



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 August 29 & 30, 2026

The Thirtieth 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: Jim Bastian; 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; Harold Kohrs; Sandra Kohrs; Debra Korte; Joyce Lang; Betty Lee; Sadie Liefer; Steve Mabry; Albert & Ingrid Marhanka; Terry McCann; Maryanne McDaniel; Mabel McKinney; Matthew McKinney; Sharon Mitchell; Shirley Niewald; Barb Parsons; Cathy Poindexter; Bill Price; Gloria Rariden; Zeita Reed; Darlene Rhodes; Carol Santoyo; Roger Sawall; Vita Sayers; Betty Schroeder; Wayne Walkenhorst; Larry Williams; Ernestine Wilson.

WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Diane Coppola Bralies (Liz Rasche)
Rachel Butkovich (Tom & Sue Haywood)
Ben Carlton (Bill Price)
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)
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)
David Steinbacher (Ernestine Wilson)
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 Wetzel (Faith Blackwell)
John Allquist III, Duane Stuewe (Janet Allquist)
Barb Auping, Ina Guethle, Dale Stumpf, (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, John Schaefer Sr & 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 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)
Michelle, Nick, & Maddie DeMercurio (Bob & Sue
Williams)

We pray for those who mourn: For the family of **Milton Alton**, father of Byron (Elaine) Alton, who entered the Church Triumphant on Aug. 23.
For the family of **Holly Kamer**, Holy Cross member, who entered the Church Triumphant on Aug. 27. Arrangements are pending.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

SATURDAY, August 29, 2026

9AM Church Work Day
5PM Matins (No communion)

SUNDAY, August 30, 2026

8AM Service of Prayer & Preaching
9:30AM Education Hour
10:45AM Service of Prayer & Preaching

MONDAY, August 31, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11:30AM

9AM TOPS
11AM Line Dancing
6:30PM Handbells

TUESDAY, September 1, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11AM

10AM Women's Bible Study
12:30PM Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, September 2, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11:30AM

9:30AM Adult Bible Class
6:00PM Beginning Bells + Children's Choir
6:30PM Confirmation
+ Midweek: PreK to 6th Grade
6:45PM Adult Choir

THURSDAY, September 3, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11:30AM

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

FRIDAY, September 4, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11:30AM

SATURDAY, September 5, 2026

5PM Holy Communion

SUNDAY, September 6, 2026

8AM Holy Communion
9:30AM Education Hour
10:45AM Holy Communion
1:30PM Board of Elders

MONDAY, September 7, 2026

Labor Day — Church & Preschool Closed
Preschool Golf Tournament

WE PRAY for Active Military Members & Relatives: Dominic Bisesi, Andrew Chema, Jack Estill, Jacob Franke, Josh Linn, Doug Mundt, Justin Quinn, Joshua Rainwater, Austin Rasche, Devon Ruffin, Jesse Smith.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE: August 22&23, 2026

Service	Attendance	Communion
5PM	50	49
8AM	102	94
10:45AM	99	79
TOTAL	251	222

Bible Class Attendance Week of August 23, 2026

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	0
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	20
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	7
Sunday Adult Bible Class	58
New Member Orientation	15
Tuesday Women's 10AM	16
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	6
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM Bible Class	37
Wednesday Nights	43
20s&30s Thursday	11

Offerings: Aug. 10-16, 2026

General Fund	\$ 5,219.072
Endowment	\$ 00.00
Building Fund	\$ 00.00
Missions Weekly	\$ 140.02
Missions Total Fiscal Yr Pt 1 2026-2027	\$ 240.02

Year-To-Date: 07.31.2026

Income	\$ 447,876.77
Expenses	\$ 464,294.56
Deficit	\$ (16,417.79)

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.

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.

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: *Mashed Potatoes, Corn Muffin Mix, Rice-a-Roni, Spaghetti Noodles, Pasta Sauce, Gravy Packets.*

H.O.P.E. FOOD MINISTRIES: *Weekly Totals:* August 19, 2026
Families: 86 Individuals: 268 New Families: 1

Bible Book Club



Come and learn
about one
Bible book
each week

Tuesdays this Summer
at
10:00 AM

MISSOURI DISTRICT NEWS: It's time to celebrate!

This weekend, Aug. 29 & 30, congregations throughout Missouri will pray for and support *Tomorrow's Teachers & Preachers* with a special offering. Collected funds will be added to the Missouri District Church Worker Student Aid Endowment. For more than 40 years, this endowment has blessed college and seminary students from our state who are preparing for vocations within the church. **Checks should be written to Holy Cross Lutheran Church, with a memo line indicating the Missouri District Church Worker Student Aid Endowment.** To all who support this effort, thank you for your forward-thinking ways and for caring for generations to come. It's truly an investment with an eternal impact!

WELCOME TO THREE SEMINARIANS who will be with us this year. Returning is Jacob Bode, now in his second year. New to us are Kyle Beckstrom and Clyde Diercks, both first-year seminarians. **Seminarian Bode will lead Adult Bible Class Sunday on the topic of Baptism (part 3).**

THE SEVEN W'S OF WITNESSING Beginning Sun., Sept. 13, we will offer a 6-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 faithful witnesses to our faith.

