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and
transforms hearts
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The Devil's Least Favorite Day

If there is one day of my life that Satan tries to make me forget the most, it is definitely the day of my baptism. Ironically, I have no memory of that day at all—I was baptized as a baby, so I can't tell you how I felt, what temperature the water was, or how much I cried. It is a day I don't remember, yet it is also a day Satan desperately wants me to forget. Because that's the day Jesus snatched me away from him. That's the day I was covered with Christ's robe of righteousness, the day I was given the Holy Spirit, the day I took my first breath as an entirely new person: a forgiven son of God.

Baptism is so important because it is so much bigger than just one day. This washing away of sin and regeneration to a new life in Jesus are at the heart of our identity as Christians. Baptism tells us who we really are! It assures us that we are the completed masterpiece of God, pleasing to Him and set apart to serve the world around Him as His own children. It reminds us that we belong to Jesus, today, tomorrow, and for eternity. It comforts us when we are faced with sin and death; Jesus' victory over these things is also our victory over these things.

And Satan does everything in his power to make us forget it.

The reality is that every Christian is baptized into a struggle, a struggle between the new person that Jesus has created us to be, and the Old Adam who always insists that he is far too young to die. Satan knows how to leverage this struggle against you and me, using every trick in the book to make us



doubt (and ultimately forget) whom God has made us to be. Have you ever seen yourself as a failure? Or have you ever felt like you are all alone? Or have you ever thought to yourself, "I have no idea

who I am anymore"? All of these are attacks on our baptismal identity, and they've got Satan written all over them.

You may be expecting me to finish this article by saying "So remember your baptism!" Instead, I'm going to make a different move. Sometimes, we're going to believe Satan's lies; sometimes, we truly do forget our baptism. But God does not forget. He chooses to remember with perfect clarity exactly who we are in Christ, even when we can't remember it ourselves. That's what baptism is really about! It's not about our faithfulness to God...it's about His faithfulness to us, every day. I'm reminded of an awesome promise God makes in Isaiah 49:15— "Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you." It's virtually unthinkable that a mom would forget about her baby! But even the greatest human love can fail. In contrast, it is utterly impossible for our God to forget us. The day of our baptism is eternally precious to Him. Wow!

Do you ever wonder who you really are? God never does. You're His forgiven child, plain and simple. Next time Satan tries to get in your head, next time he tries to convince you that you're someone else, tell him to go talk to Jesus about it.

~Pastor Jason

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
the new creation has come.
The old is 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 A SEVERE ALLERGIC REACTION.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your generous support, hard work, and prayers in building our new playground! Because of your support, we have a safe playground for our church, preschool children, and families to connect. My heart was filled with gratitude when Pastor Gimbel said a blessing after the 8 a.m. service on August 9. We are truly blessed to have such a supportive congregation.

Holy Cross Staff with the three-year-olds and fours class. The papers the staff is holding spell out the words "Thank You." The children are holding hearts they decorated for their picture, taken by Brian Storm. Thank you, Brian! The children enjoyed exploring the playground today.



On another note, the teachers are happy to hear the sound of little feet and laughter back at school! We had a wonderful first day of school with only a few tears at drop-off, which we are thankful for. We are thankful for our wonderful first day of school with only a few tears shed.

Upcoming Events are Donuts with Dads on Wed., Sept. 23, for the four-year-olds, and on Thurs., Sept. 24, for the three-year-olds. Both events start at 10:30 in the gym.

Monthly Music Minute for September 2026

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

September is here! Summer is just about over, fall is beginning, and a new season of our life as a church is beginning. The first big mile marker for this season, at least for your church music director, is Holy Cross Day. Celebrated September 13th this year, it is a time for celebrating not just our founding and heritage as a congregation, but our founding and heritage as Christians — for it is on that cross that our place in eternity was secured.

In celebration of this day, we will be singing, for the second time, a recently composed hymn as our sermon hymn. The text, entitled *Covenantal Cross of Splendor*, was written by my close friend, Rev. Joshua Teggatz. The text was chosen as the winner of the seminary's annual Prevallet hymn-writing competition a few years ago. It is a wonderful text reflecting on not just the cross itself, but He who hung upon it. When he asked me to write the music for the text, I jumped at the chance. The text goes like this:

