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Ministry to Shut-Ins: Caring for Valued Members of the Body of Christ

Some situations in pastoral ministry break my heart. Some of those times are when I contemplate the lives of our members who are shut-in and unable to leave their homes without assistance.

One of the reasons it breaks my heart is that I see in my life many things that I can enjoy and do, even with the simple fact that I can drive my own car to visit them in their home. I know that for all of them at one point in their lives, they were fully functioning, independent, and capable members of society. It is always humbling to see what God has decided to take away from them and how life has been narrowed down for them.

However, just because these individuals who are shut in and homebound are not able to do as much as they used to, in no way does that mean that they are any less a part of the body of Christ, His Church. They also are no less valuable than the most active and connected members of the Church. Therefore, they need to be cared for spiritually in the same ways that every other member is cared for, if not even more so.

One change that I have noticed in the last several years, especially since 2020, is that many more of our shut-in and homebound members are comfortable using technology to stay connected with others as well as their home congregations. Some are using text messages, watching church services online, or even participating in Bible study opportunities over Zoom or other virtual learning options. However, while technology can be a great way to connect, nothing replaces face-to-face human contact or receiving forgiveness of sins through the Word and Sacrament.

Even so, many shut-ins and homebound who are tech-savvy still find themselves battling loneliness and depression. They are removed from their friends, and in some cases, their family and even their spouse. Whenever I have the opportunity to visit those who are shut-in and homebound, there is a joy that enters the room the moment I step in. Simply a visit and my presence can make a big impact – sometimes even bigger than I realize.

Here at Holy Cross, visiting and caring for our flock who are shut in and homebound due to age or disability is a work area. We have not done as good a job at this ministry as we

could have. We are, however, looking to improve that ministry in real, concrete ways this year, and here is how we are going to do that:

First, we recognize that Holy Cross has been given a unique and precious gift – the gift of the Lord's Supper. We would like to prioritize that our shut-ins and homebound faithfully receive Christ's gifts in this way once per quarter (i.e., once every three months). The elders and pastors feel that this task of giving the Lord's Supper is most appropriately administered by ordained clergy. To that end, Holy Cross has decided to reach out to Rev. Keith Wachter, pastor emeritus at Holy Cross, to help with these communion visits. Rev. Wachter faithfully served Holy Cross as pastor for many years and will bring a lot to the table for this task.

Pastor Kohm, Rev. Wachter, and I (Pastor Gimbel) are meeting quarterly to review our shut-in list (to see which members need to be added or removed) and divide the list between us as to whom will be responsible for the visitation that

quarter. At the time of this writing, 38 members on our shut-in list are in need of an in-home communion visit.

In addition, we also have a "watch list" for our shut-in ministry that consists of 36 members. This list includes members who are shut-in but have found ways to come to in-person worship at Holy Cross. This "watch list" includes members whose health is declining and who are close to requiring in-home visits. At these quarterly meetings, we will check if any members on the "watch list" have not received the Lord's Supper in the last quarter, and add them to the regular visitation list for the new quarter.

Furthermore, there are members who have not worshipped with us for more than a year who are in the typical shut-in/homebound age demographic who need to be contacted, which may increase these numbers even more.

For this ministry, we want to make sure that the congregation is aware of our new plan and intention to more faithfully care for our shut-in and inactive members at Holy Cross. Thank you for your support and help for this important task of caring for all members of the body of Christ!

~ Pastor Gimbel



"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here."
2 Corinthians 5:17

Dani Richardson
Preschool Director
& Lead Teacher

Rebecca Nutter
Assistant Director
& Extended Care



IMPORTANT NOTICE:
PRESCHOOL ROOMS 4-5, 7, 11-12
ARE PEANUT- & NUT-FREE 24/7
DUE TO SEVERE ALLERGIC REACTION.

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

BACK TO SCHOOL TIME!

Preschool Begins August 17

Starting Preschool is a big adventure. For many students, this will be their first time away from family, which can cause mixed feelings of fear, anxiety, and lots of excitement. To help adjust to these feelings we had a Parent Meeting and Meet Your Teacher in our classrooms in August.

The 4-year-old class has 4 openings. A few openings remain in the three-year-old class and in the newly added three-year-old class!

We are looking forward to sharing the wonderful message with the children that Jesus loves them and is always with them.

We will focus on our school year theme verse 2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here."

