



Our Mission:

*With the help of God,
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
grows disciples
and transforms hearts
for Christ.*

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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

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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost News & Notes for September 26 & 27, 2026

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: Bob Aubertin, 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; Sandra Kohrs; Debra Korte; Joyce Lang; Betty Lee; Sadie Liefer; Steve Mabry; Albert & Ingrid Marhanka; Terry McCann; Maryanne McDaniel; Mabel McKinney; Matthew McKinney; Barb Parsons; Cathy Poindexter; Bill Price; Gloria Rariden; Zeita Reed; Darlene Rhodes; Carol Santoyo; Roger Sawall; Vita Sayers; Betty Schroeder; Wayne Walkenhorst; Bill Wichern; Larry Williams; Ernestine Wilson.

WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Diane Coppolo Bralies (Liz Rasche)
Ralph Burroughs (Nancy Brazee)
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)
Gorman Cooper (Tina Morrison)
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)
Todd Heigert (Sol & Jenny Conrad)
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)
Penni Gronewald, Kathy Dore Jepsen (Jayne Jepsen)
Christine Flandermeyer, Gail Hahn, Debbie Hendricks (LWML St. Charles Zone Officers)
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, Susan Maag (Menschers)
Violet Mittenberg, Paul Palombi, Elsie Palombi (Diane Palombi)
Mark Haefner, Brian Rubar, Chase Russell, Carol Sills (Barb Parson)
Sarah Hall, Katie Hawkey; Mary Ellen McAlister; Maeve Pardee & Family, Lori Miller, Sarah Cattan (Jayme Price)
Amy Mueller, Larry Schenk (Carol Santoyo)
Charlotte Gaines, Nisseem, Daniel, Dr. Eric Semler (Sandra Semler)
Cecilianna Wilbur, Tim (Charity Smith)
Scott Steinbruegge, Marcia Sheppard (Bob & Karen Steinbruegge)
Michelle DeMercurio & Family (Bob & Sue Williams)

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

SATURDAY, September 26, 2026

8AM TO NOON: LWML St. Charles Zone Rally
at Immanuel St. Charles
11:30AM-3PM Swing-A-Round Fun Town,
3rd-5h grade
5PM Holy Communion
+ **Candy & Nut Sale (Ladies Guild)**

SUNDAY, September 27, 2026

Candy & Nut Sale (Ladies Guild)
8AM Holy Communion + Children's Choir
9:30AM Education Hour
10:45AM Holy Communion
12:30PM Altar Guild

MONDAY, September 28, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
9AM TOPS
11AM Line Dancing
6:30PM Handbells

TUESDAY, September 29, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11:15AM
9AM Preschool Chapel
10AM Women's Bible Study
12:30PM Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, September 30, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
9AM Preschool Chapel
6:00PM Beginning Bells + Children's Choir
6:30PM Confirmation
+ Midweek: PreK to 6th Grade
6:45PM Adult Choir

THURSDAY, October 1, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
8AM NEWS&NOTES DEADLINE
9AM HOPE Seeds
6:30PM 20s&30s&40s Bible Study

FRIDAY, October 2, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
Ron Dawson Funeral:
10-11AM Public Visitation at Holy Cross
11AM Funeral
NOON Funeral Luncheon (gym)

SATURDAY, October 3, 2026

LWML Weekend
3PM Holy Communion
+ **Candy & Nut Sale (Ladies Guild)**
4:30 BASICS (Rms 1 & 2)

SUNDAY, October 4, 2026

LWML Weekend
Candy & Nut Sale Ends (Ladies Guild)
8AM Holy Communion
9:30AM Education Hour
10:45AM Holy Communion
1:30PM Board of Elders

CHURCH ATTENDANCE: September 19 & 20, 2026

Service	Attendance	Communion
5PM	58	54
8AM	110	80
10:45AM	100	84
TOTAL	268	231

Bible Class Attendance Week of September 20, 2026 NA=not applicable; NR=not reported; C= cancelled	
Little Lambs, Sunday	0
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	19
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	12
Sunday Adult Bible Class	53
Baptism Birthday Celebration	na
Tuesday Women's 10AM	c
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	7
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM Bible Class	c
Wednesday Nights	36
20s&30s Thursday	6

Offerings: Sept. 14-20, 2026	
General Fund	\$ 12,367.51
Endowment	\$ 0.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00
Missions Weekly	\$ 380.17
Missions Total Fiscal Yr Pt 1 2026-2027	\$ 4,095.29

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 (NEW) **October to December 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: Pancake mix, Oatmeal, Rice, Jelly, Pasta Roni.