- 1) Covenantal cross of splendor,
Gleaming portal of God's heart,
Sign of grace for the offender,
Canvas of love's highest art.
Fullness of His words of old,
Key of promises foretold.
- 2) Satan bruised the second Adam,
Nailed Him to the cursed tree.
But the Lamb of God, victorious,
Crushed the serpent's jubilee.
Second tree of plenteous fruit,
Symbol of our substitute.
- 3) Through the promised seed of Abram,
Heaven's gates stand open wide,
Heralding sublime adoption
To all who by faith abide.
Portal of our Promised Land,
Token of God's loving hand.
- 4) Jesus Christ, foretold Messiah,
Broken in humility,
Took our sin upon His shoulders,
Answered our most desperate plea.
Cross of reconciling love!
Sign of favor from above!
- 5) Covenantal cross of splendor,
Gleaming portal of God's heart,
Sign of grace for the offender,
Canvas of love's highest art.
Final word of saving grace,
On our heads the cross we trace.



I asked Josh to share a few thoughts on the text, its meaning, and his thought process on writing the hymn. He writes:

"The cross means a lot to us as Christians. Just as we see it in so many different places and behold so many different artistic depictions of it, so Scripture gives us several different lenses with

which to examine the cross and to appreciate its beauty and significance for us as redeemed children of God. This text, *Covenantal Cross of Splendor*, focuses on how the cross fulfills the promises and prophecies of God in the Old Testament and what that fulfillment means for the believer. It especially centers on the idea that God has always been a covenantal God who desires to be with His people and be their God. The cross is the site where this covenant is sealed and ratified with the very blood of Christ. This is the place where we see God revealed in all of His mercy, grace, and love. It is the battleground where Satan is defeated. It is the entrance into God's heavenly kingdom. It is the altar by which reconciliation and forgiveness are achieved. When we look at the cross, we are reminded of all these promises God has fulfilled for us in Jesus Christ, always looking at it with the glorious backdrop of Christ's Easter victory. It was a pleasure to collaborate with David on this hymn and I hope this text allows you to be brought once again to that covenantal cross of splendor."

In this year in which we celebrate God making us new, I find that it is particularly appropriate to fix our eyes ever closer on that cross, clinging not just to the covenant that God made with his people Israel, but clinging to the covenant that he made with you in your baptism, where that very cross was traced upon your forehead and your heart.

~ David Gilson

Adapted from September 2023 edition

GET INVOLVED IN MUSIC AT HOLY CROSS!

Adult Choir Wednesdays, 6:45-8PM, choir room

Adult Handbell Choir Mondays, 6:30-7:30PM, balcony

Beginning Handbell Choir (grades 6-adult) Wednesdays, 6-6:30PM, in the balcony.

Children's Choir (grades K-5) meets Wednesdays, 6-6:30PM, choir room.

Talk to David Gilson or call the church office for more information (dgilson@hcross.com).

Meet Your Elder: Michael Claxton

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

I was born and raised in Illinois, specifically the Collinsville area, for most of my adolescent and young adult years, alongside one brother who is seven years younger. We did not grow up with Christ in our home. In fact, the only time anything religious came up it was often in a mocking manner.

My parents divorced when I was about 11 years old. That event, along with not having anyone larger than my parents or myself to answer to, resulted in a path that I went down for many years in which I lived a very selfish life. I would say that I drifted at times and blurred the lines between being “atheist” and agnostic well into my twenties. I mostly lived a life where everything was about whatever was happening at that exact moment. I did whatever seemed “fun” and pleasurable at the time with little regard to my own well-being, let alone anyone else’s.

This led to some varying degrees of negative consequences. I eventually hit a period of “rock bottom”. Regardless of anything I did or who I was, nothing ever felt right; in fact, it only felt worse.

Around my mid-twenties, approaching “rock bottom”, I had already started to see the writing on the wall, and I finally came to terms with the one thing I hadn’t tried yet. The one thing I had avoided.

At the time, I was working as a plumber and had hours throughout the week where I was driving between jobs. I knew the AM dial on the radio would always have “hokey religious shows” (I remember thinking) and that I might as well just flip through and listen -- I had nothing to lose.

I landed on KFUD and started hearing about Martin Luther King Jr.’s church (This is how little I understood religion. It took probably much longer than it should have for me to realize that it had nothing to do with Martin Luther King Jr.). I was just taken aback by how intellectual the hosts and shows were. Specifically, the shows “Law and Gospel” and “Issues Etc.” I had always thought I was very smart – much smarter than any religious nut. However, over time, I started to believe.



For a while, I thought I could live a life with one foot in and one foot out. And this actually accelerated my path towards “rock bottom”. Only after reaching that point did I dedicate myself to going all in.