Preschool Staff for 2026-2027



DANI RICHARDSON, Preschool Director
4-Year-Old & 3-Year-Old Preschool Teacher
Teaching at Holy Cross since Sept. 2023
Bachelors in Early Childhood



BECKY NUTTER, Assistant Director
Teaching at Holy Cross since Oct. 2019
Extended Education Teacher
Associate degree in Early Childhood



KRISTIN HOMAN
3-Year-Old Preschool Teacher
since September 2024
Bachelors in Education



CINDY WHITE
Four-Year-Old Teacher Assistant
& Extended Care
At Holy Cross since September 2023
Bachelors Degree



LAURA GIMBEL
Teaching at Holy Cross since August 2026
Teacher Assistant with 3-Year-Olds
Bachelors in Education

THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL CONGREGATION!
We raised enough funds to complete the playground installation, and the playground will be ready to go before school starts on August 17! Construction as of July 23 (photo) More Preschool on page 3.



Annual Golf for Schools Tournament



Please join us and our friends at Child of God for a fun day of golf on Mon., Sept. 7, at the Falls Golf course. Shotgun start at 1:30 PM. Registration fee of \$125 per person includes 18 holes of golf in a 4-person scramble, prizes, unlimited drinks, plus a dinner

of barbeque chicken, pulled pork, and sides. Sign up as a team of 4 or individually and we will put you on a team. Registration forms are available in the Church Office, on the Welcome Center table, and on top of the Preschool cubbies. Deadline for registering is August 31. Any business or individual interested in sponsoring a hole or game can contact Neal and Cynthia Menscher at memschmi@yahoo.com. Proceeds benefit Holy Cross Preschool and Child of God Lutheran Schools. Thrivent Action Teams will be used to support the event.

Petting Zoo and Pony Rides

Calling All Children and Animal Lovers: On Sat., Aug. 15, Holy Cross will host a Petting Zoo and Pony Rides from 9AM to 11AM out on the back field.

Children can ride two ponies. All ages can pet and feed various animals, including a calf, goat, rabbit, sheep, duck, lizard, and dog.

The event is free!

We encourage you to invite friends and neighbors. This is a great way to introduce them to Holy Cross.



We will have lots of books and pamphlets to hand out to children and families so that they can learn more about Jesus.

Help us share the Gospel with our community.

Follow Holy Cross Preschool on their Facebook page at facebook.com/hclpreschool to see more of our activities. Please contact the Preschool Director Dani Richardson at 272-4505 if you have any questions regarding its programs.



Holy Cross had one service on July 5.

PHOTO BY STEVE LEISCHEIDT



HAPPY 103rd BIRTHDAY, VERNA TUCKER!

Retreat: Anchored in Faith

St. John's Lutheran Church in Warrenton will sponsor a **Ladies Retreat on Aug. 1, 2026. RSVP by July 25** to Marcia 636-346-6037 or Church Office 636.456.2888. Registration & Continental Breakfast 8 to 9AM. Guest speaker is Amy Nunn. Informational discussion and activities. Salad lunch ending at 12:30PM. Donations please: Please bring 13-gallon trash bags, dish soap, or laundry detergent for ANCHOR HOUSE Warrenton.

Monthly Music Minute for August 2026

*A series in which the music director shares some thoughts
about the music coming up in church this month*

hristmas in...August?

On August 8-9, our Hymn of the Day will be LSB 384, "Of the Father's Love Begotten". This Christmas hymn has roots as early as the 300's AD. You might ask why, though, would we be singing a Christmas hymn in August.

The typical societal summer celebration is "Christmas in July" — no doubt you've heard that phrase. Our youth are even holding a Christmas in July event. So, you might be thinking, maybe it's related to that. One problem — August isn't July.

Okay then, you may think, what about other church holidays related to Christmas? What about the Feast of the Annunciation? Or maybe John the Baptist's birth? Those are Christmas-related days, and they would be good guesses, too. However, the Annunciation takes place on March 25 — nine months before Christmas. And the Nativity of John falls on June 24, six months before — as Scripture says.

Alright, David, enough with the guessing games. Obviously you're going to tell us why we're singing a Christmas hymn in August — that's why you're writing this article, after all — so just get on with it.

Okay, you wore me down. I'll tell you. We're singing LSB 384 in celebration of...Back to School Bash?

