Holy Cross Lutheran Church
LCMS • O'Fallon, Missouri

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

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Saturdays, 3PM
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
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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

News & Notes for October 10 & 11, 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** & **Edna** Deubel; **Sandy** Dietz; **Sherien** Duello; **Brenda** Duncan; **Renea** Erickson; ; **Rich** Franzer; **Julianna** Frerichs; **Ken** & **Sandie** Fussner; **Peggy** Gallagher; **Connie** Gamache; **Iris** Hackbarth; **Deb** Heim; **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; **William** 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 Ziolko)
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 Koepp)
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)
JoAnn Cooper, Brian and,**Scott** Ottinger ~ (Steve & 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)
JoAnn Bane**, 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 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)

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

SATURDAY, October 10, 2026
3PM Holy Communion
+ Preschool Sings + Beginning Bells
4:30PM BASICS (Rms 1 & 2)

SUNDAY, October 11, 2026
8AM Holy Communion + Adult Choir
9:30AM Education Hour
9:30am Baptismal Birthday Celebration
10:45AM Holy Communion

MONDAY, October 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
9AM TOPS
11AM Line Dancing
6PM Executive Board Meeting
6:30PM Handbells
7:30PM Council Meeting

TUESDAY, October 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11:15AM
9AM Preschool Chapel
9AM Quilting
10AM Women's Bible Study
12:30PM Staff Meeting
6:00PM Grace Evening Guild
6:30PM Adult Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, October 14, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
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, October 15, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
NOVEMBER KOINONIA DEADLINE
8AM NEWS&NOTES DEADLINE
6:30PM 20s&30s&40s Bible Study

FRIDAY, October 16, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
PRESCHOOL CLOSED—TEACHER WORK DAY

SATURDAY, October 17, 2026
3PM Holy Communion

SUNDAY, October 18, 2026
8AM Holy Communion
9:30AM Education Hour
10:45AM Holy Communion

CHURCH ATTENDANCE: October 3 & 4, 2026

Service	Attendance	Communion
5PM	71	69
8AM	105	92
10:45AM	100	81
TOTAL	276	242

Bible Class Attendance
Week of October 4, 2026
NA=not applicable; NR=not reported; C= cancelled

Little Lambs, Sunday	1
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	14
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	4
Sunday Adult Bible Class	59
BASICS	13
Tuesday Women's 10AM	14
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	NA
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM Bible Class	43
Wednesday Nights	36
20s&30s Thursday	6

Offerings: Sept. 28-Oct. 4, 2026

General Fund	$	19,293.95
Endowment	$	00.00
Building Fund	$	250.00
Missions Weekly	$	243.30
Missions Total Fiscal Yr Pt 1 2026-2027	$	4,348.61

Year-To-Date: 08.31.2026

Income	$	511,416.01
Expenses	$	536,567.75
Deficit	$	(25,151.74)

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***: October 7, 2026
Families: 81 Individuals: 264 New Families: 4

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed to the glory by Sandra Semler in memory of her parents Maria & Warren Klug.

BRIEF STUDY IN OUR LUTHERAN BELIEFS: Pastors will offer BASICS (Brief Adult Study in Christianity & Service) on 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.

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.

GRACE EVENING GUILD will meet Tues., Oct. 13, at 6PM for a light supper and a meeting as we finalize plans for the Craft Expo and fall visits to Holy Cross shut-in members. All women are invited to join us for the evening.

MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY will meet this **Wed., Oct. 14, at 6:30AM**. Please sign up in the Welcome Center.

HYMN FESTIVAL - Join us on **Sun., Nov. 8**, at 3PM for our Fifth Annual Hymn Festival! As part of our church's theme, "The New Person God Has Made," the event, entitled "My Rod and Staff and Guide," will use beloved hymns by Paul Gerhardt to reflect on who we are through Jesus. Led by the Holy Cross choir and instrumentalists, the event is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be taken in support of the Holy Cross Music Department.

