

## Athletes of the Bible

One of my favorite times of year is when we can watch some of the greatest athletes in the world compete at the highest level! Having played a few sports myself, I even more appreciate the skill, training, and dedication each athlete brings to the Olympic games.

The Bible is not absent of athletic people either, so I thought I would challenge myself to find the most athletic people in the Bible, those who show some sort of athletic aptitude. Let's start with the most crowded and contested competition first:

**Marathon** - There are multiple candidates for this hallmark Olympic event. Ahimaaz the son of Zadok is a serious competitor, as he has a strong reputation in 2 Samuel 18:27. So also is Asahel, Joab's brother, who is described as swift of foot, like a gazelle in the open field, or like a wild deer (2 Samuel 2:18) and also among the elite company of David's thirty valiant men (2 Samuel 23:24). The gold medal here, though, belongs to Elijah the Tishbite, who "gathered up his garment and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel." (1 Kings 18:46) Why is this the gold medal winner? Ahab was *in his chariot and Elijah outran it!*

**Weightlifting** - This list would be remiss without mentioning Samson, whose strength was unmatched, perhaps even to this day. The Rabbinic *Midrash* says that Samson was so strong that he could uplift two mountains and rub them together like two clods of earth (*Midrash Leviticus Rabbah viii. 2*). While that might not be accurate, we do know that in Judges 16, he displayed enough strength to break the two main supporting pillars in the Philistine temple, thereby delivering God's people.

**Wrestling** - This one goes to Jacob, who wrestled with God and dominated the match so much that God had to injure his hip on purpose to get out! I wonder what today's wrestling competition might have looked like against Jacob.

Check out Genesis 32 for the full story!

**Fencing** - Ehud gets the gold medal for this one. This man from Judges 3 delivered God's people from the Moabites with a powerful stroke of the sword that encompassed the blade to the hilt! Plus, being a left-hander no doubt has an extra advantage.

**Sport Climbing** - Who is the man who climbed many mountains in his lifetime? Who did so without food or water for forty days? Who did so while carrying two stone tablets? Who did so well into his seventies? That would be Moses, taking home the gold medal in that category.

**Boxing** - OK, so this one might be a bit of a stretch here, but Paul the apostle did refer to boxing in 1 Corinthians 9:26 as he "does not box as one beating the air." He was able to take quite a licking too, receiving a full stoning at Lystra in Acts 14 and still surviving.

**Rhythmic Gymnastics** - Yeah, another stretch one here, but this one goes to Miriam, the older sister of Moses, who led God's people with song and dancing after the crossing of the Red Sea in Exodus 15.

**Equestrian** - This might be a tricky one, but it goes to Jesus, who not only was able to ride into Jerusalem on a donkey that had never before been ridden, but also is described as the rider on the white horse in Revelation, bringing in the resurrection victory on the Last Day!

Do you think some Bible athletes could compete in the Bible Olympics that aren't listed here? Or do you have some challengers to these athletes here that might compete for the gold that I didn't mention? Let me know! In the meantime, however, enjoy watching these Olympics.

~ Pastor Gimbel

*Note: This article is an update from the August 2021 Koinonia newsletter*



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## July Preschool News

Preschool is enjoying summer break! We are working on some building improvements, some classroom updates, and overall getting relaxed and re-charged for next year!

We had an amazing and successful End of Year party! Our performance video can be found on the Facebook page- it is simply adorable and you don't want to miss it. We had a bounce house, temporary tattoos, coloring, and more. Each of our kids was able to spend quality time with friends and family! We wish our fours class love and blessings as they leave us and head to Kindergarten.

We are still taking enrollments for next year! All of our classes have openings, but they are limited! Email [mcalcaterra@hcross.com](mailto:mcalcaterra@hcross.com) for information or questions. You can also take a brochure from the Welcome Center.



