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
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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
CHECK WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR UPDATES 636.272.4505
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Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
News & Notes for November 7-8, 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; **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)
Jill Sagez (Randy & Denise Sagez)
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)
Dennis Sweeso (Stacey Sweeso)
Hannah Tiglao (David & Kathy Weseman)
Stanika Todorova (Juliana Frerichs)
Kinsey Tucker (Verna Tucker)
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)
George & **Sandra** Roberts (Elma Jane Kramer)
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)
Michelle DeMercurio & Family (Bob & Sue Williams)

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: For the friends and family of **Rodger Bratvogel,** nephew of Elma Jane Kramer, who died Nov. 4 after a battle with cancer. His memorial service will be held in Florida.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

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

MONDAY, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON; PRESCHOOL CLOSED
9AM TOPS
11AM Line Dancing
6PM Executive Board Meeting
6:30PM Handbells
6:30PM Technology Board
7:30PM Church Council Meeting

TUESDAY, November 10, 2026
9AM Preschool Chapel
9AM Quilting
10AM Women's Bible Study
12:30PM Staff Meeting
1:30PM Preschool Board
6PM Grace Evening Guild
6:30PM Adult Bible Class

WEDNESDAY, November 11, 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, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
8AM NEWS&NOTES DEADLINE
6:30PM 20s/30s/40s Bible Study

FRIDAY, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
DECEMBER KOINONIA DEADLINE
10AM Holy Cross Ladies Guild (gym)

SATURDAY, November 14, 2026
3PM Holy Communion

SUNDAY, November 15, 2026
LHS SUNDAY
8AM Holy Communion
9:30AM **Church Family Sunday School**
10:45AM Holy Communion
NOON **New Member Luncheon**

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

CHURCH ATTENDANCE: October 31—November 1, 2026

Service	Attendance	Communion
5PM	46	44
8AM	155	125
10:45AM	87	65
TOTAL	288	235

Bible Class Attendance
Week of November 1, 2026
NA=not applicable; NR=not reported; C= cancelled

Little Lambs	2
PreK—Gr. 5	22
Grades 6-12	12
Adult Bible Class	60
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. 26-Nov. 1, 2026

General Fund	$	15,566.35
Endowment	$	00.00
Building Fund	$	00.00
Missions Weekly	$	70.02
Missions Total Fiscal Yr Pt 1 2026-2027	$	5,448.69

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.

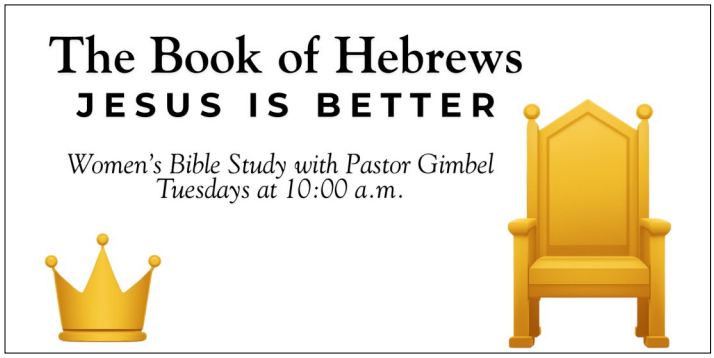
MISSION BOARD provides ***fresh fruits and vegetables*** to **Concordia Seminary students**. Write your check to Holy Cross with a memo line for *Mission Board Fresh Foods to the Seminary*.

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***: November 4, 2026
Families: 107 Individuals: 351 New Families: 4

HOLY BAPTISM at 8AM: Russ Zilka will be baptized at this service. Welcome to God's Family!





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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY is this week, Wed., 11, at 6:30AM. Sign up in the Welcome Center.