I had already heard advertisements on *Issues Etc.* for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Collinsville, and sometime in January 2013 I just showed up one Sunday

morning to attend. Long story short, I’ve been faithfully attending Church and Bible study ever since.

I met my wife, Lauren, through a short-lived LCMS dating site called “Lutheran’s Online”. We first met in person in May 2013. I proposed about three months later, and we married about three months after that, in October 2013!

We have moved around the country a few times since then as I have progressed in my career: living just outside of Nashville, TN, for just under a year through 2016, and in Indianapolis, IN, from 2017 through 2020. We have since been permanently established in St. Peters and St. Charles, MO.

We’ve been members of Holy Cross since 2022, and I’ve been an Elder since 2024.

My wife and I have three children: Ilan, Elsie, and Aiden. Their ages are 9, 8, and 5, respectively. My wife is a stay-at-home mom and homeschools all of them, while I work full-time managing a local branch of a nationwide wheelchair provider.

Outside of Church and work, we simply love being outside as much as possible; at parks, at the pool, taking walks, and so on. All three of our children study karate at a local dojo in St. Peters and attend class two to three times a week. I personally enjoy playing my acoustic guitar and drums when I have the time. I have a goal of recording some original music soon.

I thank God every day for bringing me to Christ and all the wonderful blessings He has bestowed on my family and me. We love Holy Cross, and we pray that we may have many years of fellowship and service together.



Craft Expo

Sponsored by Grace Evening Guild

November 7, 2026

9:00 – 3:00

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

8945 Veterans Memorial Parkway
O'Fallon, MO 63366

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

SAVE THE DATE: Craft Expo will be Sat., Nov. 7, 2026.

Mark your calendar to come! Vendor applications are available on the Welcome Center table or by contacting the church office.

GRACE GUILD The summer is nearing an end, and the Holy Cross Grace Evening Guild will begin meetings again in September. We would love to have the ladies of Holy Cross join us on Tues., Sept. 8, at 6PM in the church gym. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet one another, join in fellowship, and serve the Lord in our activities. If you have any questions, contact Karen Copper at 314-497-7024 or kkcopper@gmail.com

Mite Explanation and History

Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4), the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants and implement the LWML program.

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:

Grace Evening Guild meets **Tues., Sept. 8, 6PM.**

Holy Cross Ladies Guild meets **Fri., Sept. 11, 10AM.**

LWML Sunday will be celebrated on Oct. 3&4.

Meet members from both groups.

Find out what their projects are.

A door offering for LWML Mites will be held.

CANDY AND NUT SALE

Fall is in the air, and it's almost time for the Ladies Guild annual CANDY AND NUT SALE! Sales begin on the weekend of Sept. 12-13 and will continue through the weekend of Oct. 3-4. Many varieties of candy and nuts will be available. This is an excellent opportunity to buy nuts for your holiday baking and get a head start on your Christmas shopping! Proceeds will benefit Marcy's Project, which supports St. Charles families with food, clothing, household items, and more.



You are invited to the Lutheran Women in Mission
MO District, St. Charles Zone Fall Rally

Guest Speaker, Laura Marrs, Certified Professional Organizer

Mental Road Blocks to Decluttering

Exploring the mental road blocks to decluttering "I can't get rid of THAT!" is a common refrain for many while trying to downsize or declutter. If you've ever thought this, you may be interested in exploring the more common road blocks to decluttering our spaces. We'll unpack the self-talk that detours us to defeat and learn new ways of thinking that gets us back on the right track.

Saturday, September 26, 2026

8:00 am—9:00 am registration and breakfast

9:00 am—12:00 pm Rally

**Immanuel Lutheran Church St. Charles
Fellowship Hall Lower Level**

115 S Sixth Street, St. Charles. MO 63301

Ingathering for Orphan Grain Train

- **Infants' Supplies:** Cloth and disposable diapers; layettes; stuffed toys
- **School Supplies:** Back-packs (students sizes); new coloring books and crayons; new ballpoint pens; pencils; writing paper; notebooks, soccer balls, bats, baseballs
- **Hygiene Supplies:** Sanitary products for women; toothbrushes; diapers for adult and babies; towels and washcloths; bar soap; combs
- **Clothing:** Infant, children, men, women; shoes (new or gently used); new underwear for all ages; socks
- **Quilts, comforters, blankets, towels, washcloths:** all sizes are need and are shipped year round

To register, contact Debbie Hendricks by Friday, September 10
dhendricks@lisc.org or 636.248.8205

