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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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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Reformation (Observed) + Confirmation
News & Notes for October 24 & 25, 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; **Dennis** Benassi; **Carolyn** Bertram; **Mary Kay** Bethke; **Kacey** Booth; **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; **Roger** and **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; **Marion** Schwentker; **Wayne** Walkenhorst; **William** Wichern; **Larry** Williams; **Ernestine** Wilson.

WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Diane Coppolo Bralies (Liz Rasche)
Rachel Butkovich (Tom & Sue Haywood)
Ben Carlton (Bill Price)
Elizabeth Cash (Heather Koepke)
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
Bill Knehans (Bob & Barb Knehans)
Joyce Kroll (David Schlesselman)
Sandy Lockwood (David Gilson)
Mike (Debbie Parks)
Mike Niewald, **Ida** Kosten (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)
David Steinbacher (Ernestine Wilson)
Ryan Stover (Brenda Marhanka)
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)
Ken Anderson Family; Rev. **Arnie** Frank Family; **Lea** Holste; **John** Schaefer Sr & Family; **Duane** Rahe, **Nelda** Schmidt (Peggy Kuerschner)
John Bach, **Rachel** Long (Betty Lee)
Kim Clark & Family, **Susan** Maag (Menschers)
Mark Frankenbach**; 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, **Dexter** Stiles, **Nisseem**, **Daniel**, Dr. **Eric** Semler (Sandra Semler)
Cecilianna Wilbur, **Tim** (Charity Smith)
Scott Steinbruegge, **Marcia** Sheppard (Bob & Karen Steinbruegge)
Dennis Sweeso, **Denny** Sweeso (Stacey Sweeso)
Michelle DeMercurio & Family (Bob & Sue Williams)

—Prayer requests continue on page 3—

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: **Ralph Burroughs**, brother of Nancy Brazee, died Sun., Oct. 18; **Josh Klug**, grandnephew of Sandra Semler, also died recently.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

SATURDAY, October 24, 2026
REFORMATION (OBSERVED)
10AM TO 3PM: Belter Family/Pavilion
3PM Holy Communion + Confirmation
5PM Trunk or Treat

SUNDAY, October 25, 2026
REFORMATION (OBSERVED)
8AM Holy Communion
9:30AM Church Family Sunday School
9:30AM New Member Orientation (Rm 1&2)
10:45AM Holy Communion + Confirmation

MONDAY, October 26, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
9AM TOPS
10:30AM 4s Classroom Party Day
11AM Line Dancing
1-5PM Preschool Parent-Teacher Conferences
6:30PM Handbells

TUESDAY, October 27, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11:15AM
9AM Preschool Chapel
9AM Quilting
10AM Women's Bible Study
10:30AM 3s Classroom Party Day
12:30PM Staff Meeting
1-5PM Preschool Parent-Teacher Conferences
6:30PM Adult Bible Class

WEDNESDAY, October 28, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
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 29, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON; PRESCHOOL FALL BREAK
8AM NEWS&NOTES DEADLINE
5:30PM Wedding Rehearsal
6:30PM 20s&30s&40s Bible Study
7PM Rehearsal Dinner + Outdoor Activities
6:30PM 20s&30s&40s Bible Study

FRIDAY, October 30, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON; PRESCHOOL FALL BREAK
7AM Wedding Party
2PM Wedding Pictures
4:30PM Conrad-Wittig Wedding

SATURDAY, October 31, 2026
11AM Nancy Caldwell Funeral
Noon Funeral Luncheon
3PM Holy Communion

SUNDAY, November 1, 2026
ALL SAINTS' DAY
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
8AM Holy Communion
8AM to NOON: Costume Fitting for Family Christmas (Rm 1&2)
9:30AM Education Hour
9:30AM Usher's Training (sanctuary)
10:45AM Holy Communion
1:30PM Board of Elders

CHURCH ATTENDANCE: October 17 & 18, 2026

Service	Attendance	Communion
5PM	61	59
8AM	111	83
10:45AM	111	90
TOTAL	283	232

Bible Class Attendance
Week of October 18, 2026
NA=not applicable; NR=not reported; C= cancelled

Little Lambs, Sunday	0
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	15
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	7
Sunday Adult Bible Class	48
BASICS	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	10
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	NA
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM Bible Class	C
Wednesday Nights	33
20s&30s Thursday	8

Offerings: Oct. 12-18, 2026

General Fund	$	13,377.07
Endowment	$	0.00
Building Fund	$	0.00
Missions Weekly	$	460.02
Missions Total Fiscal Yr Pt 1 2026-2027	$	5,048.65

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 21, 2026
Families: 106 Individuals: 336 New Families: 2

