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Reviewing Membership Rolls & Records

It's that time again. No, I am not referring to watching more mediocre Minnesota Vikings quarterback play (though that may be true).

This fall, Holy Cross is reviewing our membership rolls and records to see who is still connected here. We are working toward a goal of removing inactive members at the November 2026 Voters' Assembly. Here are some questions and answers about membership that will be helpful to consider.

What is membership anyway? What are the benefits of being a member at Holy Cross?
Being a member at Holy Cross means that Holy Cross has your contact information and can communicate with you about the latest news and information. Holy Cross will also track your giving and donations and share a printed report with you at the end of the year. As a member, you can be the recipient of official church acts, including baptisms, weddings, and funerals. Members are able to rent or use the church facilities for private events (e.g., gym, pavilion).

What is not a part of church membership?
To be a member of Holy Cross is NOT the same as having eternal salvation (though Holy Cross certainly hopes that all members have eternal life). Jesus Christ saves us, not having your name on a computer database at Holy Cross (or any other church).

What are the expectations of membership?
Holy Cross expects members to stay connected to the congregation in order to keep the membership in good standing. These expectations are laid out in Article V of our congregation's constitution as well as Article 1.3.c. of our bylaws. Among these expectations, our Constitution says that any person shall be eligible to become and remain a communicant member of Holy Cross who: "Regularly attends divine worship services, frequently partakes of the Sacrament of the Altar, and practices Scriptural principles of the stewardship life."

To that end, our congregation leaders have more clearly defined what that looks like. Our members can stay connected by doing just one or more of the following in a calendar year:

- Regularly attend worship services (please sign in on the red folder!)
- Give financial contributions to Holy Cross
- Have a personal conversation about membership with one of the pastors
- Have a personal conversation about membership with one of our elders

What are the reasons a person's membership might be terminated or removed?
The bylaws give us some guidance here too. In 1.3.c., it lays out three circumstances: 1) A member fails to adhere to Article V of the church's Constitution, 2) A member severs contact with the congregation, and 3) A member's whereabouts are unknown or the member has moved from the area without successful contact.

What would happen next in those situations?
The elders have been working through a list from our church management software that includes members who have not attended AND have not given since December 1, 2024. From this list, the elders have been and will be communicating with each household regarding membership status. If there is no response to this specific communication, then the names of inactive members will be brought forward to the November Voters' Assembly and be removed from membership (see bylaws 1.3.c.i.).

What if a member is accidentally or unintentionally removed through the process?
In such a case, those removed can contact the church to begin the process of membership again. A handful of members have gone through this process before, so it will not be a problem if things play out this way.

What if I have more concerns or questions about this?
As is always the case, please feel free to reach out to any of our elders. Their contact information is on the display board in the Welcome Center. Feel free to reach out to Pastor Jason or Pastor Gimbel as well.

—Pastor Gimbel

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
the new creation has come.
The old is gone, the new is here."
2 Corinthians 5:17

Dani Richardson
Preschool Director & Lead Teacher

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

IMPORTANT NOTICE:
PRESCHOOL ROOMS 4-5, 7, 11-12 ARE PEANUT- & NUT-FREE 24/7 DUE TO A SEVERE ALLERGIC REACTION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

We spent the first month of school learning about routines and getting to know one another. Each student created a All About Me Poster and a family leaf. We learned that God gives us families who work together to help each other. We also learned about autumn and apples. The 4-year-old students are learning a letter each week and will create their own letter book throughout the year, and the 3s class is creating a monthly memory book as well. During Jesus time, we heard the story of creation and how man allowed sin to enter the world. Thankfully, through His love and grace for us, God's promised Savior offers forgiveness. We will learn more of God's love all year.

We have 8 four-year-olds and 13 three-year-olds enrolled for the 2026-2027 school year! We praise God for the opportunity we have to share Jesus with the families He has brought to our Preschool.

GOLF FOR SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT

Sept. 7 was a beautiful day for golfing at The Falls Golf Club! We had 24 teams competing with a total of 96 golfers. Holy Cross had more players this year and more sponsors than the previous years.

Many thanks to Anjon Manufacturing, Ferguson Roofing, Hoffman Brothers Roofing, Lutheran High School, Pizza Ranch, Ziggy's, Simmon's Bank, and Tri Tech for sponsoring our event.