Well, sort of. Back to School Bash marks the occasion of many things at Holy Cross — the blessing of backpacks, the giving of Bibles and Catechisms to our young people, and the installation of teachers and helpers. In the past couple years, it has also kicked off our church-wide theme for the year, based on "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made." Last year's theme was "The Things God Has Made," and this year's theme is "The New Person God Has Made," based on 2 Corinthians 5:17: "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." The idea is a reinforcement that our identity is wholly and completely in Christ.

This, finally, brings us to the hymn. The hymn is usually assigned to Christmas because of its second verse, which talks specifically about Jesus' birth. I think, though, that limiting this hymn to Christmas sells it short, because the hymn is not *really* about Christmas — it's about the very nature of who Christ is, God incarnate. Look at the first verse, in particular:

*Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He.
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see evermore and evermore.*

I am reminded of the verse "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." And this Jesus, God of the universe since before creation, who is outside of time, stoops down, humbling himself by becoming one of us, and out of his great love for us, takes all our sins upon himself.

What great love, that He whom the heavens and the angels adore, thinks of you! What awesome love, that He chooses you to be his new creation! He makes you a new creation each and every day through your baptism, drowning your sins and your faults, repeatedly washing you and making you new. He gives you a foretaste of the feast to come in Holy Communion. And one day, we will take part in that great Feast in all its glory, as part of the New Jerusalem, the New Creation. There no tongue on earth will be silent, and there every voice in concert will ring evermore and evermore.

Merry Christmas!

— David Gilson

Music Calendar Notes

Aug. 17, 6:30PM: Handbell Polishing Party

Aug. 24, 6:30PM: Adult Handbells first rehearsal

Aug. 26, 6PM: Beginning Bells begins
Children's Choir begins

Aug. 27, 6:45PM: Adult Choir begins

Sept. 7: No Rehearsal

For more information, contact:

David Gilson
Director of Music
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
dgilson@hcross.com

Meet Your Elder: Ralph and Renea Erickson

A series in which members of the Board of Elders introduce themselves and share some thoughts

Ralph and Renea Erickson have been members of Holy Cross since June 2008. They are grateful to be part of the Holy Cross family and are glad to share a little about their life together, their family, and the faith journey that brought them here.

Ralph and Renea came from different Christian backgrounds. Ralph grew up in Park Ridge and Woodstock, Illinois, in the Catholic Church. Renea grew up in a Berean Fundamental Church in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. While pursuing his aviation career, Ralph found himself in Scottsbluff, where he met Renea. The two were married in the Berean Church there in 1977.

Ralph's work as a pilot brought the couple to St. Louis in June 1978, when he was hired by Ozark Airlines. He later retired as a captain from American Airlines in 2017, after surviving through the mergers of Ozark and TWA then the TWA and American Airlines merger. After Airline retirement, He then served for five years as an Air Safety Inspector with the FAA before entering full retirement.

Ralph has also been certified as an EMT, while serving volunteer work with the National Ski Patrol for 38 years, and was active in health and fitness for much of his life. As a family, the Ericksons earned their first-degree black belts together in martial arts in 1996. Ralph continued on to earn his second-degree black belt and was nearly finished with his third degree before a motorcycle accident in 2001 limited many of his fitness activities.

Like many people, Ralph and Renea experienced seasons when they drifted from their Christian upbringing. In 1978, shortly after they were married and had moved to St. Louis, they decided it was time to find a church home. By God's providence, they visited Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS) in Bridgeton, Missouri. After visiting with the pastor, they became members and were confirmed into that congregation in January 1979.

Later that year, the Ericksons moved to New Melle, Missouri, but continued attending Trinity because of



their involvement in evangelism and stewardship. In 1981, they transferred to St. Paul's LCMS Church, where they remained until joining Holy Cross in 2008. At St. Paul's, Ralph served in evangelism, stewardship, and as an elder for much of their time there. Renea helped with Sunday school and also served as a teacher's aide at Immanuel LCMS in Wentzville while their

two boys were students there.

Their spiritual journey is a meaningful part of their story. After hearing the clear biblical Gospel from the pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Ralph says the Holy Spirit lit a fire in him for deeper biblical understanding and spiritual growth. Over the years, his interest in theology and apologetics continued to grow.

In addition to personal Bible study, Ralph read and studied systematic, dogmatic, and apologetic theology and audited many seminary courses and lectures that were available online. He describes it by saying that he "read his way into the Lutheran faith" and brought Renea along with him. During the summer of 2015, Ralph and Renea attended an apologetics course through the International Academy of Apologetics, Evangelism & Human Rights in Strasbourg, France.

