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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ALL SAINTS' DAY
News & Notes for October 31 & November 1, 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; **John** Bewig; **Millie** Bisesi; **Kacey** Booth; **Matthew** Claxton; **Logan** Day; **Bob** Delohi; **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)
Wendy Drew (Rose's Bookhouse)
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)
Duane Dafler, **William** Dafler, **Laura** Robinette (Wes Dafler)
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)
David Hartwig; **Steve** Kern (Betty Kling)
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: For the friends and family of **Roy Tell,** 79, (son of Paul Tell), who died Oct. 3, due to injuries from a Sept. 14 car accident; and for family and friends **of Joe Bryan,** friend of Karen Copper).

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

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

MONDAY, November 2, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON; PRESCHOOL CLOSED
9AM TOPS
11AM Line Dancing
6:30PM Handbells

TUESDAY, November 3, 2026
PRESCHOOL CLOSED
ELECTION DAY
6:30PM Missions & Stewardship

WEDNESDAY, November 4, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
6AM 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, November 5, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
8AM NEWS&NOTES DEADLINE
9AM HOPE Seeds
4:30PM to 8:30PM—Dine & Donate at Applebee's—Preschool Fundraiser
6:30PM 20s&30s&40s Bible Study

FRIDAY, November 6, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
NOON: CRAFT EXPO SETUP
3PM-7PM Vendors Setup for Craft Expo

SATURDAY, November 7, 2026
7AM—3PM GRACE GUILD CRAFT EXPO
9AM Celebration of Lights Setup in Park
3PM Holy Communion

SUNDAY, November 8, 2026
8AM Holy Communion
+ Baptism: Russ Zilka
9:30AM Education Hour
9:30AM Baptism Birthday Celebration
10:45AM Holy Communion
3PM Hymn Festival at Holy Cross

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

CHURCH ATTENDANCE: October 24 & 25, 2026

Service	Attendance	Communion
5PM	62	59
8AM	120	108
10:45AM	133	89
TOTAL	315	256

Bible Class Attendance
Week of October 125, 2026
NA=not applicable; NR=not reported; C= cancelled

CHURCH FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL	93
NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION	9
Tuesday Women's 10AM	14
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	7
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM Bible Class	35
Wednesday Nights	42
20s&30s Thursday	7

Offerings: Oct. 19-25, 2026

General Fund	$	23,756.22
Endowment	$	100.00
Building Fund	$	20.00
Missions Weekly	$	330.02
Missions Total Fiscal Yr Pt 1 2026-2027	$	5,378.67

Year-To-Date: 09.30.2026

Income	$	590,083.03
Expenses	$	601,761.67
Deficit	$	(11,678.64)

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.

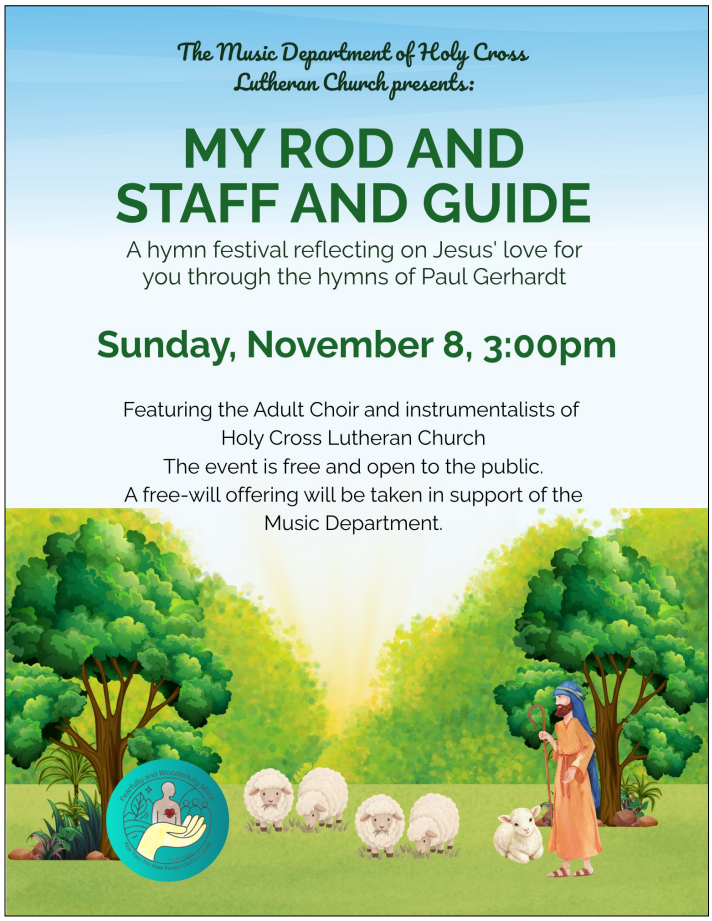
PORTALS OF PRAYER for (*NEW*) **October to December 2026** and ***NEW*** issues of ***Lutheran Witness*** are on the Welcome Center table.

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 28, 2026
Families: 97 Individuals: 289 New Families: 9

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed to the glory of God by Solomon & Jenny Conrad in honor of the wedding of their daughter Grace Conrad to Rev. Brandon Wittig on Fri., Oct. 30, 2026.



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.

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.



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.



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.

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. Meet in the sanctuary 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.

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.

TENTH ANNUAL

Craft Expo

SPONSORED BY GRACE EVENING GUILD

November 7, 2026

9:00 – 3:00

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

8945 Veterans Memorial Parkway
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40 CONFIRMED VENDORS

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

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.
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.

We held our first **Church Family Sunday School** last Sunday, and our second is fast approaching on **November 15**! For the rest of our Church Family Sunday Schools for the 2026/27 school year, we will include **food** as part of the lesson plan. YUM!

If you didn't know, food and conversation go really well together, and certain foods are associated with, or serve as, teaching aids at different times in our church year. I'm looking for bakers to help make these foods. I'm hoping to have no-knead bread on November 15. Recipes and sign-ups are available now in the Welcome Center under the posters or with this link below.
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VG_yudzUlzo3Ue7nG43WRrSFGSt-Ke6vdgpCmFwTK84/edit?usp=sharing