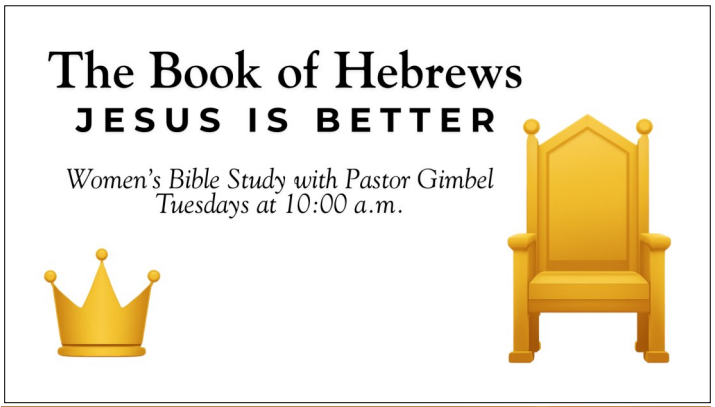
FUNERAL MEAL HELP NEEDED
The Holy Cross Ladies Guild provides a funeral luncheon for Holy Cross members when the family requests it. If you are occasionally willing to provide a food item for a funeral meal, contact Sandy Dietz at 314-570-4961 or sjndietz@hotmail.com. Your help will be appreciated.

USHER MEETING: Usher training and review will be held on **Sun., Nov. 1,** for anyone currently or interested in helping as an usher. We will meet in the church after the 8AM service.

TOGETHER WE SERVE—USHERS, ACOLYTES, ALTAR GUILD: 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. Altar Guild members can just send the church office a schedule of their teams. Thanks!

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 effort..

WHERE IS YOUR NAME TAG? We have two new field workers at Holy Cross this fall: Kyle Beckstrom and Clyde Diercks. Help them learn names by wearing our name tags. 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.







LWML ST. CHARLES ZONE OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN: Join us for a New Connection Group: Sweeter Than Honey, aimed at women who are not able to join a church LWML. Please join us for a short Bible Study, Fellowship, and a simple service project that shares God's Love with our Community. The First Gathering is Sat., Oct. 31, 10AM to 11:30AM at the Spencer Road Library, Community Room A. Together, we will create appreciation packages for Veterans at Breeze Park. All supplies will be provided. Questions?
Please contact: connectwithsweeterthanhoney@gmail.com







CONTACT INFORMATION:
Update your contact information:
secretary@hcross.com



CHURCH FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL
Sunday, Oct. 25, 9:30-10:30AM in the Gym

Have you ever wondered why the altar colors change and what they mean? Why do the pastors move around so much during the service? What is the difference between Advent and Lent? How does any of this relate to my home life?

Here at Holy Cross, we choose to observe traditional, historical elements of Christian faith life and worship, like the paraments, architecture, and the church calendar. Designed to help teach the Christian faith, these elements keep the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ at the center of congregational life. Rather than relying on cultural trends, the historic liturgical calendar provides a structured rhythm that routinely proclaims God's work among His people.

Since Holy Cross values these expressions of faith and worship, the congregation should understand these teaching tools. However, if we do not understand these teaching tools, like color changes and the pastor's position in the chancel (what does that word even mean?), then why should we expect it to matter or have relevance? Instead, it might become a meaningless tradition, "Because we've always done that," rather than an active instruction in the faith that can easily be brought home. We'll show you how.

Over the next two years, please join us as we walk through our liturgy and church calendar to learn more about the teaching tools we have come to love at Holy Cross. This year, we will follow the year's theme and focus on the ministry of Jesus for us.

Our first Church Family Sunday School will be Oct. 25 from 9:30-10:30 am. Please note there will be no regular adult education or Sunday School. This will be for our entire church family, all generations together, where everyone is a learner.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
75th Annual Whole Hog Sausage & Sauerkraut Dinner
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026
11AM to 5PM
Pork Sausage, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Applesauce, Bread, Apple Butter, Home-made Pies
$17/meal — credit cards accepted
123 Church Road, Augusta, MO 6332
Carry-outs Available ~ Country Store
Cafeteria Style — All You Can Eat
Air-conditioned Dining Area ~ Handicap Accessible