Ralph enjoys talking about theology, apologetics, and is willing to share the many resources he has collected over the years. He is interested in learning more in order to pass on more.

Today, Ralph is pleased to serve as an elder at Holy Cross. Since a car accident in 2017, Renea has continued to deal with post-concussion TBI symptoms, including fatigue and sensitivity to light, noise, and crowds. For that reason, Saturday services often work best for them because of the timing and smaller crowd. You will most often find Ralph at Saturday services, either helping as an usher or serving as an elder. Ralph and Renea are thankful to be part of the Holy Cross family and look forward to continued fellowship with the congregation.

Many Hands, One Church

Bible Study, VBS, Sunday School, Midweek, Missions, Ladies Guild, Fellowship, and more all happen because people like you step in and serve.



We need helping hands—whether you can give a little time or a lot. No need to "commit your life".... just a willingness to be part of something meaningful.

Hear from fellow members who have volunteered and discovered unexpected blessings, friendships, laughter, and purpose along the way.

Holy Cross needs volunteers for Sunday School classes and Wednesday night classes. My wife and I were approached about teaching a class on Wednesday evenings. We were hesitant at first, as we are not teachers. Charity met with us on a Sunday morning, and we got to observe the children, their parents, and the volunteers. We decided to give it a whirl. We started our classes in August of 2025. We work with first- and second grade children, and they are delightful. We wanted to get more involved with the church. We have enjoyed the feeling of belonging. We are in the Wednesday night class; it only lasts 45 minutes. Please think about joining our team. The children enjoy the singing and activities.

*Thank you,
Bob and Cindy Aubertin*

Because church isn't just a place we attend—it's a family we build together. There's a place for everyone. We'd love for you to be part of it.

Please reach out to DCE Charity Smith, Trudy Belter, or Wendy Tentschert if you are interested in learning more about supporting the growing church.

“Train up a child in the way

he should go:

And when he is old,

he will not depart from it.”

~ Proverbs 22:6 (KJV)

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

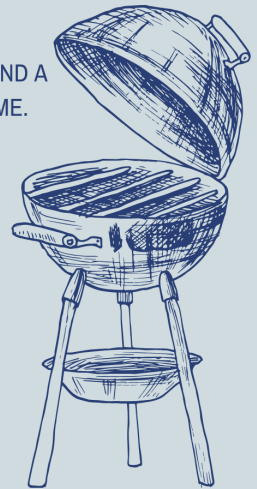
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EDUCATION & THE BOARD OF YOUTH

All volunteers for the 2026-27 school year,
please join us for a BBQ at Holy Cross' Pavilion
to start the year off on a great note.

AUGUST 15TH @ 5:00 - 7:00 PM

PLEASE BRING A SIDE TO SHARE AND A
CHAIR. YARD GAMES ARE WELCOME.

- Families are invited.
- Please RSVP to Jayme Price
price.jayme@stifelbank.com
by August 7th.



**Hope Seeds meets
Aug. 6**

Join the group in the gym at 9AM to
pack seeds for missions.

Sponsored by Holy Cross Stewardship Board.

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 re-connect 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

NEW CHURCH LEADERS

Rob Paoletti has been appointed vice president until the November Voters' Assembly election.

Todd Rasche, who held that position, is now acting president after Greg Emerick resigned due to a move out of the area.

From the WELCOME CENTER COMMITTEE

To 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 committee members: Rob Paoletti (vicepresident@hcross.com), Pastor Gimbel (agimbel@hcross.com), and Ashleigh Wallace-Lacey (stewardship@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.

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

ANNUAL PICNIC

SUNDAY SEPT. 13
STARTING AT 1:00 PM

FOOD • FELLOWSHIP • FUN

HOT DOGS AND HAMBURGERS
will be provided!

POTLUCK ON SIDE DISHES AND DESSERTS!

A-L BRING A SIDE DISH
M-Z BRING DESSERTS

FUN FOR ALL AGES!

CORN HOLE
WASHERS GAMES
BINGO

BINGO PRIZES for all ages!

SECOND CHANCE TO PURCHASE Holy Cross Merchandise BEFORE THE PICNIC!

Come hungry and enjoy a great afternoon together! ♥

Order Merchandise for the Church Picnic

TWO WEEKENDS ONLY!