**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL**

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# Monthly Music Minute for July 2024

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

*July 1* marks two years since Anna and I moved to Missouri and joined the Holy Cross family. It feels like we've been here forever -- it truly feels like home. Thank you all for making this transition so easy.

While we have loved our time here so far, there have certainly been some things about Missouri that we are still getting used to. Things like the traffic and the heat are adjustments for us who came from rural Indiana and Michigan.

Perhaps the biggest adjustment, though, has been getting used to how long and severe the spring storm season here can be. I have been told that this year was more severe than normal, but even last spring's storms were more frequent and severe than what we might get in the upper Midwest. The consistency of hail, tornadoes, and flooding just doesn't occur where we came from, and so living through some of these storms made me feel quite uneasy at times this spring. There were a couple of moments this spring that, with the hail and wind descending upon our small little house, I genuinely felt afraid.

Thinking about this weather, I was reminded of hymn 743 in our hymnal, the Hymn of the Day for July 14, "Jesus, Priceless Treasure." This hymn has been sung by Lutherans since the 1600's, under the title "Jesu, Meine Freude" — "Jesus, My Joy." It is a hymn found in the "Hope and Comfort" section of the hymnal, and the hymn's six verses are a bold song of faith, talking about Jesus being our support and defense against the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

I was reminded of this hymn when thinking about the weather because one major metaphor that the hymn uses is equating difficulties in life to severe storms. The second verse, in particular, uses vivid storm imagery to talk about the fears and difficulties of this life:

**"Though the earth be shaking,  
Every heart be quaking,  
Jesus calms my fear.**

**Lightnings flash and thunders crash;  
Yet, though sin and hell assail me,  
Jesus will not fail me."**

I think the storm imagery in this hymn is helpful because it doesn't sugarcoat the threat that sin, Satan, and hell provide. As Christians, we know that Christ has conquered these things, and so we often shrug them off - and rightfully so! That doesn't mean, though, that the forces of evil are not still out there and are not still working against us. 1 Peter 5:8 says, "Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour." When the storms of life hit, when a loved one suffers a difficult, long-term illness, when a sudden tragedy strikes, these moments can be absolutely terrifying! We can feel utterly helpless. And you had better believe that Satan is trying to use these moments of fear to pounce and steer us away from our reliance on Jesus and his work for us.

But, thanks be to God, Jesus is stronger than Satan. Verses 3-5 of this hymn mock Satan, temptation, and the evil in the world, not because these threats are not real, but because, even in these moments of fear and hardship, Jesus conquers all. After all, who has authority over all things, that even the wind and the waves obey him?

So, whether the storms of life that we fear are Satan, temptation, hardship, bad health, pain, loss, or just genuine severe thunderstorms and tornadoes, we sing the last words of this hymn with confidence:

**"Those who love the Father,  
Though the storms may gather,  
Still have peace within.  
Yea, whate'er I here must bear,  
Thou art still my purest pleasure,  
Jesus, priceless treasure!"**

~ David Gilson

# Pastor's Anniversary Surprise

Church Workers Support Team (CWST) pulled off a surprise anniversary celebration for Pastor Gimbel on June 2.

"We were successful about keeping it a surprise. No one spilled the beans!! Many people were part of the scheme ... and for that, we ask absolution," joked Darlene Wischmeyer of the CWST.

June marked **15 years** that Pastor Gimbel has served in the holy ministry. He was **ordained and installed as associate pastor of Holy Cross on June 28, 2009**. He has blessed our lives in countless ways with his dedication, compassionate heart, and eagerness to share God's Word through his preaching and teaching!

To keep the news of a surprise celebration, the event was **not** publicized in *News & Notes*. Secret emails were sent out by the church secretary, and word-of-mouth reached those who did not have email.

**On Sunday, June 2, during the late service, an anniversary certificate from the LCMS Missouri District**

**office** was presented to Pastor Gimbel by Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan, President of the LCMS Missouri District, who attended both the late service presentation and the reception, even though he was leaving for Europe the next day!

