



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

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
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News & Notes for July 11&12, 2026

The Seventh 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; Bill Beck; 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 Johansmann; Mike Kahler; Frieda Karl; Edna Kee; Ron Kettler; Judith Kirby; Bob Knehans; Sandra Kohrs; Debra Korte; Joyce Lang; Betty Lee; Sadie Liefer; Steve Mabry; 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; Verna Tucker; Wayne Walkenhorst; Larry Williams; Ernestine Wilson.

WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Diane Coppola Bralies (Liz Rasche)
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)
Al Ketsenburg
Bobbi Kistler (Mike Kahler)
Bill Knehans (Bob & Barb Knehans)
Joyce Kroll (David Schlesselman)
Jesse Kurka (Susan Mays)
Sandy Lockwood (David Gilson)
Neva Martin (Craig Dement)
Mike (Debbie Parks)
Vera Piazza (Robert & Sherry Piazza)
Cindy Preston (Maryanne McDaniel)
Kelly Schlereth (Patti Koepp)
Brenda McCowan (Loretta Ezell)
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)
Keith Wooden (Randy Jones)
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, Cindy Wallace
(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, Iris & 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)
Bobbi Kistler; Donna Rogers; Matt Kahler; Malu Martin
(Mike & Dawn Kahler)
Alicia & Mark Kincaid, Alicia Kleb, Mike Sneed, Cindy
Sneed, Winnie Sneed (Michelle Kincaid)
Rodger Bratvogel; George & Sandra Roberts
(Elma Jane Kramer)
Donna Fleischacker-Maheras, Jen Gabaluther & Family,
Duane Rahe, Nelda Schmidt (Peggy Kuerschner)
John Bach, Rachel Long (Betty Lee)
Kim Clark & Family, James Olek, Susan Maag
(Menschers)
Gorman Cooper, Janie Machens (Tina Morrison)
David Eggers, Mike Niewald (Niewalds)
Violet Mittenberg, Paul Palombi, Elsie Palombi (Diane
Palombi)
Mark Haefner, 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)
Len Cox, David Steinbacher (Ernestine Wilson)

MORE PRAYER REQUESTS
— see page 3

WEEKLY CALENDAR

CREATION MUSEUM & ARK ENCOUNTER

July 10-14, 2026

SATURDAY, July 11, 2026

3PM Holy Baptism — Jase Saale
5PM Holy Communion

SUNDAY, July 12, 2026

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

MONDAY, July 13, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11:30AM

9AM TOPS
11AM Line Dancing
6PM Church Executive Board
7:30PM Council Meeting

TUESDAY, July 14, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11AM

9AM Quilting
10AM Women's Bible Study
12:30PM Staff Meeting
6:30PM Adult Bible Class

WEDNESDAY, July 15, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11:30AM

AUGUST KOINONIA DEADLINE

9:30AM Adult Bible Class
6:45PM Summer Youth Night

THURSDAY, July 16, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11:30AM

NEWS&NOTES DEADLINE 8AM

10AM to 2PM American Red Cross
Blood Drive (gym)
6:30PM 20s&30s&40s Bible Study

FRIDAY, July 17, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11:30AM

SATURDAY, July 18, 2026

5PM Holy Communion
5PM CWST Pork Steak Dinner

SUNDAY, July 19, 2026

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, Jesse Smith.**

CHURCH ATTENDANCE: July 5, 2026

Service	Attendance	Communion
10AM	181	149

Bible Class Attendance Week of July 5, 2026

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	0
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	5
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	4
Sunday Adult Bible Class	32
New Member Orientation	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	13
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	NA
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM Bible Class	35
Wednesday Nights	10
20s&30s Thursday	NR

Offerings: June 29-July 5, 2026

General Fund	\$ 14,430.70
Endowment	\$ 120.00
Building Fund	\$ 180.00
Missions Weekly	\$ 145.02
Missions Total	\$ 3,189.44

Year-To-Date: 05.31.2026

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: July 8, 2026
Families: 82 Individuals: 266 New Families: 5

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Earl & Sandy Dietz and Larry & Loretta Ezell. Both couples celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries on July 10.

HOLY BAPTISM: Jase Alexander Saale, son of Justin & Amanda (Karl) Saale, will be baptized on Sat., July 11, at 3PM by Pastor Gimbel. Jase was born Jan. 9, 2026. His baptismal sponsors are Kim Pelster and Jake Heinicke. Welcome to God's Family!

PRAYER REQUESTS for those who mourn:

For the family of Dennis Helms, son of Norma Helms, who died July 9.

A CHURCH TRIUMPHANT SERVICE for Ruth Sevick will be held at Holy Cross on July 27. Public visitation is at 10AM; service is at 11AM; luncheon is at noon.

DIVE INTO SUMMER! Join the Holy Cross family for a **POOL PARTY** at Alligator's Creek on July 24 from 7:45PM to 9:45PM. Adults must accompany their children. No alcohol allowed. Outside food and drink are welcome – just NO glass.

BACK TO SCHOOL MUSICIANS For the Back to School Bash on Sun., Aug. 9, we are looking for student musicians to help out with the service. If you know (or are) a student of any age and would like to play an instrument in church, either in a group or as a solo, please talk to David Gilson or email him at dgilson@hcross.com by Aug. 2.

SPRING CLEANING?! 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.

