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.

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Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday

News & Notes for October 3 & 4, 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)
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 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 DeMercurio & Family (Bob & Sue Williams)

We pray for those who mourn: For the family of **Carolyn Delohi,** who entered the Church Triumphant on Oct. 1, 2026. Arrangements are pending.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

SATURDAY, October 3, 2026
Lutheran Women *in Mission* Weekend
3PM Holy Communion
+ Candy & Nut Sale (Ladies Guild)
4:30-6:30PM BASICS (Rms 1 & 2)

SUNDAY, October 4, 2026
Lutheran Women *in Mission* Weekend
Candy & Nut Sale Ends (Ladies Guild)
8AM Holy Communion
9:30AM Education Hour
10:45AM Holy Communion
1:30PM Board of Elders

MONDAY, October 5, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
9AM TOPS
11AM Line Dancing
6:30PM Handbells

TUESDAY, October 6, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11:15AM
9AM Preschool Chapel
10AM Women's Bible Study
12:30PM Staff Meeting
1:30PM Preschool Board Meeting
6:30PM Missions & Stewardship

WEDNESDAY, October 7, 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 8, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
8AM NEWS&NOTES DEADLINE
6:30PM 20s&30s&40s Bible Study

FRIDAY, October 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
10AM Ladies Guild

SATURDAY, October 10, 2026
3PM Holy Communion
4:30PM BASICS (Rms 1 & 2)

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

CHURCH ATTENDANCE: September 26 & 27, 2026

Service	Attendance	Communion
5PM	56	54
8AM	124	104
10:45AM	84	77
TOTAL	**264**	**235**

Bible Class Attendance
Week of September 27, 2026
NA=not applicable; NR=not reported; C= cancelled

Little Lambs, Sunday	0
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	22
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	8
Sunday Adult Bible Class	61
Other	na
Tuesday Women's 10AM	10
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	NA
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM Bible Class	34
Wednesday Nights	42
20s&30s Thursday	9

Offerings: Sept. 21-27, 2026

General Fund	$	17,962.73
Endowment	$	100.00
Building Fund	$	0.00
Missions Weekly	$	10.02
Missions Total Fiscal Yr Pt 1 2026-2027	$	4,105.31

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: 92 Individuals: 312 New Families: 1

ALTAR FLOWERS this weekend are placed to the glory of God by ***Holy Cross Ladies Guild and Holy Cross Grace Evening Guild*** in honor of Lutheran Women *in Mission* Sunday.

Today is designated as **Lutheran Women *in Mission* Sunday**. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League, LWML, was established in 1942 as the official women's auxiliary of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Currently, Holy Cross boasts two ladies' groups affiliated with the LWML -- Holy Cross Ladies Guild and the Grace Evening Guild. All women of the congregation are invited to join either or both guilds. As members, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. Check the *News&Notes* or the *Koinonia* for information about both guilds. You can also be involved with LWML even if you cannot attend meetings or events. Check out the Mailbox Member Program at lwml.org/mailbox.

DOOR OFFERING today will go to LWML Mites. Cash, coins, or checks written to either Guild with a memo line for mites will be welcome and used to support the mission grants of the LWML. Pick up a Mite box to collect spare change and deposit a filled box in the large Mite box in the Welcome Center throughout the year.

LAST CHANCE - CANDY AND NUT SALE
This weekend, Oct. 3 & 4, is your last chance to order from the Ladies Guild CANDY AND NUT SALE. Pay in cash or by check when ordering. Visit the Welcome Center table to see the varieties 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 through 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 you calendar!

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 or contact David Schlesselman at 636-578-1766 if you plan to attend so we can properly prepare.

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.

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



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.

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.

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.

Craft Expo

November 7, 2026
9:00 – 3:00

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







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

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**



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.

Grandparenting Summit
October 10, 9AM-3PM
Lutheran High School in St. Peters
Last-Minute Guests are Welcome: walk-in that morning of Summit. You don't need to worry about official registration online; pay at the door. Please send Karen Braddy your name and lunch preference. Karen's email: kvb6483@gmail.com
Lunch will be a "freewill offering." Barbecue pork and chicken, coleslaw, baked beans, cookies, and drinks. Free snacks throughout the day.