**After the 10:45 service, a reception was held in the gym.** Twenty-three different breakfast casseroles were served. "We planned on serving about 130 people. We served 164--talk about fishes and loaves!," Darlene said.

Speakers at the reception included Rev. Dr. Hagan; Bob Williams, past president of the congregation; Rev. Keith Wachter, previous senior pastor at Holy Cross; Rob Paoletti, Chairman of the Board Elders; Rev. Jonathan Meyer (former associate pastor, through a letter read by Don Wischmeyer), and the CWST.

It was also noted that June 2 was Pastor and Laura's **17th wedding anniversary**. On **July 2**, Pastor Gimbel will celebrate his **eighth year as Senior Pastor at Holy Cross**.



*Above:* Darlene Wischmeyer (second from left) introduces members of the CWST: Sol Conrad, Vickie Glasstetter, Dawn Kahler, Neal Menscher.

*Above left:* An anniversary certificate was presented to Pastor Gimbel by Rev. Dr. Hagan, Sol Conrad, and Neal Menscher.

*Far left:* Bob Williams congratulates Pastor. The most recent congregation president served during the time of Covid with Pastors Gimbel and Meyer.

*Near left:* Rev. Keith Wachter congratulates Pastor Gimbel. The two were a pastoral team for almost 10 years.

~And there was cake and poetry, too!  
All photos by Brian Storm



**G** God's  
**I** Inspired  
**M** Message  
**B** By  
**E** Example and  
**L** Love



In his remarks at the reception, Dr. Hagan promised to return from Europe to Holy Cross in time for the installation of Pastor-elect Jason Kohm on June 30.



## Thank You

**THANK YOU** to all at Holy Cross who again never cease to amaze me and my family with your care, your generosity, and your love. The celebration of my 15th year of being a pastor along with the recognition of Laura and me on our wedding anniversary was a pleasant and unexpected surprise. It is truly a blessing and privilege to be serving you all at Holy Cross, and we look forward to continuing to serve in the years to come!

~ Pastor Gimbel (pictured with son Holden)



*Don Wischmeyer read a letter from Rev. Jonathan V. Meyer, former associate pastor of Holy Cross from 2019-2023. Excerpts are below:*

... "The friendship and the warm feelings were immediate, and almost miraculous. It was a good thing, too, because of how quickly things around us became very different.

We were saddled with an insane and impossible situation, one that no one living had ever seen. I had no idea of what to do, or how we would navigate a global pandemic. The scene from that day in March 2020, sitting together in the office, watching the president say what he said, it was surreal. You were there though. You didn't cower away, or become subdued. You started to shine in some amazing ways. It showed best in the fact that there was no need to build back better, we were building better the whole way, and that is no small thanks to you.

It wasn't all puppies and rainbows, as you might also remember. Some meetings were hard. ... More than a few just required sitting down in the office and breathing in silence for a hot minute. Through it all, you were there. You showed up. There was never a step anyone needed to take alone.

It is in this way that you so wonderfully imitate the One who has gone before us. It is in precisely that way that you demonstrate the care, love, and patience of our Father above. And this is no easy task. It is no small work. It is one of the most difficult tasks anyone can do. And it is precisely that attitude that is mirrored by a patient, warm community called Holy Cross. One of the key things that make Holy Cross the wonderful place it is, happens to be you, how you were gifted, and how you put those gifts to work.

By God's grace, you have endured these 15 years. While you shined in many ways, and while you are the Shepherd of a truly wonderful flock, what shines brightest through it all is Christ. There is no higher praise I can give than that. He shines through you. I hope and pray that He blesses the years ahead with the same wonderful reality, and may they be marked with joy and happiness. Even more so, may He always be with you, so that you never need to take a step alone.