Explanation of Theme:

FEARFULLY & WONDERFULLY MADE

In July 2025, the Called Staff and representatives from the Boards of Education, Youth, Stewardship, Evangelism, and Missions gathered to discuss the theme and focus for the next three years at Holy Cross. The overall theme is "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made," and each year focuses on one part of the Apostles' Creed:

2025/26: The Things God has made ~ Genesis 1:31

2026/27: The New 'Person' God has made
~ 2 Cor. 5:1

2027/28: The People God has made ~ 1 Cor. 12: 12-27
Notice an intentional focus through the lens of Worship, Service, Fellowship, and Education. A well-rounded Christian life is lived through these four areas. We want our church family to have the opportunity to discover even more about the great God we serve in as many ways as possible.

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDATES NEEDED



As we start our Year 2 theme at Holy Cross, *The "New" Person God Has Made*, our focus will be on the relationship we have with God through our baptism. As a church, we want to remember and celebrate this gift God has given us. Therefore, we need your baptismal birthdate. Confirm your

baptismal birthday: the church office at secretary@hcross.com

The first Baptism Birthday Celebration happens on Sept. 13 between services in Rm 1&2. If we have your baptism birthday correct, you will be invited!

UPDATING CHURCH RECORDS

While we are updating baptism records, we also need to update members' contact information. Have you moved recently? Or changed email addresses or phone numbers? The church office should be informed of contact changes so that we can keep in contact with you! Did you know that returned mail can cost up to double the postage cost to send it out? Help us keep costs down. Also, it wouldn't hurt to notify the church office of contacts of adult children so that we can find you for visits and other information. Thanks!



Missions & Stewardship

As Holy Cross begins year two of our Fearfully and Wonderfully Made series with the focus on *the New Person God Has Made*, Missions and Stewardship will have two main missions to support this year through monetary opportunities and service projects.

The first focus is Phil's Friends. We have supported them in the past with wonderful engagement from you all, and we want to partner with them again this year. All

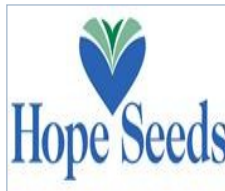


Mission of the Quarter giving from Aug. 1, 2026, to Jan. 31, 2027, will go towards Phil's Friends. We also plan to host another care package stuffing event early next year, so keep your eyes open for more information after Christmas.

Our second focus will be Youth Lead; from Feb. 1, 2027, to July 31, 2027, all Mission of the Quarter giving will support the program. Holy Cross has had multiple youth attend their conferences with wonderful experiences, and we would like to help maintain those opportunities for future youth. More information on giving and service projects will be available in late January.

Along with these two Missions, we will continue many of our usual service projects. We will be increasing our Seminary Treat Bag project to include both semesters. The SHINE event will be in the spring. We are working to bring back support for our widows and shut-ins this year. A service-project trip to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School in Concordia, MO, next spring or summer is in the planning stages. In the second half of the year, we will introduce Spiritual Gifts that will lead us into the third and final year of our theme series.

This year has many opportunities to serve God and others. We hope you will join us in all our projects and activities! -- Ashley Lacey, Stewardship Chair



Hope Seeds will meet September 3

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

Sponsored by Holy Cross Stewardship Board.



Giving blood is super kind!

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Blood Drive **Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

Gym
8945 Veterans Memorial Parkway
O Fallon, MO 63366

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

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

The American Red Cross and Hello Kitty are releasing exclusive NEW merch! Come give blood Sept. 1-20 for a super-cute Red Cross x Hello Kitty collectible item, while supplies last!



Scan to schedule an appointment.

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WARNING: BLOOD CRISIS

The American Red Cross has declared the second national blood crisis in its history. All blood types are needed, but the situation is especially dire for type O. The blood supply fell nearly 25% in June, and blood donations are now at a four-year summer low. Donors are asked to take action immediately to help save lives.

Schedule an appointment for the Holy Cross Blood Drive on Sept. 10. Visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter HolyCrossLC to schedule an appointment.

The July American Red Cross Blood Drive had 12 successful donors of 15 who signed up!