A delicious buffet of chicken parmesan, roast beef, and pasta con broccoli was enjoyed by golfers.

Based on player designation, Holy Cross Preschool received $3,875, and Child of God received $5,984 from this event.

Thank you to all who participated; Kyle Dibler, Jason White, Neal and Cynthia Menscher for coordinating hole sponsors and prizes; Dani Richardson, Chris Storm, Cindy White, and Rebecca Cavendar for assisting with check-in and taking pictures of the golfers! Pictures from the event are posted at https://www.facebook.com/hclpreschool.











UPCOMING OCTOBER EVENTS:

Daniel Farm Field Trip: Fri., Oct. 9

Teacher Workshop Day
Preschool Closed Wed., Oct. 14

Harvest Parties: 4s, Mon., Oct. 26; 3s, Tues., Oct. 27

Fall Break: Oct. 29 to Nov. 3.
Classes resume Wed., Nov. 4.

Monthly Music Minute for October 2026

A series in which the music director shares some thoughts about the music coming up in church this month

Here's a question for you to ponder: When was the Reformation? Your immediate answer might be October 31, 1517. After all, Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenberg on that date, and that's why we celebrate Reformation Day on October 31 every year. There's some merit to that, but did the reforming happen exclusively on that date? Luther surely had thought about those theses well before nailing them to the door. So maybe the Reformation started earlier -- perhaps even 100 years earlier, when Jan Hus introduced similar ideas in Czechia.

Or perhaps the Reformation started later. The 95 Theses aren't the only document of the Reformation, after all. The Small and Large Catechisms were published in 1529, and the Augsburg Confession in 1530, 13 years after Luther's 95 Theses. The Book of Concord was published 50 years after that, with documents compiled by several authors. Perhaps we should say the Reformation didn't *really* happen until then, 63 years after that fateful October Day.

Here's my point with all this -- the Reformation wasn't a one-off event. No town crier came in front of the people one day and declared, "Hear ye, hear ye, I declare today, October 31, 1517, to be the Reformation." Of course not! The Reformation is a movement, a process, a pattern of growing and learning, and interpreting God's Word together. It's important to remember that God's Word never changes -- "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever", after all -- but the people, nations, and cultures that read it change and grow.

I find that the way we partake in corporate worship is similar. In worship, some things do not and should not change. The Word of God should be read and proclaimed, and the sacraments should be rightfully administered. However, other parts of the service might be altered based on the context of the people gathering. Sixteenth-century Germany is not the same as 21st-century Missouri. For that matter, 19th- or 20th-century Missouri isn't the same as 21st-century Missouri. The church down the street in St. Charles or Wentzville might need to hear God's Word a little differently than the church in O'Fallon. And that's okay!

Luther actually wrote about this several times. In 1523, he wrote *Formula Missae*, a document sharing the order of service he used in Wittenberg -- but he made clear it was not a requirement for churches to follow, but just a way of worship that works for them.

Special Music Dates for Your Calendar

Hymn Festival
Sunday, November 8, 3PM

Family Christmas Service
Saturday, December 5, 3PM

Preschool Christmas Service
Sunday, December 6, 3PM

Gateway Ringers' Handbell Concert
Sunday, December 13, 4PM

Service of Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 20, 3PM

And in 1526 (500 years ago), he wrote a follow-up, *Deutsche Messe*, a document which shared how they celebrated the Divine Service in German, the language of the people!

Would you believe me if I said the way we celebrate the Divine Service is different than the way Luther did? Firstly, and most obviously, we celebrate it in English, not German. Why? Because it's the language of the people here. It helps us to understand God's Word more fully. Additionally, we confess our sins during worship, something they did not do in Luther's time, as weekly private confession was the expectation. They didn't even use an Old Testament Reading back then -- just an Epistle and Gospel.

The Pastors and I thought it might be fun, then, on Reformation Day in this 500th year of the *Deutsche Messe* publication, to try worshiping in the order set out by Luther in this document. We will follow some of his advice, including singing the all-new German hymns that he recommended. However, we will also deviate from some things that we think would not be helpful for the saints of Holy Cross in highlighting God's Word but might be more of a distraction -- such as his recommendation to seat men and women separately, or his call to consecrate and distribute the bread before consecrating and distributing the wine, leading to two trips to the communion rail.

