOGETHER, WE CAN CREATE A SAFE, FUN AND INSPIRING PLACE FOR OUR CHILDREN TO PLAY, LEARN AND GROW!



GOAL!
\$85,000

OUR GOAL: \$85,000

WE'VE ALREADY RAISED **\$58,000** THROUGH DEDICATED CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OUR PLAYGROUND FUND AND PRESCHOOL FUND.

★ **WE NEED \$27,000 MORE** ★
TO REACH OUR GOAL!

EVERY GIFT BRINGS US CLOSER TO:

- Safe, high-quality play equipment
- Outdoor learning opportunities
- A lasting investment in our children

HOW YOU CAN HELP ❤️

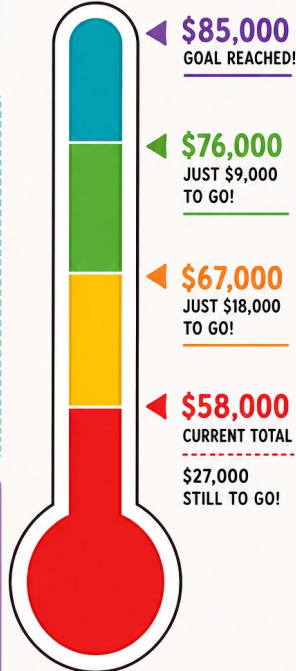
Every donation—big or small—makes a difference! Together, we can build a playground our children will enjoy for years to come.

≡ **THANK YOU** ≡
FOR YOUR SUPPORT! ❤️

DONATE TODAY!

- Contributions can be made:
- By check (memo line: Playground)
 - In an envelope marked Playground
 - Online at Simply Giving/Vanco

★ TOGETHER, WE CAN REACH OUR GOAL! ★



3 yr olds and potty trained to entering 5th grade



June 22-26

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

SUMMER YOUTH NIGHTS

Rising 6th graders to 2026 HS graduates

6:45-8PM

May 20 & 27, June 3
Brainstorm + Vote on ideas for next school year, Bible Study & Games!

June 10, 17 & 24 - VBS days

July 1 - Pastor Kohm's Choice

July 8, 15, 22 & 29
YouthLead Bible Study & Games!

Aug 5 - Youth's Choice

Aug 12 - HS Back Yard Bash & MS Photo Scavenger Hunt



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

WORK DAYS

June 10, 12, 17, 19 6-9 pm

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

June 10, 12, 17, 19 6-7:30 pm