PONY RIDES AND PETTING ZOO: On Sat., Aug., 15, we will have two ponies at Holy Cross from 9am to 11am for children to ride. There will also be small animals for anyone to pet and feed, including a calf, miniature horse, goat, sheep, rabbit, duck, lizard, and dog. The event is free to everyone. Bring your children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors. This is a great opportunity to welcome people to Holy Cross, as we will also have free spiritual information available to everyone who attends. Let the animals invite people so we can share Jesus with them.

AUGUST KOINONIA DEADLINE is July 15. Please submit articles and photos by that date to ensure a timely production. Thank you.

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

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).

The 5th Annual Pork Steak Dinner and Corn Hole Tournament Seminary Fundraiser

Please save the date **Sat., July 18 (next Saturday)**, for the Fifth Annual Pork Steak Dinner & Corn Hole Tournament. This is the last weekend tickets can be purchased! **Do it today!**

All money earned will support our Seminary students and their families. The menu includes pork steaks; a choice of baked potato or potato salad; coleslaw; a choice of baked beans or corn on the cob; and dessert—all for the low price of just \$16. A children's menu of hot dogs, chips, a fruit cup, and dessert will be available for \$5. Dinners will be served from 5:30 to 7:30PM, and carry-outs are available.

The Corn Hole tournament with gift card prizes will also be held that day. Please join us for the fun and support our Seminary student (Isaac and Alyssa Conrad from Holy Cross) who will be leaving St. Louis for their year of Vicarage in Colorado in July.

Get your tickets this weekend in the Welcome Center before and after services. **LAST CHANCE!**

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

When I first volunteered to teach Sunday School, I thought I was signing up to help the kids. What I didn't expect was how much I would get out of it myself.

It's been a great way to reconnect with Bible stories and lessons I hadn't thought about in years, and it's definitely strengthened my faith along the way.

Just as important, it's helped me build friendships and connections with people I might not have gotten to know otherwise. Over time, those relationships have become a real faith family.

And volunteering doesn't have to mean a weekly commitment. There are plenty of ways to help, whether serving as a substitute teacher, assisting behind the scenes, helping with special events, or lending a hand when you're available.

If you've ever considered volunteering, I'd encourage you to give it a try. You don't need to be an expert—just willing to show up. The rewards have been much greater than the time I've invested. – Jayme Price

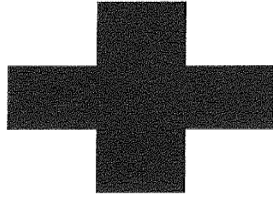
Contact DCE Charity Smith, Education Board Chair Trudy Belter, or the church office.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE—Thurs., July 16, from 10AM to 2PM. See the flyer on page 4. We need 22 more donors!

CHURCH BOOKKEEPER NEEDED: Holy Cross Lutheran Church is seeking a part-time bookkeeper to work about 16 hours a week. Must have bookkeeping experience, preferably Quickbooks. Banking software and payroll software experience is also recommended. Please send inquiries and/or a resume to treasurer@hcross.com

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Blood Drive Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Gym
8945 Veterans Memorial Parkway
O Fallon, MO 63366

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

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Lutheran High School is looking for a **part-time Junior Cougar Coordinator** to lead and expand LJC program(s). This mission-critical role is focused on connecting LHS with association-grade schools and our community, and on building relationships with families early. Check the website for details and a full job description: <https://lutheranhighstcharles.com/about/faculty-staff/careers/>. Applications can be completed via Paycor on our website. Questions? careers@lhssc.org.

Lutheran High is seeking a **driver (or two)** to help with morning transportation from the Wentzville area. Drivers will get a Cougar Van from LHS, pick up students at Immanuel Wentzville, and take them to LHS each morning. There will be no return trip in the afternoon. This is a paid position, so if you are interested in this opportunity, contact **Micah Braddy** at mbraddy@lhssc.org or 636.928.5100.

Lutheran High School is seeking a **Head Boys Golf Coach** to lead and mentor student-athletes in a Christ-centered environment. If you have a passion for golf and developing young men both on and off the course, we encourage you to apply. For more information, contact Melvin Bethany at bethany@lhssc.org.

Christmas in July

Rising 6th to 2026 Grads + Friends

Location: Holy Cross' Youth Room

Time: Come and go from 9-5pm

Date: July 25

Come along for...

- Christmas in July Movie Marathon with movies like Elf, The Year Without A Santa Claus, The Grinch, and more!
- We will have chocolate milk, classic Christmas cookies, and Christmas Games.
- Youth can bring blankets, pillows, snacks, and come in comfortable, appropriate pajamas.

SPONSORS:

Gimbel & Elick Families

RSVP by July 17th



SUMMER YOUTH NIGHTS

Rising 6th graders to
2026 HS graduates

6:45-8PM

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

Jr. Cougars Soccer Registration is Open!

Open to students in **Pre-K through 4th grade (2026-2027 school year)**, our program provides a fun, encouraging environment where young athletes build skills, develop teamwork, and grow in confidence.

The season runs **Sept. 5-Oct. 24**, with games played on **Saturday mornings at Lutheran High School**. Teams practice once a week, with schedules determined by each coach after rosters are released in August. The registration fee is **\$75 per player** and includes a team jersey, one weekly practice, and one game each week. **Registration closes Saturday, Aug. 1.** Don't miss your chance to be part of another great season of Jr. Cougars Soccer! Register here: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/IGZhJLAR>