Hopefully on this day you'll see that, while still quite familiar, the Divine Service as we celebrate it isn't exactly how Luther did -- and that's okay! Worship can be different without being wrong. We are not

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Meet Your Elder:
Neal Menscher

A series in which members of the Board of Elders introduce themselves and share some thoughts



I grew up on a farm along Hwy N in Wentzville, Missouri. I was blessed to be brought up by Christian parents who were long-time members of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wentzville. In fact, my great-grandfather Henry Menscher was one of the original members who helped build the old church in Wentzville in 1899.

I attended Immanuel Wentzville through 8th grade, and served that church for many years as a Sunday School teacher, Youth Group counselor, choir member, usher, and Bible Study leader. I am a graduate of Wentzville Holt High School, and I studied at the University of Missouri St. Louis, planning to be a history or PE teacher.

However, in 1975, my Dad became ill, and I had to drop out of school to get the crops harvested. I was blessed to have help from my Uncle Gene and my Dad's cousin Art, but they had their own crops to get out also. It was a season of hard work and long days, but with a lot of prayer and support we finished harvesting the corn crop two days before Thanksgiving, right before a pretty big snowstorm. I was thankful for many things, but most of all that Jesus had always been with us. Dad recovered fully and lived for another 27 years after this illness.

I decided not go back to UMSL. Instead, I went into the workforce and got a job at Contel Telephone in Wentzville. This allowed me to live at home and take care of my parents. It was a good and I stayed there for 33 years through mergers with GTE and Verizon.

However, for years, I wondered what could have been if I had finished college, and I felt frustrated that I had not met that special person to start my own family.

At that time, several Lutheran churches in the area had active singles groups, and I started attending one at Immanuel St. Charles. I made many wonderful friends through this group, but it was not until March 1988 that I met my wonderful wife, Cynthia. We met at a Lutheran singles volleyball game. She was a high school Spanish teacher and had lived in Texas before moving back home to Union, Missouri, earlier that year. We became engaged that October and married the following August. Cynthia and I are blessed with two daughters, Rachel and Lydia, and, more recently, two beautiful granddaughters, Ellie and Sophie.

Around the time that our girls went off to college, Cynthia and I began visiting different Lutheran churches in the area and really liked Pastor Wachter and the people we met here at Holy Cross. Eventually, we moved our memberships here and have been so blessed to be part of this church family.

I have served as an usher and elder since 2022. Pastor Gimbel, Pastor Kohm, Pastor Meyer, and Pastor Wachter have all be wonderful shepherds.

Outside of church, Cynthia and I love to travel and spend time outdoors. We like to get off the beaten path and visit small towns and rural areas across the country. We also enjoy calling on our members who are homebound, or who might need a card or a welcome letter. I love all sports, especially baseball, football, and college basketball. We both love music, especially from the 80s. I thank God often for bringing us together and bringing us to Holy Cross.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as one of your elders. God bless you!

Worship Time Change

Starting Oct. 3,
the Saturday Worship Service moves to 3PM.

USHER MEETING: Usher training and review will be held on Sun., Nov. 1 for current ushers and others interested in serving as an usher. The meeting will be in the Church Sanctuary after the 8AM service.

USHERS & ACOLYTES: Please sign up ahead of your date to serve so that we have an accurate schedule for the bulletin. Write in your name on the printed sheet at the Information Desk in the Welcome Center or hcross.com/usher

LWML
Lutheran Women *in* Mission

TENTH ANNUAL

Craft Expo

Sponsored by Grace Evening Guild

November 7, 2026

9:00 – 3:00

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40 VENDORS

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

SAVE THE DATE: **CRAFT EXPO** will be **Sat., Nov. 7, 2026**. Mark your calendar to shop 40 vendors!

GRACE GUILD had its September meeting after a 3-month break. We heard from Gail Hahn, President of LWML St. Charles Zone, about what was happening in the Zone. *Sweeter Than Honey* is a Zone initiative to bring more women into the LWML circle, particularly if they are not involved in a group at their church. At the October 13 meeting, we will celebrate birthdays for 7 of our members! We are very excited that all 40 booths for the Craft Expo have been rented! Our vendors will offer a variety of handmade items. In November, we will hear from Marian Hoehner about her time as President of the LWML Missouri District, and organize our fall visits with our church shut-ins.