Holy Cross merchandise is back! Beginning Aug. 1&2, an assortment of items with the Holy Cross logo printed or embroidered on them will be available for purchase before and after all worship services in the Welcome Center.



Some of these items were available last year, but new items will be for sale also. This sale of Holy Cross merchandise is not a fundraiser, so prices are very affordable. Items will only be sold for 2 weekends, **August 1&2 and Aug. 8&9.**

Items will be delivered on Labor Day weekend so they are available for you to wear to the church picnic on Sept. 13. Cash or check will be accepted, and you **must pay at the time of purchase. Remember — you only have 2 weeks to place your order!**



LADIES GUILD CELEBRATES USA'S 250TH



Holy Cross Ladies Guild recently held their annual July Gathering. This year's theme was the 250th Birthday of America. Members enjoyed music and singing of patriotic songs, patriotic-themed games and decorations, and a delicious lunch of foods representing

America as a melting pot. The group was entertained by members representing famous women in American history. Shown in the photo is Jan Flentke, Ladies Guild member. Special thanks to both pastors who joined in the festivities and to Pastor Gimbel for delivering the opening devotion.

All women of Holy Cross are invited to attend meetings of either or both Guilds. Join us as we "serve the Lord with gladness" by raising funds for missions at home and around the world.

Holy Cross has two LWML groups:

Holy Cross Ladies Guild met **Fri., July 10, 10AM.**
Grace Evening Guild will meet in September.



RUMMAGE SALE THIS MONTH

The Annual Ladies Guild Rummage Sale will be held **Sat., Aug. 15, from 7AM until NOON.**

Please save your unwanted items for the Rummage Sale! **Drop off items on Wed., Aug. 12, from 1PM to 7PM, and Thurs., Aug. 13, from 1PM to 4PM** at the Holy Cross gym. 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.

Come to the Rummage Sale and get great bargains on cool stuff!

Craft Expo

November 7, 2026
9:00 – 3:00

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
 8945 Veterans Memorial Parkway
 O'Fallon, MO 63366

Information and Registration forms
 available on the Welcome Center table.

Featuring Custom Art, Woodworking,
 Handcrafted Jewelry, Christmas Items
 and so much more...

Grace Evening Guild

AUGUST BIBLE & RELIGIOUS PUBLICATIONS DRIVE

Grace Guild will sponsor the collection of old Bibles, devotion books and other religious materials during the month of August in the Welcome Center. Love Packages is the recipient of these donations which will be shipped throughout the world. Read more about their organization on their website. This is the third year we have sponsored this collection.



BACK TO SCHOOL

Bash!

Kick off the school year with fun, friends, and festivities!

August 9th
9:30 - 10:30 AM

For more events, visit hcross.com/youth

Let's celebrate the new school year in style!

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
8945 Veterans Memorial Pkwy



Multi Church High School

BACKYARD BASH

Save the Date
August 12
5-8 pm

RSVP with QR Code by Aug 9th

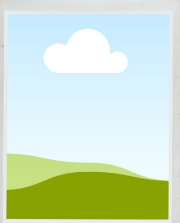


Hosted by Holy Cross in O'Fallon

August 12th **Middle School ONLY** **6:45 - 8pm**

Photo Scavenger Hunt

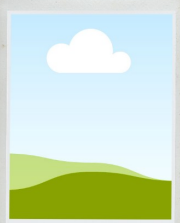
Drop off and Pick up in Ft. Zumwalt Park



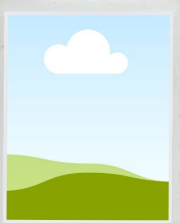
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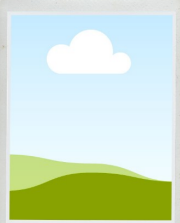
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RSVP by Aug 9th, friends invited.



August 19
6:30 pm

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Orientation Night



JOIN US FOR:

- Midweek Classes (PreK - 5th)
- Confirmation
- High School Youth (LYF)

Everyone will start in the gym than it is an open house for everyone.

