



**Our Mission:**

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

Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
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Services held in Sanctuary:  
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,  
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  
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News & Notes for June 27&28 2026  
**The Fifth 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; 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; Julianna Frerichs; Ken & Sandie Fussner; Peggy Gallagher; Connie Gamache; Iris Hackbarth; Marie Herrington; Lizzie Johannsmann; Mike Kahler; Frieda Karl; Edna Kee; Ron Kettler; Judith Kirby; Bob Knehans; 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 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)  
Jesse Kurka (Susan Mays)  
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 (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, Nelda Schmidt (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, Zayden 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)

**MORE PRAYER REQUESTS — see page 3**

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, June 27, 2026

5PM Holy Communion

### SUNDAY, June 28, 2026

8AM Holy Communion  
 9:30AM Education Hour  
 + Donuts with DCE [gym]  
 10:45AM Holy Communion

### MONDAY, June 29, 2026

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11:30AM**

9AM TOPS  
 11AM Line Dancing

### TUESDAY, June 30, 2026

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11AM**  
 Higher Things at Washington University,  
 June 30-July 3; Gr. 9-12  
 10AM Women's Bible Study  
 12:30PM Staff Meeting  
 6:30pm Adult Bible Class

### WEDNESDAY, July 1, 2026

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON**

9:30AM Adult Bible Class  
 6:30PM Summer Youth Night

### THURSDAY, July 2, 2026

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11:30AM**

**NEWS&NOTES DEADLINE 8AM**  
 9AM HOPE Seeds  
 6:30PM 20s&30s&40s Bible Study

### FRIDAY, July 3, 2026

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

### SATURDAY, July 4, 2026

**FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY  
 NO CHURCH SERVICE TODAY**

### SUNDAY, July 5, 2026

9:00AM Education Hour  
 10AM 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 20 & 21, 2026

Service	Attendance	Communion
5PM	69	67
8AM	129	95
10:45AM	93	73
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>235</b>

<b>Bible Class Attendance Week of June 20, 2026</b>	
<small>NA=not applicable; NR=not reported; C= cancelled</small>	
Little Lambs, Sunday	NR
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	NR
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	NR
Sunday Adult Bible Class	NR
New Member Orientation	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	NR
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	NA
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM Bible Class	C
Wednesday Nights	NA
20s&30s Thursday	C

<b>Offerings: June 15-21, 2026</b>	
General Fund	\$ 14,126.07
Endowment	\$ 20.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00
Missions Weekly	\$ 307.22
<b>Missions Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,814.42</b>

<b>Year-To-Date: 05.31.2026</b>	
Income	\$ 329,767.09
Expenses	\$ 333,570.83
Deficit	\$ (3,803.74)

**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 July: *Ramen noodles, cornbread mix, rice, Stovetop Stuffing*.

**H.O.P.E. FOOD MINISTRIES: Weekly Totals:** June 24, 2026  
 Families: 83      Individuals: 288      New Families: 7

### 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 July—September 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.

**THANKSGIVING PRAYER:** We pray in thanksgiving with the Cooper family which was blessed with the birth of Trace Alexander Cooper on Mon., June 15. His parents are Daniel & Erica Cooper, and grandparents are Steve & Carla Cooper.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are placed to the glory of God by the CWST in honor of DCE Recognition Sunday; and by Steve and Gary Kirk in memory of their mother June Kirk, whose birthday is June 30.

**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.

**From the CHURCH OFFICE:** Please note the times that the Church Office is open this week as we move into vacation season for staff. The **office is closed on July 3** for the Fourth of July holiday.

**NEW CHURCH BOOKKEEPER:** The current bookkeeper Brenda Marhanka will be stepping away from her position. **Christine Stratmann**, who held the position previously, will be stepping back in this week. The bookkeeper email will remain the same at [bookkeeper@hcross.com](mailto:bookkeeper@hcross.com).

**CONGREGATION PRESIDENT RESIGNED**  
Holy Cross President Greg Emerick has relocated out of the area. He officially stepped down as president of the congregation on June 1. Vice President Todd Rasche has agreed to step into the role of congregation president.

**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. Drop-off dates are Aug. 12, 1 to 7PM, and Aug. 13, from 1 to 4PM. Please bring items only on those dates since we do not have extra storage space. 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](mailto:Teresa.Nelson@lfnd.org).

**ONE SERVICE JULY 5:** With Independence Day falling on a Saturday this year, 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.

**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!

**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](mailto:missions@hcross.com)), Todd Rasche ([vicepresident@hcross.com](mailto:vicepresident@hcross.com)), and Pastor Gimbel ([agimbel@hcross.com](mailto: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](mailto:elders@hcross.com).

# HELP US BUILD A NEW PLAYGROUND!

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



**OUR GOAL: \$85,000**

WE'VE ALREADY RAISED \$75,000 THROUGH DEDICATED CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OUR PLAYGROUND FUND AND PRESCHOOL FUND.

★ **WE NEED \$10,000 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](#)

**GOAL!**  
**\$85,000**

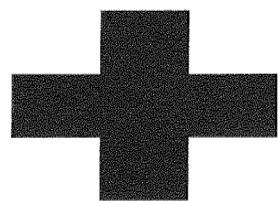


**\$75,000**  
CURRENT TOTAL

★ TOGETHER, WE CAN REACH OUR GOAL! ★

## 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, July 16, 2026**  
**10AM to 2PM**

Please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](#) and enter: HolyCrossLC to schedule an appointment.



Scan to schedule an appointment.

All donors will receive a Fandango movie ticket, which will be sent to them directly via email after their donation.

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# 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!

# ENGAGE EVENTS - 2026

*Presents*

## Guest Speaker

Rev. Dr. Joel Biermann



Topic:  
***What the Church Owes the World***

Date:  
**Tuesday, June 30 at 6:30pm**  
Immanuel Lutheran Church-Wentzville Campus