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.

All women of Holy Cross are invited to attend meetings of either or both Guilds. Join us as we "serve the Lord with gladness" by raising funds for missions at home and around the world.

Holy Cross has two LWML groups:
Holy Cross Ladies Guild meets **Fri., Oct. 9, 10AM.**
Grace Evening Guild meets **Tues., Oct. 13, 6PM.**

LWML Sunday will be celebrated on Oct. 3&4.
Meet members from both groups.
Find out what their projects are.
A door offering for LWML Mites will be held.

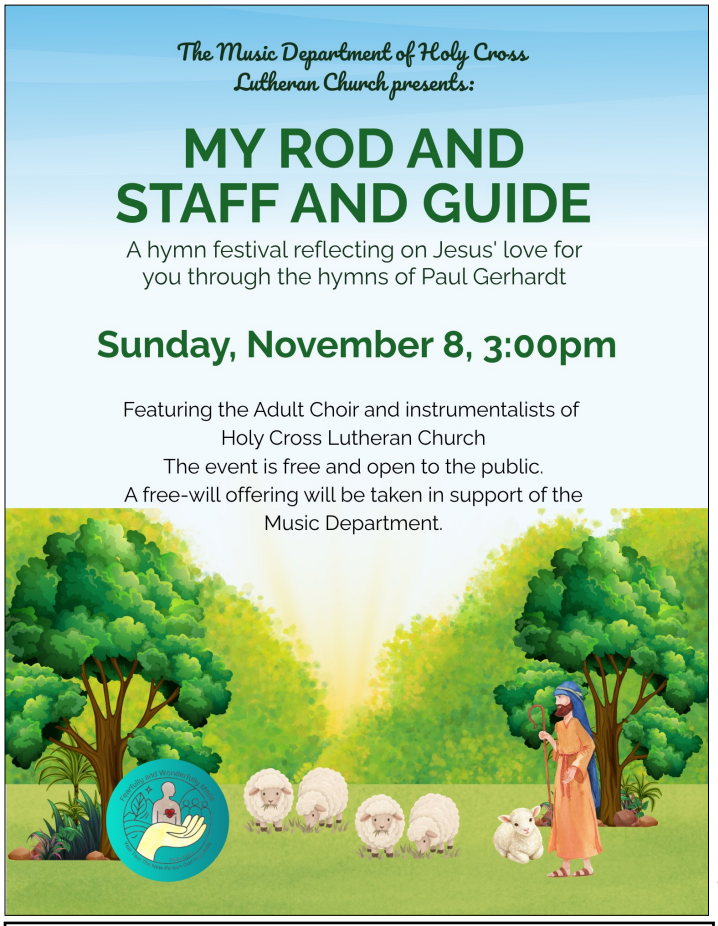


At the September Ladies Guild meeting, Jennifer Darby from the O'Fallon Senior Center was presented with a check for $2,539 representing the proceeds from the recent rummage sale. Jennifer is shown in the photo accepting the check from Barb Grosch, Ladies Guild Vice President and Rummage Sale Chairperson. The support of the congregation is sincerely appreciated. Special thanks to those who helped with set up and clean up.



Mite Explanation and History

Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1–4), the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants and implement the LWML program.







Hope Seeds will meet Oct. 1 & Nov. 5

Join the group in the gym at 9AM to pack seeds for missions.

Sponsored by Holy Cross Stewardship Board.



THE CALLED WORKERS SUPPORT TEAM would like to remind the Congregation that October is ***Pastor Appreciation Month***. The church mailbox will be placed 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 of October, so please join this appreciation demonstration.

FROM PAGE 3: MONTHLY MUSIC MINUTE

better than other Christians because we worship a certain way. Luther even speaks to this in the *Deutsche Messe*, saying, "No Order has any intrinsic worth of its own…but all Order has its life, worth, strength, and virtue in right use; else it is worthless and fit for nothing."

To that end, on Reformation Day, we won't just be celebrating like 16th-century Christians but like 21st-century Christians when we sing the contemporary hymn, "In Christ Alone." I know we don't sing much contemporary Christian music at Holy Cross, and many people at Holy Cross prefer not to sing it. However, this song is the right song for the day. The text and the song fit. It guides our worship in our context by highlighting something from God's Word that is read during the service.