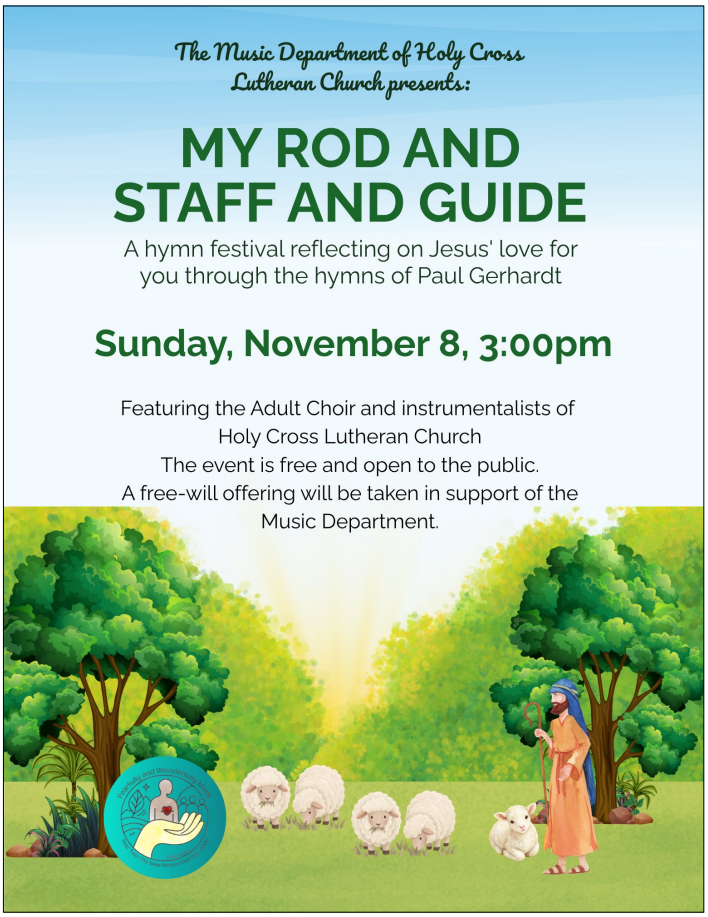
GRACE GUILD meets Tues., Nov. 10, at 6pm for dinner, and at 6:30PM for a business meeting. Our guest speaker is Marian Hoehner, who recently completed a term as the LWML Missouri District President. Marian is a member of Holy Cross! Come and hear about her experiences during her years in this position. Guild members will bring items to create gift bags for homebound church members.

HOLY CROSS LADIES GUILD meets Fri., Nov. 13, at 10AM.

FYI—THANKSGIVING EVE: Please mark your calendars! The Board of Elders decided at their meeting last Sunday to reinstate the 11AM service on Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 25, with Holy Communion. The 7PM service will be held too. So, correct the November *Koinonia* calendar!

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.

An elf informed the church office that
the nuts and candy are on their way to Holy Cross ...!



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

The final **CHURCH WORK DAY** of the year is Sat., Nov. 21, starting at 9AM. We will deep clean the Sanctuary ahead of Advent and Christmas. More hands make less work, so join us! Lunch will be provided from Jimmy John's.

The Mission/Stewardship **SEMINARY TREAT BAG STUFFING** will be on Tues., Dec. 1, at 5:30PM. Come stuff bags of tasty treats for first-year Seminary students as they prepare for their Finals Week. We are not asking for treat donations, just your time!

IMMANUEL BOAR'S HEAD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
The 38th Boar's Head Festival will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in St. Charles, December 10, 11, 12, and 13, with a 7:30 performance each evening. Afternoon performances at 4PM will be held both Saturday and Sunday. Tickets will be available on a first-come, first-served basis by calling Immanuel's church office at 636-946-2656. Tickets are free, with a limit of 5 per call.

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.



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
I appreciate any help, and please reach out with any questions. Thanks! - DCE Charity Smith



DECEMBER *KOINONIA* DEADLINE
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13



The *New Member Luncheon* will be held **Sun., Nov. 15**, starting at noon. This is a great opportunity to meet the new families who have joined Holy Cross recently!
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 and salad
Names ending in M-Z should bring:
Side dish and dessert

Holy Cross Voters' Assembly

Sunday, Nov. 22, 2026
after the 10:45AM worship service
In the gym (around noon0

All Holy Cross Voting Members are encouraged to attend.
Attendance counts!
Contact Council Secretary Barb Grosch
(councilsecretary@hcross.com or 314.368.8142)
if you are unable to attend to get an excused absence.

Please sign in when entering the meeting.
Only a physical signature records attendance.

New Members to Holy Cross:
Contact your Elder or the church office about becoming a Voting Member of Holy Cross.

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY LUNCH:
Prior to the meeting: we eat lunch! Chicken is on the menu, and members attending the meeting are asked to bring side dishes.

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

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.