Altar Guild Conference at St. Paul, Hamel on October 11

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Hamel IL, is hosting a free conference for altar guild trainees, veterans, and aspirants on Sun., Oct. 11. Guest speakers are Rev. David Buchs of Grace Lutheran Church, Little Rock AR, speaking on the biblical roots of altar guild service; and Mrs. Tori Egger of the Concordia Seminary Women's Association, speaking on hospitality in the parish. Conference attendees will also be introduced to the Altar Guild Girls program hosted at St. Paul, Hamel, and Trinity, Worden, and given ideas about how to

begin a similar group in their own parish or circuit. The conference welcomes girls in 4th grade-high school, adult altar guild members, and anyone who would like to learn about altar guild. Doors will open at 1PM, and the conference will conclude around 7PM. Dinner will be provided to all registered attendees. The Altar Guild Girls conference is funded by the Lilly endowment through the Sing, Pray and Keep His Ways initiative of LCMS Worship. Students and adults may register by Oct. 4. altarguildgirls@proton.me.

By Jason Braaten



HOLY CROSS
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY
SEPT. 13

STARTING
AT 1:00 PM

FOOD • FELLOWSHIP • FUN

HOT DOGS AND
HAMBURGERS

will be provided!

POTLUCK ON SIDE DISHES AND DESSERTS!

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BRING A
SIDE DISH

M-Z

BRING
DESSERTS

Bring your
lawn chairs
and blankets!

FUN FOR ALL AGES!



CORN HOLE



WASHERS GAMES



BINGO

BINGO PRIZES
for all ages!



WEAR YOUR NEW

Holy Cross Merchandise

AT THE PICNIC!

Come hungry and enjoy a great afternoon together!

THANK YOU

Those two simple words seem too small to express gratitude for all the support and labor our members provided in completing the Holy Cross Church and Preschool playground. The generous financial support was indeed overwhelming! The men who worked on removing the old playground, building the retaining wall, removing asphalt, and constructing the fence did an amazing job on some rather warm summer days. Your stewardship of labor saved us significant dollars and helped to provide a quality end product. Most importantly, we have created a place that invites little children to come to us so we can share Jesus with them—the very thing they need the most.

Successful Animal Outreach

On Sat., Aug. 15, more than 150 people enjoyed the Petting Zoo and Pony Rides the Holy Cross backyard. More than three-fourths of them were not members of Holy Cross.

The children came with parents and grandparents to feed and pet the animals. The young children rode the ponies while their guardians snapped the pictures and videos. It was so great seeing people from the community coming to us! Several families shared that they came because their neighbor or friend was a member and had told them about the event.

We want people to know where our church is so that when the Holy Spirit nudges them to seek spiritual support, they will know a place they can come. Every child got to pick a religious book to take home.



September Sunday Adult Bible Class

Do you feel uncomfortable witnessing your faith daily? There is a YouTube video to help you do almost any task today. We will be offering a Bible Class this fall (which is not a YouTube video) that will hopefully give you some good insights and make you feel more comfortable about being a witness for Jesus. See more details below and come and be an active part of it.

The Seven W's of Witnessing: Beginning on Sun., Sept. 13, we will offer a six-week Bible study on witnessing. It will include the what, why, where, when, who, and to whom of witnessing. More importantly, we will discuss different approaches to being a faithful witness to our faith.

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

6:30AM

Sign up in the Welcome Center the
Sunday beforehand

Enjoy Fellowship & Food!

20s/30s/40s Bible Study

Thursdays at 6:30PM

Young Adults enjoy

Bible study, fellowship

New Faces & New Roles

SEMINARIAN FIELD WORKERS: Three field workers are assigned to our congregation. Jacob Bode is returning for his second year. Kyle Beckstrom and Matthew Diercks are first-year seminarians.

NEW BOOKKEEPER: Shana Elick, a member of Holy Cross, has accepted the position of church bookkeeper. She has office hours on Wednesdays from 9AM to 4PM. She can be reached by email at bookkeeper@hcross.com, or by calling the church office.

NEW CHURCH VICE PRESIDENT: Rob Paoletti has been appointed vice president until the November Voters' Assembly election.

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

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Calendar of Events ~ September 2026

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
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8 AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour 10:45AM Holy Communion		9:30 AM TOPS 11AM Line Dancing 6:30PM Handbell Choir		10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meeting 1:30PM Preschool Board		9AM Preschool Chapel 9:30AM Adult Bible Class 6PM Beginning Bell Choir + Children's Choir 6:30PM Confirmation + Midweek Prek to 5th 6:45PM Adult Choir		8AM News & Notes <u>Deadline</u> 9AM HOPE Seeds (gym) 6:30PM 20s&30s&40s Bible Class				5PM Holy Communion	
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September 2026 Celebrations

The LORD will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

Happy Birthday!