August 2026

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Calendar of Events

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
26	JULY	27	28	29	30	31	1	AUGUST					
8 AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour 10:45AM Holy Communion Noon Morrison Baby Shower		9:30 AM TOPS RUTH SEVICK FUNERAL 11 AM Service Noon Luncheon		Higher Things Confirmation Camp July 28-Aug. 1 9AM Quilting 10AM Women's Bible Study 10:30AM LWML St. Charles Zone Executive Board Meeting (WC) 12:30PM Staff Meeting 6:30PM Adult Bible Study		8AM Dennis Helms Service Noon Funeral Luncheon		8AM News & Notes Deadline 6:30PM 20s&30s&40s Bible Class				5PM Holy Communion	
2		3	4	ELECTION DAY	5	6	7	8					
8AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour 10:45AM Holy Communion 1:30PM Board of Elders		9:30 AM TOPS 11AM Line Dancing		OPEN 4:30AM — Close 10PM VOTING 6AM-7PM 12:30PM Staff Luncheon 3pm Preschool Board		9:30AM Adult Bible Class 6:45PM Summer Youth Night		8AM News & Notes Deadline 9AM HOPE Seeds 6:30PM 20s&30s&40s Bible Class				5PM Holy Communion	
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BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH 8AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour 10:45AM Holy Communion		9:30 AM TOPS 11AM Line Dancing 6PM Executive Board 7:30PM Council Meeting		Preschool Teacher Work Day 9AM Quilting 10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meeting 6:30PM Adult Bible Study		Preschool Teacher Work Day 9:30AM Adult Bible Class 1 to 7PM: Rummage Sale Dropoff in gym 6PM Preschool 3s: Meet Your Teacher 6:45PM Youth Circuit-wide Event at Holy Cross		Preschool Teacher Work Day 8AM News & Notes Deadline 1 to 4PM: Rummage Sale Dropoff in gym 6PM Preschool 4s: Meet Your Teacher 6:30PM 20s&30s&40s Bible Class		KOINONIA DEADLINE 10AM Ladies Guild		7AM TO NOON: Ladies Guild Rummage Sale in gym 9AM to 11AM: Petting Zoo (back lawn) 5PM Teacher Appreciation BBQ 5PM Communion	
16		17	18	19	20	21	22						
8 AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour 10:45AM Holy Communion		PRESCHOOL OPENS: 4s & Extended Care 9:30 AM TOPS 11AM Line Dancing 6:30PM Handbells: Polishing Party		PRESCHOOL 3s: First Day 10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meeting 6:30PM Bds of Youth & Ed.		9:30AM Adult Bible Class 11AM PS Recess 6:30PM Wednesday Night Orientation		8AM News & Notes Deadline Koinonia Production 9:10AM PS Recess 6:30PM 20s&30s&40s Bible Class		10AM KOINONIA MAILING 9:30AM Preschool Gym		5PM Holy Communion	
23		24	25	26	27	28	29						
8 AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour 9:30AM New Member Orientation 10:45AM Holy Communion		9:30 AM TOPS 9:30AM PS Recess 11AM Line Dancing 6:30PM Handbells		9AM Quilting 9:10AM Preschool Recess 10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meeting 6:30PM Adult Bible Study		9:30AM Adult Bible Class 11AM PS Recess 6:45PM Wednesday Night schedule begins 6:45PM Adult Choir		8AM News & Notes Deadline 9:10AM PS Recess 6:30PM 20s&30s&40s Bible Class		9:30AM Preschool Gym		9AM TO 3PM Church Work Day 5PM Matins	
30		31	1	2	3	4	5						
8 AM Prayer & Preaching 9:30AM Education Hour 10:45AM Prayer & Preaching		9:30 AM TOPS 9:30AM PS Recess 11AM Line Dancing 6:30PM Handbells		9AM PS Chapel 9:10AM Preschool Recess 10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meeting		9AM Preschool Chapel 9:30AM Adult Bible Class 6:45PM Wednesday Night 6:45PM Adult Choir		8AM News & Notes Deadline 6:30PM 20s&30s&40s Bible Class				5PM Holy Communion	

August 2025 Celebrations

*The Lord will be with you
wherever you go.*

Joshua 1:9

Happy Birthday!

