



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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Saturdays, 5PM
Sundays, 8AM & 10:45AM
Live Stream on Sunday AT 8AM
Education Hour AT 9:30AM
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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 August 1 & 2, 2026

The Tenth 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: Karen Belter; Dennis Benassi; Carolyn Bertram; Mary Kay Bethke; Kacey Booth; Nancy Caldwell; Logan 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; Dianne Helvey; Marie Herrington; Mark Hoemann; 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; Matthew 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)
Sandy Lockwood (David Gilson)
Mike (Debbie Parks)
Mike Niewald (Niewalds)
Vera Piazza (Robert & Sherry Piazza)
Cindy Preston (Maryanne McDaniel)
Kelly Schlereth (Patti Koepf)
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)
Rich Waiwood (Kent & Janine Haffer)
Lance Watkins (Jesse Smith)
Bobette Wetzal (Faith Blackwell)
John Allquist III, Duane Stuewe (Janet Allquist)
Ina Guethle, Dale Stumpf, Larry Zuhone (Amanda Alton)

Krill Family (Trudy Belter)
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)
Jade, Neva Martin; Quinn Valdick (Craig DeMent)
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)
Penni Gronewald, Kathy Dore Jepsen (Jayne Jepsen)
John Longo, Keith Wooden (Randy Jones)
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)
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 Cattin
(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)

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: For the family of Shirley Day, wife of Bill Day, who entered the Church Triumphant on Fri., July 31, 2026. Arrangements are pending.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

**THIS WEEKLY CALENDAR IS THE MOST
UPDATED INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK.**

SATURDAY, August 1, 2026

5PM Holy Communion

SUNDAY, August 2, 2026

8AM Holy Communion

9:30AM Education Hour

10:45AM Holy Communion

1:30PM Board of Elders

MONDAY, August 3, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11:30AM

9AM TOPS

11AM Line Dancing

TUESDAY, August 4, 2026

ELECTION DAY

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11AM

NOON Staff Luncheon

3pm Preschool Board

WEDNESDAY, August 5, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11:30AM

9:30am Adult Bible Class

6:45PM Summer Youth Night

THURSDAY, August 6, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11:30AM

NEWS&NOTES DEADLINE 8AM

9am HOPE Seeds

6:30PM 20s&30s&40s Bible Study

FRIDAY, August 7, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11:30AM

SATURDAY, August 8, 2026

5PM Holy Communion

SUNDAY, August 9, 2026

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

8AM Holy Communion

9:30AM Education Hour

10:45AM Holy Communion

KOINONIA DEADLINE: FRIDAY, AUG. 14

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 25 & 26, 2026

Service	Attendance	Communion
5PM	46	44
8AM	114	87
10:45AM	99	80
TOTAL	259	211

Bible Class Attendance Week of July 26, 2026

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	0
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	17
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	6
Sunday Adult Bible Class	36
New Member Orientation	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	16
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	5
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM Bible Class	C
Wednesday Nights	6
20s&30s Thursday	0

Offerings: July 20-26, 2026

General Fund	\$ 8,208.07
Endowment	\$ 100.00
Building Fund	\$ 140.00
Missions Weekly	\$ 146.64
Missions Total	\$ 4,264.12

Year-To-Date: 06.30.2026

Income	\$ 394,658.59
Expenses	\$ 401,556.43
Deficit	\$ (6,897.84)

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

H.O.P.E. FOOD MINISTRIES: Weekly Totals: July 29, 2026

Families: 83 Individuals: 116 New Families: 2

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 and **on the inside cover of the service bulletin**.

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.

TUESDAY is Election Day.
Tuesday Women's Bible Class—cancelled.

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.

HOPE SEEDS meets this Thurs., Aug. 6, in the gym at 9AM.

RUMMAGE SALE—August 15

The Annual Ladies Guild Rummage Sale will be held on Sat., Aug. 15, from 7AM until NOON. Please save your unwanted items for the rummage sale! You can drop your items off on Wed., Aug. 12, from 1PM to 7PM, and on 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!

PONY RIDES AND PETTING ZOO: On **Sat., Aug., 15**, children can ride two ponies at Holy Cross from 9AM to 11AM. Everyone can pet and feed smaller animals, 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.