I have two Reformation Day challenges for you this year. Firstly, see if you can spot the differences between what we usually do in worship and what changes. Ask yourself how these changes might help bring us closer to God in our worship. Secondly, try to keep an open mind if people worship differently around you, especially on the things that don't really matter -- if their music is different or their church looks different or their pastors dress differently. Paul writes in Ephesians chapter four that there is "one Lord, one faith, one baptism", a call for us as Christians to put down our silly divisions and focus on what really matters -- the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ that brings salvation to all believers. That's what the Reformation should really be about.

- David Gilson



CHURCH FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL
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 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.

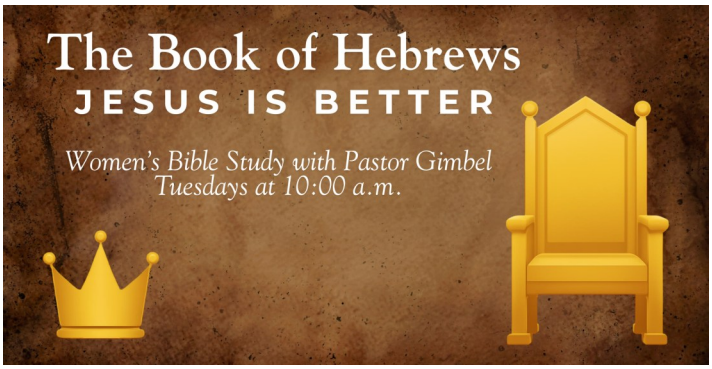
Our first Church Family Sunday School will be Oct. 25 from 9:30-10:30 AM. Please note there will be no regular adult education or Sunday School. This will be for our entire church family, all generations together, where everyone is a learner.

20s/30s/40s Bible Study

Thursdays at 6:30PM

Young Adults enjoy

Bible study, fellowship



Sunday Adult Bible Class

Do you feel uncomfortable witnessing your faith daily? There is a YouTube video to help you do almost any task today. We will be offering a Bible Class this fall (which is not a YouTube video) that will hopefully give you some good insights and make you feel more comfortable about being a witness for Jesus. See more details below and come and be an active part of it.

The Seven W's of Witnessing: Beginning on Sun., Sept. 13, we will offer a six-week Bible study on witnessing. It will include the what, why, where, when, who, and to whom of witnessing. More importantly, we will discuss different approaches to being a faithful witness to our faith.

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

Wednesdays, October 14, 2026

& November 11, 2026

6:30AM

Sign up in the Welcome Center the Sunday beforehand



Enjoy Fellowship & Food!





















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THE 38TH BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL, will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in St. Charles, Dec. 10, 11, 12, and 13. There will be a 7:30 performance each evening with afternoon performances at 4PM both Saturday and Sunday.

Tickets will be available on a first come, first served basis starting at 8AM on Mon., Nov. 2, by calling the church office at 636-946-2656. There is no charge for the tickets, but there is a limit of 5 per call.