USHERS & ACOLYTES: 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). Elders are already signed up for their service for next month. Thanks!

HOLY CROSS MERCHANDISE PICKUP

Orders will be available for pickup in the Welcome Center NEXT WEEKEND, Labor Day weekend, Sept. 5-6, at all worship services. After that weekend, orders will be available for pickup in the church office during published office hours.

From Chapel of the Cross (907 Jungermann Rd, behind Walgreens):

6th Annual Craft & Vendor Fair at Chapel of the Cross

Sat., Sept. 12 from 9AM-2PM. Free admission. We have over 40 vendors with a wide range of products: Hand-made Wood items, Mary Kay, Hand-made Cards, Norwex, Hand-made Beaded Jewelry, 3-D printing, Apparel, Bath & Body Items and more! Plus Crossed Heart BBQ will be selling their delicious BBQ to help support their non-profit.

Wonderful Counselor Conference at Chapel of the Cross

Sat., Sept. 26, 2026, from 8AM-12:30PM
Join them for their second annual Wonderful Counselor conference. At this free event, hear from Ted Kober, Lori Snyder LCSW, and Jennie Williamson, along with others who help people towards healthy mental and emotional health. Bring a friend. Please register at: <https://chapelstpeters.org/?p=3142>

Jennie Williamson Live in Concert

Sat., Sept. 26, 2026, at 6PM: Join Chapel of the Cross for this free concert "God is Great!" by Jennie Williamson. Jennie brings an energy and excitement for Jesus that is contagious! Her concerts are filled with incredible messages of love and hope.

HOLY CROSS SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL

TODDLERS THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL ARE INVITED TO
PROCESS INTO THE SUNDAY MORNING (9/13) SERVICES
HOLDING CROSSES.

PLEASE GATHER IN THE WELCOME CENTER 5 MINUTES
BEFORE THE SERVICE.

WE WILL ASK OUR OLDEST STUDENTS TO HELP GUIDE
THE YOUNGEST INTO THE SANCTUARY AND BACK TO
THEIR PARENTS.

Swing-A-Round Fun Town

September 26, 2026
11:30-3pm
3rd-5th grade only!
Drop-off and pick-up
at Holy Cross
Chaperones are
Chris & Jayme Price

Bring \$13 per person and a friend.
Pizza Lunch at Holy Cross
Kids will get a \$26 game card

Family Christmas Service

December 5, 2026
Followed by dinner and
service project

Sign up to participate
by Oct 15

Costume Fittings Nov 1 & 4

Practices Nov 22, Dec 2 & 5



Join us for
SLIP N' SLIDE KICKBALL

Come play a classic game of kickball
with a slippery twist

Junior High VS. Senior High
Who will take the win?

SEPTEMBER 12
2pm-4pm
Holy Cross

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O'FALLON, MO 63366
Naomi: 763-443-3478
nvang@ilsc.org

GOLF FOR SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT

September 7, 2026 at The Fall Golf Club at Turtle Creek
Brochures available on the Welcome Center table

Player Registration is through Eventbrite.

- ♦ Scan QR Code below



- ♦ Or search Eventbrite.com for "Annual Holy Cross & COGLCS Golf Scramble 2026"

Avoid Eventbrite fees: register early (by 8/24/2026) through the Early Bird Registration Option. Signup deadline is Aug. 31, 2026.

After registering through Eventbrite:

- ♦ print the confirmation page, and
- ♦ mail the confirmation page **with the registration fee (cash or check)** to Child of God Lutheran Church & School to complete your registration.

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

For questions, contact Jason White at 713.859.0244 or Neal Menscher at menschmi@yahoo.com.



Giving blood is super kind!

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!



1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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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.

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

WEAR YOUR **Holy Cross Merchandise** AT THE PICNIC!

Come hungry and enjoy a great afternoon together! ❤️

Craft expo

November 7, 2026
9 AM - 3 PM

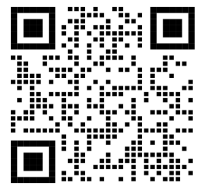
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Vendors, for more information please visit hcross.com/craft

HAND-MADE

Lutheran High is kicking off the school year with a new Cougar tradition! The **first Back-to-School Dance** is bringing middle school students together for an evening of music, fun, and friendship: **Sat., Sept. 12, 7PM to 9PM, LHS Commons, \$10 at the door — cash or card accepted.** Come kick off the school year, make new friends, and enjoy a fun night at the Den! Questions? Contact **Micah Braddy** at mbraddy@lhssc.org.

Interested in joining the **Roboteer Cadets**, LHS's 7th/8th grade robotics team? Scan the **QR code** for more information and application details. **Applications are due Sept. 5, 2026.**

Join us for **A Night for Blue & White** on **Fri., Oct. 23, at Old Hickory Golf Club!** More than an auction, this special evening celebrates our LHS community—a night of fellowship and generosity in making a lasting impact on our students and school. Tickets are now available! Visit the QR Code below to reserve your spot. We can't wait to celebrate with you! **Purchase Tickets by scanning the QR Code!**



Robotics



Auction Tickets