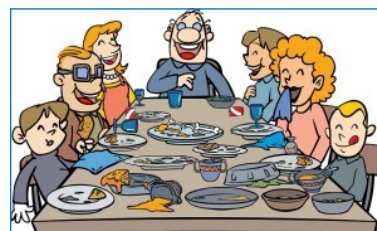
Blessings, Jonathan Meyer



*Rob Paoletti, Chair of the Board of Elders, presents Pastor Gimbel with a photo of a Vikings jersey. (Whether he actually gets the jersey is another story...)*

## **Third Annual CWST Pork Steak Dinner and Cornhole Tournament Seminary Support Fundraiser**

Sat., July 20, 5 to 7PM



Adult menu includes our now-famous pork steak, a choice of baked potato or potato salad, cole slaw, a choice of baked beans or corn on the cob, and dessert for \$16.

The children's menu includes a hot dog, chips, fruit cup, and dessert for \$5.

The Cornhole Tournament will have gift card prizes. Please join us in supporting our Concordia Seminary students (Isaac Conrad from Holy Cross).







The Stewardship Board hosted a camping event in the back lot of the Church on May 24 - 25th. The evening started off with some threatening rain clouds and winds that made setting up tents quite the chore! A supper of hot dogs, hamburgers, and a large assortment of salads was enjoyed by about 30 members of all ages! After supper was a devotion on Romans 12:3-8, which focuses on how we are each members of the body of Christ and we each have gifts that God has given us to serve Him and spread the Gospel.

Halfway through the devotion, the rain clouds made good on their threat and it rained hard for about 10 minutes. Thankfully, everyone's tents stayed nice and dry on the inside! Once the rain subsided, the group enjoyed playing games, listening to Bryan Drilling play guitar, and eating delicious dump cake made in dutch ovens over hot coals. Most of the group turned in for the night after and the soothing sounds of the interstate traffic helped some fall asleep while others weren't so lucky.

The next morning, a hearty breakfast of eggs, sausage, bacon, pancakes, and fruit was a welcome sight for the campers. After breakfast, another devotion on Romans 12:9-13 focused on Paul's words of encouragement to be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer. Following devotion, campers played yard games and enjoyed fellowship with one another. At lunch time, the campers finished out the weekend with deli sandwiches, salads, fruit, and chips. All too soon, it was time to go home. As gear and supplies were packed away, everyone shared how fun the weekend was and asked when we can do it again!







# FAMILY CAMP

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**AUG 30 – SEPT 2, 2024**

Camp Wartburg, Illinois  
 Registration deadline is June 30, 2024.  
 Payment deadline is July 28, 2024.  
 Scan QR Code to Register.

## FAMILY AND CONFIRMATION CAMP

Join us from **Aug. 30 to Sept. 2** for a weekend of fellowship, learning, and service with your church family at Camp Wartburg. This camp is for **all ages**, and the **theme is Prayer**. Registration is \$80 per person and covers the cost of the entire weekend's activities, including sleeping accommodations, meals, and swimming in the camp pool. **Registration deadline is 6/30/2024.**

### Registration options:

1. Paper sheet on the center table in the Welcome Center
2. Go to [hcross.com/youth](http://hcross.com/youth) (remember this is for all ages, not just youth!)

### Payment deadline is 7/28/2024. Payment options:

1. Mail or drop off payment at church office (please include your name and indicate that the payment is for the Family & Confirmation Camp).
2. Drop an envelope with your name and payment in the offering plate during Church service
3. Contact Ashleigh Wallace-Lacey directly at [stewardship@hcross.com](mailto:stewardship@hcross.com)

If paying by check, **please note "Confirmation Camp" on memo line.**

More information on the schedule, service projects, and recommended packing list will be made available closer to August. If you would like assistance in covering the cost of your registration, please contact Ashleigh Lacey at [stewardship@hcross.com](mailto:stewardship@hcross.com). If you have any questions about the weekend, please contact Ashleigh, Pastor Gimbel, or DCE Charity Smith.