H.O.P.E. FOOD MINISTRIES: Weekly Totals: September 23, 2026
Families: 89 Individuals: 286 New Families: 4

ALTAR FLOWERS this weekend are placed to the glory of God by **Harold & Sandra Kohrs** for their 66th wedding anniversary on Oct. 1; by **Bob & Sue Williams** for their 57th wedding anniversary on Sept. 27; and by **Michelle Kincaid** in memory of her father Clarence Schwentker.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS: Evangelism

The 6-week Bible study on witnessing includes the what, why, where, when, who, and to whom of witnessing. More importantly, discussion will include different approaches to being faithful witnesses to our faith.

BRIEF STUDY IN OUR LUTHERAN BELIEFS: Pastors will offer BASICS (Brief Adult Study in Christianity & Service) on the next two Saturdays, Oct. 3 and Oct. 10, from 4:30pm to 6:30pm in Room 1&2 downstairs by the gym. Designed to share a quick overview of what we believe as Lutherans, the study is a great introduction for people new to Lutheranism and a great refresher for others. An evening meal will be provided with the study each night. Please call the church office at [636-272-4505](tel:636-272-4505) or contact David Schlesselman at [636-578-1766](tel:636-578-1766) if you plan to attend so we can properly prepare.

WHERE IS YOUR NAME TAG? We have two new field workers at Holy Cross this fall. Have you met them? Their names are Kyle Beckstrom and Clyde Diercks. You have just two names to learn. They have hundreds. How about we help them by wearing our name tags for the next several months? If you have never received one or have misplaced yours, you can sign up for a new one at the information desk in the Welcome Center.

CANDY AND NUT SALE Ladies Guild is holding its Annual CANDY AND NUT SALE. Orders will be taken this weekend **through Oct. 4**. Pay in cash or by check when you place your order. Visit the table in the Welcome Center to see the wide variety of delicious treats available. Get a head start on your holiday shopping! Orders will be delivered before Thanksgiving. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Marcy's Project, which helps families in our area with food, meals, clothing, and household goods.

THE GRACE GUILD CRAFT EXPO is 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. Mark your calendar!

NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN will be held at Lutheran High School from 2-3PM on Sun., Oct. 4. This is a peaceful, prayerful opportunity to take a stand for life. Just show up, sign in, and you'll be given a poster to hold while we silently pray along Mexico Road. If you have questions, ask Cynthia Menscher [636.639.5188](tel:636.639.5188).

THE CALLED WORKERS SUPPORT TEAM would like to remind our Congregation that October is **Pastor Appreciation Month**. We will place the church mailbox in the Welcome Center. We hope EVERY family will drop a note, card, or letter in it to encourage, support, and thank our Pastors for all they do. The mailbox will be available throughout the month, so please join this appreciation demonstration.

Worship Time Change

Starting Oct. 3,
the Saturday Worship Service
will move to 3PM.

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.

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



Craft Expo

November 7, 2026
9:00 – 3:00

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SPONSORED BY GRACE EVENING GUILD

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


 Is it your Baptism Birthday Month?

BAPTISM BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17

2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH IN ROOMS 1 & 2, 9:30-10:30 AM.

Questions? Trudy Belter youth@hccross.com


TRUNK OR TREAT


October 24, 2026
5-7 pm

Everyone invited
Holy Cross east parking lot

Trunk sign-ups due
October 17




Legacy Grandparenting Summit • 2026

The only national conference on Christian grandparenting

October 10, 2026 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Lutheran High School - St. Peters, MO


Wisdom + Hope
Learn from an incredible lineup of general session speakers


Practical Resources
Discover resources and tools to help on your grandparenting journey


Community
Gather with other Christian grandparents who want to build their spiritual legacy

 LARRY FOWLER
  CRAWFORD LORITTS
  ARLENE PELLICANE
  JOSH MULVIHILL
  HARVEY CAREY
  CHRISTOPHER YUAN

 BETH GUCKENBERGER
  JIM BURNS
  DAVE & ANN WILSON
  DAVID EATON
  CISSIE GRAHAM-LYNCH

Don't wait! Register today by scanning the QR code
or by visiting:
<https://brushfire.com/legacycoalition/simulcast/631609>
Questions? Contact Karen Braddy @ 636-578-9760



Lutheran High School Annual Fundraising Auction

A Night for Blue & White

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026

OLD HICKORY GOLF CLUB
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM
COCKTAIL ATTIRE

Open Bar, Dinner, Dancing & Entertainment | Live & Silent Auction

Join LHS 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!**



Auction Tickets


Lutheran High School
Grow • Serve in Christ
PRESENTS
Based on the book by E.B. White

Charlotte's Web

Adapted by Joseph Robinette

6:00 p.m.
LHS Commons

September 24-26, 2026

Tickets available by scanning QR code




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FUTURE COUGARS, we can't wait to welcome you to Future Freshman Day on Fri., Oct. 9! We'll kick things off at 8AM with registration, tours, and refreshments! Questions? Please email Micah Braddy at mbraddy@lhssc.org. If your student attends an Association school, they are already registered through their school, so no additional registration is needed. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/FFD2031>