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Holy Cross Lutheran Church Calendar of Events ~ October 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 September NUT & CANDY SALE 8 AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour 10:45AM Holy Communion	**28** 9:30 AM TOPS 11AM Line Dancing 6:30PM Handbell Choir	**29** 9AM Preschool Chapel 10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meeting	**30** 9AM Preschool Chapel 9:30AM Adult Bible Class 6PM Beginning Bell Choir + Children's Choir 6:30PM Confirmation + Midweek PreK to 5th 6:45PM Adult Choir	**1 October** **8AM News & Notes Deadline** 9AM HOPE Seeds (gym) 6:30PM 20s&30s&40s Bible Class	**2** **Ron Dawson Funeral** 10AM Visitation 11AM Funeral Noon Luncheon	**3** **LWML Weekend** Nut & Candy Sale -Final weekend 3PM Holy Communion 4:30PM BASICS
4 **LWML Weekend** Nut & Candy Sale-Final weekend 8AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour 10:45AM Holy Communion 1:30PM Board of Elders	**5** 9:30 AM TOPS 11AM Line Dancing 6:30PM Handbell Choir	**6** 9AM Preschool Chapel 10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meeting 1:30PM Preschool Board	**7** 9AM Preschool Chapel 9:30AM Adult Bible Class 11AM Evangelism Board 6PM Beginning Bell Choir + Children's Choir 6:30PM Confirmation + Midweek PreK to 5th 6:45PM Adult Choir	**8** **8AM News & Notes Deadline** 6:30PM 20s&30s&40s Bible Class	**9** 10AM Ladies Guild 10AM Preschool Field Trip	**10** Sunday School Training (off-site) 3PM Holy Communion + Preschool Sings + Beginning Bells 4:30PM BASICS
11 8AM Holy Communion + Adult Choir (both) 9:30AM Education Hour 9:30AM Baptism Birthday Celebration 10:45AM Holy Communion	**12** 9:30 AM TOPS 11AM Line Dancing 6PM Executive Board 6:30PM Handbell Choir 7:30PM Council Meeting	**13** 9AM Quilting 9AM Preschool Chapel 10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meeting 6PM Grace Evening Guild 6:30PM Adult Bible Study	**14** 6:30AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 9AM Preschool Chapel 9:30AM Adult Bible Class 6PM Beginning Bell Choir + Children's Choir 6:30PM Confirmation + Midweek PreK to 5th 6:45PM Adult Choir	**15** **KOINONIA DEADLINE** **8AM News & Notes Deadline** 6:30PM 20s&30s&40s Bible Class	**16** **Preschool Closed** -Teacher Work Day	**17** 3PM Holy Communion
18 8 AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour + Midweek Teacher Training 10:45AM Holy Communion + Baptism (Hart)	**19** 9:30 AM TOPS 11AM Line Dancing 6:30PM Handbell Choir	**20** 9AM Preschool Chapel 6:30PM Bds of Youth & Ed	**21** 9AM Preschool Chapel 6PM Beginning Bell Choir + Children's Choir 6:30PM Confirmation + Midweek PreK to 5th 6:45PM Adult Choir	**22** **8AM News & Notes Deadline** 6:30PM 20s&30s&40s Bible Class	**23** **KOINONIA MAILING**	**24** REFORMATION (OBS) 10AM TO 3PM: Belter Family/Pavilion 3PM Holy Communion + Confirmation 5PM Trunk or Treat
25 REFORMATION (OBS) 8 AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Church Family Sunday School 9:30AM New Member Orientation (Rm 1 & 2) 10:45AM Holy Communion + Confirmation	**26** 9:30 AM TOPS 10:30am 4s Class Party 11AM Line Dancing 1-5PM: Preschool Parent-Teacher Conferences 6:30PM Handbell Choir	**27** 9AM Preschool Chapel 9AM Quilting 10AM Women's Bible Study 10:30am 3s Class Party 12:30PM Staff Meeting 1-5PM: Preschool Parent-Teacher Conferences 6:30PM Adult Bible Study	**28** 9AM Preschool Chapel 9:30AM Adult Bible Class 6PM Beginning Bell Choir + Children's Choir 6:30PM Confirmation + Midweek PreK to 5th 6:45PM Adult Choir	**29** **PRESCHOOL FALL BREAK** **8AM News & Notes Deadline** 5:30PM Conrad-Wittig Wedding Rehearsal 7PM Rehearsal Dinner 6:30PM 20s&30s&40s Bible Class	**30** **PRESCHOOL FALL BREAK** 7AM Wedding Party Hair 2PM Wedding Pictures 4:30PM Wedding	**31** ALL SAINTS' DAY (OBS) NANCY CALDWELL — 11AM Funeral Noon Luncheon 3PM Holy Communion

October 2026 Celebrations

The LORD will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

Happy Birthday!