## Quilting Fellowship

**July 13, 9AM to 2PM**

This group emphasizes *fellowship* and encourages people to bring that project sitting in the closet waiting for completion (crochet, knitting, quilting, painting, sewing, jewelry making). You bring it, and let others be inspired. Along with the benefits of completion and inspiration, gain help where needed, enjoy new friendships, and network with members of our church.  
 Contact: Cynthia Menscher, 636.639.5188



## Fresh Food for Seminary Families

**MISSION BOARD** brings **fresh fruits and vegetables** to the

Seminary. To contribute, write your check to Holy Cross with a memo line for *Mission Board Fresh Foods to the Seminary.*



**HOPE MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY** asks Holy Cross to help out with these basic food items: **Boxed potatoes, JELLO, pudding, granola bars, gravy, jelly, canned fruit, cereal, oatmeal.**

Put food items in bins under the Missions Board display in the Welcome Center.

## HOPE Seeds

**Will NOT meet in July.**

**Join us on Thurs., Aug. 1, in the gym, 9AM-Noon**



Seed packages are packed and sent to those in need around the world.

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## Holy Cross Buy/Sell Facebook Group

This group is for member-to-member selling of large goods (not household rummage sale items) as a Stewardship Board fundraiser supporting ministries of Holy Cross.

Selling members are encouraged to donate a minimum of 10% of the sale price to the Holy Cross Stewardship Board.

Check it out! Join this new group today. Contact [stewardship@hcross.com](mailto:stewardship@hcross.com) or speak with any Stewardship Board member.

# SUMMER YOUTH NIGHTS

Rising 6th graders to  
2024 HS graduates

Every Wednesday, 6:45-8 pm

From May 22 - August 7

Expect fun, fellowship, and  
God's Word.



*Please join us!*

## POOL PARTY

**JULY 14TH 7:45-9:45PM**  
Alligator's Creek Aquatic Center  
403 Civic Park Dr in O'Fallon

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All children must be accompanied by an adult.  
No alcohol allowed.  
Outside food and drink welcomed, just NO glass.



DONATING BLOOD ONLY TAKES ABOUT AN HOUR.  
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### Blood Drive Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Gym  
8945 Veterans Memorial Parkway  
O Fallon, MO 63366

**Thursday, July 11, 2024**  
**10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: HolyCrossLC  
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**OCT 2 COMMANDMENTS**  
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**JAN 8 THE CREED**  
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**FEB 19 MEANS OF GRACE**  
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**All women** of Holy Cross are invited to attend meetings of either or both Guilds, 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: Fri., July 12, 10AM**  
**Grace Evening Guild: Next meeting is in September**



**Grace Guild** had dinner at Bemo's in Cottleville, Mo., on Tues., June 11, at 6PM. No business was discussed — just fellowship!  
 Seated from left: Sherry Piazza, Sharon Wachter, Jayne Jepsen, Carol Craffon, Joyce Niewald, Laura Gimbel. Standing from left: Elaine Howard, Sue Bastian (birthday lady!), Darlene Drilling, Brenda Fore, Karen Copper, Diane Jones, Dianne Anderson, Cynthia Menscher, Linda Ledford, Connie Gamache.



**RUMMAGE**  
**SALE**

The Annual Ladies Guild Rummage Sale is **Sat., Aug. 10, from 7AM to NOON**, so start sorting items to bring in a few days beforehand.

**DROP-OFF DATES** for donated items at the gym are as follows: **Wed., Aug. 9: Noon to 7PM; Thurs., Aug. 10: Noon-4PM.**

Due to limited space, weight, size, and disposal issues, we are **NOT able to accept the following items:** clothing, shoes, electronic devices or their parts, large furniture, appliances, mattresses, used carpeting & pad, **anything damaged or dirty beyond repair.**

## Fall Craft Expo

Sponsored by Grace Guild  
**Sat, Nov 2, 2024**  
 from 9AM-3PM

Vendor applications are being taken.  
 Contact

**Jan Paulson: [hcgraceguild@gmail.com](mailto:hcgraceguild@gmail.com)**  
 for an application form or any questions.

Proceeds from booth sales will be donated to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League to support mission grants.