Women's 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteering does 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.

HOLY CROSS AND CHILD OF GOD GOLF FOR SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT is on **Sept. 7 at The Falls.**

The sign-up sheet and more details are on the Welcome Center table. See p. 4: Player registration through Eventbrite. Scan the QR code or search Eventbrite.com for "Annual Holy Cross & COGLS Golf Scramble 2026" The signup deadline is Aug. 31, 2026. For questions, contact Jason White at 713.859.0244 or Neal and Cynthia Menscher at menschmi@yahoo.com.

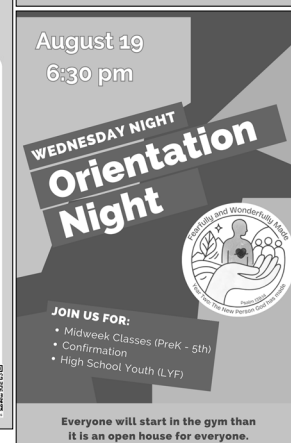
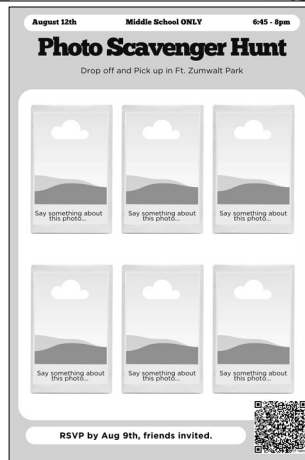
THE GRACE GUILD CRAFT EXPO is scheduled for Nov. 7, 2026, from 9AM to 3PM at the Holy Cross gym.

Vendors will feature custom art, woodworking, handcrafted jewelry, Christmas items, and many other items. If you are a potential vendor, please find application forms and more information on the Welcome Center table.

Grace Evening Guild: AUGUST BIBLE & RELIGIOUS PUBLICATIONS DRIVE

Grace Guild will sponsor the collection of old Bibles, devotion books, and other religious materials starting this weekend **until Aug. 23** in the Welcome Center. Love Packages is the recipient of these donations that will be shipped throughout the world. Read more about their organization on their website. This is the third year we have sponsored this collection.

CPH LSB SALE! Celebrate the 20th anniversary of the *Lutheran Service Book*! Stock up on pew editions for \$20 for your home or church during the 20th Anniversary Sale! Plus, save 20% on all other *Lutheran Service Book* editions. This deal is only here for a limited time, so make sure to check it out before midnight on July 31. Go to cph.org



 **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

*Bring your
lawn chairs
and blankets!*

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 the weekend of 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 that they are available for you to wear to the church picnic on Sept. 13.

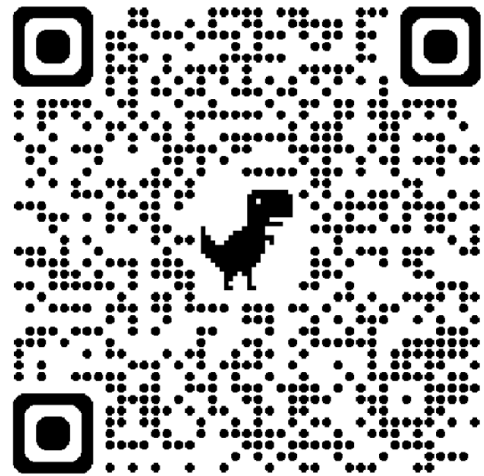
Cash or check will be accepted, and you **must pay at the time of purchase.**

Remember — you only have 2 WEEKS to place your order!



Player Registration through Eventbrite. Scan QR Code Below.

GOLF FOR SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT —Sept. 7, 2026



Or Search Eventbrite.com for
“Annual Holy Cross & COGLCS
Golf Scramble 2026”

To avoid Eventbrite fees, please
register early (by 8/24/2026) through
the Early Bird Registration Option.

After registering through Eventbrite,
you will need to print the
confirmation page and mail the
confirmation page with the
registration fee (cash or check) to
Child of God Lutheran Church and
School to complete your registration.

There will be no registration
payments accepted at the tournament.
The only payment at the tournament
will be cash for games, mulligans, or
skins.