1: Jim Bastian, George Beyer, Dale Kling, Angie Maue, Karen Steinbruegge
2: Carla Cooper, Oria Ray, Maxine Salarano, David Schlesselman, Wanda Woodhouse
3: Cindy Aubertin, Elma Jane Kramer, Tracy Porter
4: Mark Eaton, Joan Humphries, Justin Saale
5: Justin Cross, Clint Morrison, Ryder Smith
6: Dean Gooding
7: Craig Miget, Drew Miget, Carol Santoyo
9: Dianne Anderson, Mary Cunningham, Kevin Rheinecker
10: Clayton Jones, Joshua Strubelt
11: Sandy Dietz, Holden Gimbel, Judith Peer
12: Linda Ledford
13: Spencer Dafler, Alli Smith, Kaylee Smith, Linda Ziolko
14: Betty Lee, Emmett Zimmerman
15: Aleeah Ray, DJ Spearman
16: Elaine Alton, Jennifer Dillender, Jean Holthe
17: Terry Amos, Jessica Mincher, Marilyn Newby, Jan Ogar
18: Janet Allquist, Liz Belter, Ella Emerick, Loren Herr, David Ulrich, Katherine Wiese, Cherie Zimmermann
19: Anna DeMent, Rich Franzer, Miriam Gimbel
20: Glenda Kramer, Robert Reidel
21: Mark Barz, Elsie Claxton, Sherian Duello, Kenny Sayers, Jeanette Stewart, Sharon Wachter
22: Peggy Goodman, Ren Koepke. Lydia Legoute
24: Mark Hoemann, Deborah Hegykozi, Mary Sawall, Valentina Smith
25: Nancy Brazee
26: Liam Conroy IV, Mark Unger
27: Kacey Booth, Bennett Dafler
28: Michelle Bettdur, Natalie Elick
29: Ingrid Marhanka, Matthew Maue
30: David Sampl, Jeff Schwentker
31: Homer Langley, Brian Storm, Darlene Wischmeyer

Happy Baptism Anniversary!

1: Patrick Cunningham, Donna Kaltmeyer, David Kunzweiler, Curt Paulson, Ray Schroeder
2: Melinda Meyers
3: Jenna Haffer
4: Brett Albano
6: Jeff Schwentker
7: Austin Shouse
8: Kennedy Bartlett, Tim McDaniel, Garrett Piazza
10: Jesse Smith
11: Mary Bollinger, Ian Claxton, Craig DeMent, Edna Deubel
12: Donald Duncan
13: Angela Maue, Drake Nagle, Christopher Polashek, Jennifer Reed, Kiersten Tichenor
15: Cathy Poindexter, Beth Wuertz
16: Tina Hevey, Ian Laufer
17: Stanley Ziolko
19: Karen Copper, Karen Steinbruegge
21: Jonathan Frasch
22: Mariah LaBeau
23: Beckett Einsporn, Addisyn Freand
24: Holden Gimbel, David Schlesselman, Justin Shouse
26: Ian Essmyer, Loretta Essmyer, Luke Grabanski
27: Gordon Robinson, Megan Walkenhorst, Judie Woelfer
29: Elsie Claxton, Harper McCulloch, Maggie McCulloch
30: Jameson Alton, Jill Danchus, Elma Jane Kramer
31: Miriam Gimbel

Blessed Wedding Anniversary!

1: Harold & Sandra Kohrs (66)
Nick & Rachel Sampl (10)
2: Jim & Carol Boyd (6)
3: Mark & Jennifer Crider (28)
6: Bob & Robin Cross (42)
Mark & Joan Humphries (36)
9: Craig & Carolyn DeMent (33)
Ryan & Natalie Van Wave (22)
12: Michael & Lauren Claxton (13)
Steve & Denise Lackey (42)
Will & Elise Wiese (2)
13: David & Mary Sampl (47)
16: Bob & Karen Steinbruegge (27)
20: Drew & Sarah Linn (14)
Susan & Douglas Mays (42)
23: David & Lauren Kunzweiler (6)
24: Frank & Deborah Hegykozi (52)
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Preschool (weekdays) for 3s & 4s. Extended Care available.

Sunday School for ages 3 through High School —Sundays, 9:30AM and **Little Lambs** (under 3s with a parent)

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class: 9:30AM in the GYM

BASICS: For those who want to join the Lutheran Church
Saturdays, Oct. 4 & 11, 4:30-6:30PM
New Member Orientation (formerly Transfer for Lutherans)
Sunday, Oct. 25, 9:30-10:30AM, Room 1&2

Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 10AM, RMS 1&2

Adult Bible Class: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 6:30pm

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study: October 13, 2026

Adult Bible Class: Wednesdays at 9:30 AM, GYM

Confirmation (grades 6-8); MidWeek Classes (grades PreK-5)
— see Wednesday schedule

High School Wednesdays, *see calendar*

20s & 30s & 40s Bible Study: Thursdays, 6:30PM, Rm 1&2