- 1: Marie Benigno, Judith Bonney
- 2: Sandie Fussner, Alan Hofer, Aylah Jones, Jerry Lancour
- 3: Hunter Cameron, Tony Crafton
- 4: Nancy Caldwell, Jennifer Powers, Brandon Sumski
- 5: Axel Powers
- 7: Dominic Chinnici, Jodi Schneider
- 8: Carol Cagle, Donald Pickens, Tom Zimmermann
- 9: Wes Dafler, Katherine Hoylman, Jesse Smith
- 10: Lauren Rheinecker
- 11: Kent Allsberry, Richard Gleba Sr., Carolyn Grayson, Denise Sagez
- 12: Mike Albano, Bob Delohi, Jenna Haffer, Pat Temple, Madelyn Trapp
- 13: Robert Blundell, Jen Brown, Josh Linn
- 14: Doug Koepke, Jennifer Reed, Kevin Smith
- 15: Michael Claxton
- 16: Dena Schoenike, Keri Wardenburg
- 17: Joyce Lang, Shana Ziolk
- 18: John Schneider IV, Michelle Sliger
- 19: Jocelyn Elick, Shirley Niewald
- 20: Dianne Helvey, Kathy Unger
- 21: Penelope Elick, Larry Ezell, Garrett Piazza, Magnus Powers, Bob Williams
- 22: Ripley Bennett, Brandon Shouse
- 23: Jonathan Frasch, Tanner May
- 24: Craig DeMent, Austin Shouse, Benjamin Wiese, Will Wiese IV,
- 25: Mark Crider
- 26: Paul Brown, Kaitlyn Cunningham, Roger Liefer, Maggie McCulloch, Blanche Richterkessing
- 27: Mary Bollinger, Alice Buehne, Cindy Downs, Melinda Meyers
- 28: Alexander Eaton
- 29: Paul Goris, Charlotte Grissom
- 30: Carl Hardman, Cassa Henderson, John Jackson Jr., Amanda Saale, William Wichern
- 31: Joy Adams, Donald Duncan, Christine Eaton, Jessica Maull

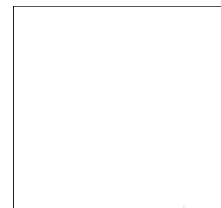
Happy Baptism Anniversary!

- 1: Alyssa Crider, Dale Ledford
- 4: Jim Dunajcik
- 6: Jaidyn Benson, Conner Walkenhorst
- 7: Michelle Dunajcik, Wyatt Dunajcik
- 8: Axel Powers
- 11: Tanner May, Ashley Zimmerman
- 12: Colton Cameron, Logan Harmon, Lukas Harmon, Rachel Laufer
- 14: George Kunzweiler
- 16: Rowan Fink, Ethan Schnoor
- 17: Nicole Alton, Carol Boyd, Timothy McDaniel
- 18: Isaac Conrad, Ethan Schuler
- 21: Carter Price
- 22: Sophia Frerichs
- 23: Becky Edgar
- 24: Pam Beck, Hunter Cameron, Magnus Powers, Roger Sawall
- 25: Douglas Cunningham, Harrison Sweeso
- 26: Chris Alton, Mason Dillender, Kason Smith
- 27: Joyce Niewald
- 29: Max Ellis

Blessed Wedding Anniversary!

- 1: Floyd & Joan Darling (55); Tim & Lovisa Davison (27)
- 2: Brandon & Cara Shouse (28)
- 6: Chris & Amanda Alton (20)
- 7: John & Amy Estill (30); Kent & Janine Haffer (43)
- 9: David & Kathy Darst (39)
- 11: Diane & Joe Palombi (46)
- 12: Ed & Karen Belter (47); Neal & Cynthia Menscher (36)
- 16: George & Collien Beyer (34); Eric & Carol Cagle (30); Adam & Shana Elick (17); Karl & Sarah Schnoor (22)
- 17: Charles & Melissa Eaton (29), Bill & Kathy Holt (57)
- 19: Ned & Judy Koprowski (47)
- 20: Eric & Trina Christensen (27); George & Barb Krieger (65); Bruce & Peggy Linn (54)
- 21: Tom & Anetta Duncan (38)
- 23: Donald & Brenda Duncan (45); Dale & Linda Ledford (28); Russell Zilka & Sharon Falter (19)
- 24: Jeremy & Keri Berjer (12)
- 25: Vince & Jan Ogar (46)
- 26: Mark & Julie Northrup (45)
- 27: John & Marian Hoehner (43)
- 28: Derek & Michelle Freand (21)
- 29: David & Nicole Alton (10)

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New Member Orientation (formerly Transfer for Lutherans)
Call the office for next dates.

Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 10AM, RMS 1&2

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study: September 2026

Adult Bible Class: Wednesdays at 9:30 AM, GYM

Confirmation (grades 6-8); MidWeek Classes (grades PreK-5)
— *Wednesday Night Schedule*

High School Wednesdays, *see calendar*

20s & 30s & 40s Bible Study: Thursdays, 6:30PM, Rm 1&2