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| 1: Benjamin Piazza | McKinney, Bill Price | 22: Ryan Blackwell, Ray Schroeder,
Pamela Schweitzer, Lucas Van
Wave |
| 2: Isabel Cross, Susan Reidel,
Andrew Schnoor | 13: Eric Cagle | 24: Jameson Alton, Jeremy Berjer,
Albert Marhanka |
| 3: Ian Claxton, Raymond Karl II | 14: Robin Cross, Addisyn Freand,
Connie Gamache,
Kaitlyn Markham | 25: Solomon Conrad, Sarah Halm,
Steve Mabry, Curt Paulson |
| 5: Collien Beyer, Logan Brown,
Hailey Fink, Laura Hoffman,
Mark Losch | 15: Becky Edgar, Ian Laufer | 26: Claire Ulrich |
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| 7: Alex Wiese | 17: Edna Deubel, Steven Schweitzer | 28: Christopher Polashek,
Gordon Robinson Jr. |
| 8: Eugene Buehne, Erika Cross | 18: Debbie Raymond | 29: Judith Brueggeman, Gloria
Rariden, Judie Woelfer |
| 9: Gary Hardebeck, Mikayla Kirk | 19: David Kunzweiler | 30: Emma Rheinecker |
| 10: Ray Karl, Kiersten Tichenor | 20: McKenzie Kiely | |
| 11: Harper McCulloch, Jack Lacey | 21: Marc Maull, Justin Shouse,
Don Wischmeyer | |
| 12: Nicholas Benigno, Mabel | | |

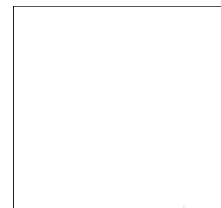
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- 1: Alice Buehne, Eugene Buehne, Tom Haywood, Dianne Helvey, Doug Koepke, Lauren Kunzweiler, Bill Price, Pat Temple, Keri Wardenburg
- 2: Elizabeth Rasche
- 3: Dean Gooding, Susan Mays, Shirley Niewald, Evelyn Smith
- 4: Nancy Caldwell, Katherine Hoylman, Hazel Langley, Benjamin Wiese
- 5: Will Wiese IV, Frederick Wiese IV
- 6: Nick Chiodini, Josh Linn, Jennifer Powers
- 7: Emma Estes
- 8: Rhys Langley, William Wichern
- 9: Floyd Darling Jr., Matt Lackey
- 11: David Alton, Ian Claxton, Steven Lackey, Jan Paulson, Zeita Reed, Bob Williams
- 16: Tidus Willis, Shana Ziolk
- 18: Jeannine Bisesi, Penelope Elick, Jessica Maull
- 19: Mark Losch, Lily Saale
- 21: Mia Blackwell, Cassa Henderson
- 22: Carolyn Grayson, Kevin Smith
- 23: Autumn Jones, Aylah Jones
- 24: Andrew Schnoor
- 26: Carter Danchus, Marilyn Manna, Ashlyn White
- 27: Mikayla Kirk
- 29: Kayleigh Hardebeck, Jack Lacey

Blessed Wedding Anniversary!

- 4: Mark & Christine Eaton, 52
Kevin & Janine Martens, 27
Mark & Tina Morrison, 33
- 7: Bob & Judith Brueggeman, 58
Kevin & Lauren Rheinecker, 13
- 8: Lisa & Roy Byers, 36
- 10: Mark & Kathy Unger, 49
- 11: Dale & Christy Witte, 27
- 14: Greg & Judith Bonney, 35
Matthew & Jill Grabanski, 2
- 16: Dale & Karen Dusheke, 48
- 20: Robert & Cindy Aubertin, 30
Michael & Susan Halm, 51
Clint & Hailey Morrison, 1
- 22: Karl & Dena Schoenike, 25
- 23: Dennis & Marilyn Benassi, 54
- 24: Werner & Laurie Heizmann, 21
Matthew & Angela Maue, 36
- 25: Rachel & Ryan Tichich, 5
- 27: Tony & Carol Crafton, 46
Bob & Susan Williams, 57
Bob & Barb Knehans, 40
- 28: Erick & Ashleigh Lacey, 7
Albert & Ingrid Marhanka, 68
Roger & Mary Sawall, 52

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Call the office for next dates.

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

Adult Bible Class: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 6:30pm

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study: September 9, 2026

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

Confirmation (grades 6-8); MidWeek Classes (grades PreK-5)
— see Wednesday schedule

High School Wednesdays, *see calendar*

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