



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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O'Fallon MO

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CHURCH OFFICE

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News & Notes for September 5 & 6, 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: **Cindy** 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; **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; **Randy** Sagez; **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, **Susan** Maag (Menschers)
Gorman Cooper, **Janie** Machens (Tina Morrison)
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, **Nick**, & **Maddie** DeMercurio (Bob & Sue
Williams)

CONTACT INFORMATION: If you have moved or changed email address or phone numbers, please contact the church office and update your contact information:
secretary@hcross.com

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

SATURDAY, September 5, 2026

10AM Memorial Service for Holly Kamer
at Alexander-White-Mullen Funeral Home
5PM Holy Communion
+ ANNIVERSARY MERCHANDISE PICKUP

SUNDAY, September 6, 2026

ANNIVERSARY MERCHANDISE PICKUP

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

TUESDAY, September 8, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11AM

9AM Preschool Chapel
9AM Quilting
10AM Women's Bible Study
12:30PM Staff Meeting
6PM Grace Guild (dinner, speaker, meeting)
6:30PM Adult Bible Class

WEDNESDAY, September 9, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11:30AM

6:30AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
9AM Preschool Chapel
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 10, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11:30AM

8AM NEWS&NOTES DEADLINE

10AM to 2PM: American Red Cross
Blood Drive (gym)
6:30PM 20s&30s&40s Bible Study

FRIDAY, September 11, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11:30AM

10AM Ladies Guild

SATURDAY, September 12, 2026

5PM Holy Communion
+ Nut & Candy Sale begins (Ladies Guild)

SUNDAY, September 13, 2026

HOLY CROSS DAY (OBS)

66TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Nut & Candy Sale begins (Ladies Guild)

8AM Holy Communion
9:30AM Education Hour
+ September Baptism Celebrations (rm 1)
10:45AM Holy Communion
+ Baptism of Jaidyn Strubelt
1:30PM Board of Elders

CHURCH ATTENDANCE: August 29&30, 2026

Service	Attendance	No Communion
5PM	60	
8AM	114	
10:45AM	85	
TOTAL	259	

Bible Class Attendance Week of August 30, 2026

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	0
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	10
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	9
Sunday Adult Bible Class	56
New Member Orientation	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	13
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	NA
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM Bible Class	34
Wednesday Nights	42
20s&30s Thursday	11

Offerings: Aug. 24-30, 2026

General Fund	\$ 13,199.59
Endowment	\$ 00.00
Building Fund	\$ 170.00
Missions Weekly	\$ 600.02
Missions Total Fiscal Yr Pt 1 2026-2027	\$ 1,130.08

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

H.O.P.E. FOOD MINISTRIES: Weekly Totals: September 2, 2026
Families: 92 Individuals: 303 New Families: 6

Bible Book Club



Come and learn
about one
Bible book
each week

Tuesdays this Summer
at
10:00 AM

ALTAR FLOWERS this weekend are placed to the glory of God in loving memory of Bessie Frayne by Kyle and Jayne Frayne. Last week altar flowers are placed by John & Linda Jackson in honor of John's birthday on Aug. 30.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS Rev. Mark Barz, Concordia Seminary Chaplain and a newer member of Holy Cross, will lead Adult Bible Class Sunday on the topic of Baptism (part 4).

THE SEVEN W'S OF WITNESSING Beginning Sun., Sept. 13, a 6-week Bible study on witnessing will be offered. It will include 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.

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 are available for pickup in the Welcome Center **THIS WEEKEND, Sept. 5-6, at all worship services.** After that, orders can be picked up during published church office hours.

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. If you are a potential vendor, please find application forms and more information on the Welcome Center table. We accept checks and cash from vendors (**not** paypal or cashapp). Any emails about the Craft Expo from "Jenny Ruth" should be considered spam. Use **only** the Holy Cross contact information listed on the application.

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.

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.

THE LEGACY COALITION invites you to its **Grandparenting Summit**, a special video replay of the Legacy Coalition Grandparent Summit to be held at Lutheran High School at St. Peters on Sat., Oct. 10, from 9AM to 3PM. The Legacy Coalition is a Christian organization helping Christian grandparents influence their faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior in their grandchildren. Attendees will hear from world-class speakers and discover practical, meaningful ways to leave a lasting spiritual legacy for the next generation. Grandparents and adult children are both encouraged to attend. Participants will leave inspired and equipped! Register today by visiting: <https://brushfire.com/legacycoalition/simulcast/631609>
Questions? Contact Karen Braddy at [636.578.9760](tel:636.578.9760).

GRACE GUILD will meet Tues., Sept. 8, at 6PM in the gym after a 3-month break. Members, please gather for a light supper hosted by the Grace Guild officers, a brief business meeting, and a guest speaker. President Gail Hahn of the LWML St. Charles Zone, will be our guest and will share her experiences.

LADIES GUILD will meet Fri., Sept. 11, at 10AM for a meeting and lunch. The Annual CANDY & NUT SALE will begin next weekend, Sept. 12-13, continuing to Oct. 4. Payment by cash or check must be made when the order is placed. Visit the Welcome Center table to see the varieties of delicious treats available. Orders will be delivered before Thanksgiving.

MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY returns on Wed., Sept. 9, at 6:30AM. Please sign up on the Welcome Center table.

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

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. They have more than 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.




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!



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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!

WEAR YOUR
Holy Cross Merchandise
 AT THE PICNIC!



Come hungry and enjoy a great afternoon together! ❤️

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.



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

8945 VETERANS MEMORIAL PKWY.
 O'FALLON, MO 63366

Naomi: 763-443-3478
nvang@ilsc.org

Craft expo

November 7, 2026
9 AM - 3 PM

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
 8945 Veterans Memorial Pkwy
 Vendors, for more information please visit
hcross.com/craft



We Pray for Those who Mourn:

For the family of Marge Biermann, 90, entered the Church Triumphant on Sun., Aug. 30. She was a long-time member of Holy Cross before her transfer to Zion Lutheran in Harvester. Visitation is Wed., Sept. 9, 2026 from 4 to 7PM, at Baue Funeral Home—Cave Springs (3950 W Clay, St Charles, MO 63301) A second visitation will take place on Thurs., Sept. 10, 2026, from 10AM to 11AM, at Zion Lutheran Church (3866 Old Hwy 94 S, St. Charles, MO 63304). The funeral will be held at Zion on Thurs., Sept. 10, 2026, at 11AM. Her full obituary can be found on the Baue website.

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.