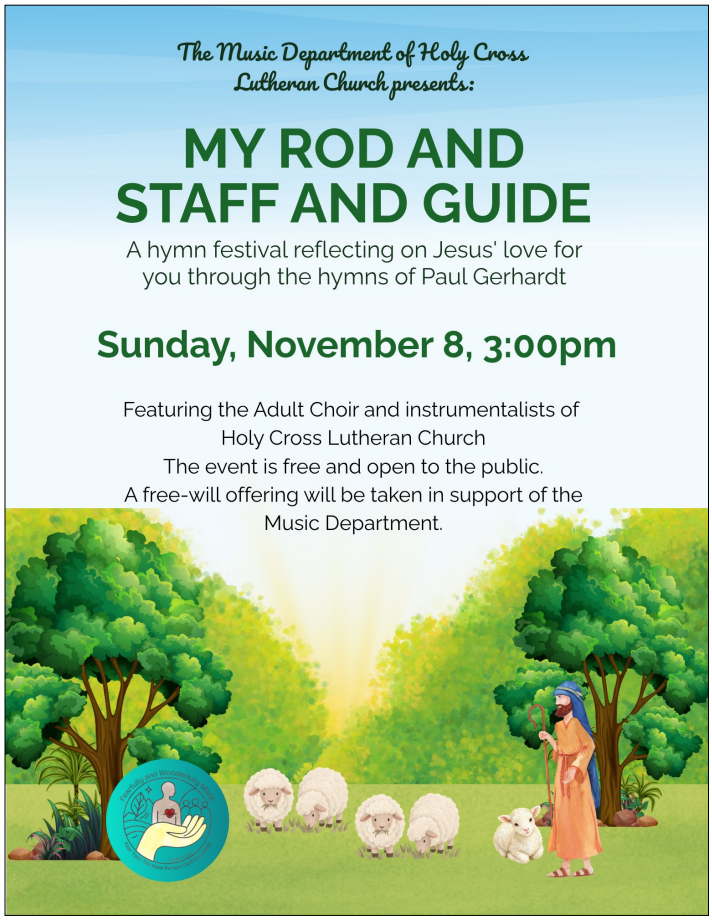
ALTAR FLOWERS are placed to the glory of God by Bruce & Dani Richardson in honor of their granddaughter Kayleigh's confirmation on Sunday.

CONFIRMATION: Two young women will be confirmed this Reformation weekend: Katie Wiese and Kayleigh Hardebeck. Their bios are in the service bulletin. Please keep them in your prayers.

CHURCH FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL: The first session is **this weekend. See page 4 for details.**

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION: This will take place at 9:30AM in Rm 1 & 2.

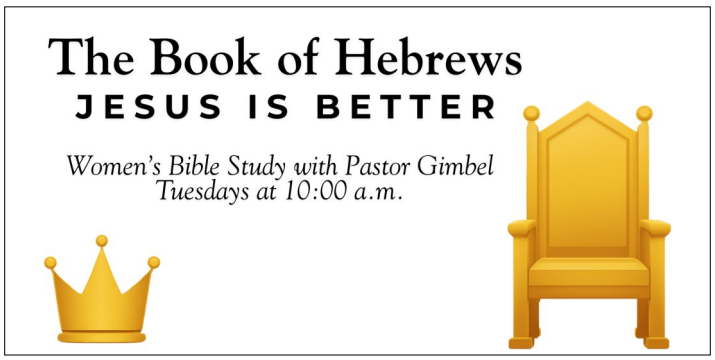
HYMN FESTIVAL - Join us on **Sun., Nov. 8**, at 3PM for our Fifth Annual Hymn Festival! As part of our church's theme, "The New Person God Has Made," the event, entitled "My Rod and Staff and Guide," will use beloved hymns by Paul Gerhardt to reflect on who we are through Jesus. Led by the Holy Cross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



TRUNK OR TREAT Event is Sat., Oct. 24, 2026, 5-7PM. Everyone invited. Holy Cross East Parking Lot.

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

FUNERAL: The funeral for Nancy Caldwell will be Sat., Oct. 31, at 11AM, with a luncheon following.





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

NOMINATIONS are open for positions in this November's Voters Assembly elections. We invite you to consider serving as a Board Coordinator or a member of the Executive Committee. Executive Committee positions include President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Board Coordinator positions include Congregational Life, Facilities, Preschool, and Service. A full description of all positions is available in the new Bylaws. Copies are available on the Welcome Center table. Submit nominations to president@hcross.com or vicepresident@hcross.com.





Our first Church Family Sunday School will be Oct. 25 from 9:30-10:30AM. Please note there will be no regular Adult Bible Study or Sunday School. This will be for our entire church family, all generations together, where everyone is a learner. An email was sent out that explained how this will take place this Sunday. Printed copies are available on the table underneath the white board in the Welcome Center.

Planning Ahead for November Congregation Lunches

The *New Member Luncheon* will be held **Sun., Nov. 15**, starting at noon. The Evangelism Board will purchase the meat, and congregation members are asked to bring side dishes, salads, and desserts. New members— just come and eat! Grace Evening Guild will serve in the kitchen.

Names ending in A-L should bring: *Side dish & salad*
Names ending in M-Z should bring: *Side dish & dessert*

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On **Sun., Nov. 22,** the *Voters' Assembly* will serve chicken prior to the meeting. Voters are asked to bring side dishes, salads, and desserts. Holy Cross Ladies Guild will serve in the kitchen.

Names ending in A-L should bring: *Side dish & dessert*
Names ending in M-Z should bring: *Side dish & salad*

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From the Church Council:

Individuals with food allergies, celiac disease, or other dietary restrictions are encouraged to notify Holy Cross Lutheran Church in advance. We will make reasonable efforts to accommodate disclosed needs; however, we cannot guarantee that food served will be free from allergens or cross-contact. Attendees should use their own judgment when choosing whether to consume food provided.

Signs will be posted in the gym and Welcome Center regarding the food served at Holy Cross in regards to allergens. If you bring a dish that is sugar-free or gluten-free, contains nuts or shellfish, or any other allergen, we will ask that you list it on a card and have it near your dish on the serving table.

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

Hope Seeds

Hope Seeds Meets Nov. 5

Join the group in the gym at 9AM to pack seeds for missions.
Sponsored by Holy Cross Stewardship Board.