All shoppers, please  
 mark your  
 calendars to save  
 the date!

### LADIES GUILD QUILTERS

meet **9AM, Tues., July 16 & 30** in the gym to piece and sew quilt tops.

Quilt tops are sewn and tied during this time. All projects are given to those in need. Contact Norma Helms. This group is sponsored by Holy Cross Ladies Guild.



**STAMP COLLECTION:** The Holy Cross Ladies Guild collects canceled postage stamps which are used to raise money for mission projects worldwide. Stamps should be torn or cut from the envelope with about half an inch of paper left all the way around. A collection basket sits upstairs on the Welcome Center bookshelf and another one is downstairs on the shelf above the coat rack by the kitchen. Consider saving your stamps and turning them in at your convenience for this worthwhile effort.

**MITES:** Pick up a Mite box from the LWML table to collect loose change to be used for LWML grants to missions around the world.

# July 2024

## Holy Cross Lutheran Church Calendar of Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>30</b>	<b>1 JULY</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
8 AM Matins 9:30AM Education Hour 10:45AM Matins <b>3pm Ordinations &amp; Installation of Jason Kohm</b> <b>4pm Installation Meal</b> (ticket needed)	9:30 AM TOPS 11AM Line Dancing	10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meeting 2PM Preschool Board 6PM Education & Youth 6PM Mission & Stewardship	<b>8AM News &amp; Notes Deadline</b> 9:30AM Adult Bible Class	Church Office is Closed		5PM Holy Communion
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
8AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour 10:45AM Holy Communion 1:30PM Board of Elders	9:30AM TOPS 11AM Line Dancing	12:30PM Staff Meeting 6:30PM Adult Bible Class 6:30PM Evangelism Board	9:30AM Adult Bible Class 6:45PM Summer Youth Night	<b>8AM News &amp; Notes Deadline</b> 10AM ARC Blood Drive 4:30PM LG Setup 6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Class	<b>KOINONIA DEADLINE</b> 8:30AM LG Setup 10AM Ladies Guild	10AM Quilting Fellowship 5PM Holy Communion 6PM Breeze Help Desk In Welcome Center
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
8AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour 9:30AM Breeze Help Desk In Rooms 1-2 10:45AM Holy Communion 7:45PM Church Pool Party	9:30 AM TOPS 11AM Line Dancing 1PM Quilt Setup	9AM Quilting 10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meeting	9:30AM Adult Bible Class 5PM Calendar Meeting 6:45PM Summer Youth Night	<b>8AM News &amp; Notes Deadline</b> 6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Class	<b>KOINONIA PRODUCTION</b>	5PM Holy Communion 5-7PM CWST Pork Steak Dinner & Cornhole Tournament 6PM Breeze Help Desk In Welcome Center
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
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# July Celebrations

*May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed. —Ps. 20:4*

## Happy Birthday!

- 2:** Debbie Breden, Alexis Durmeier, Dale Ledford
- 4:** Karen Copper
- 5:** Stacy Andrews, Steven Lackey
- 6:** Shawn Duncan, Dale Dusheke, Payton Frederking, Zackery Huber
- 7:** Jeremy Day, Greyson Linn, Jan Paulson
- 8:** Donna Nordmeyer
- 9:** Jim Dunajcik, Emma Estes, Werner Heizmann, Mitchell Huber, Sandy Macke, Chris Mizel, Stanley Ziolko
- 10:** Rowan Fink, Harrison Sweeso
- 11:** Chris Alton, Carol Boyd, Debbie Cammann, Trina Christiansen, Karl Schoenike, Tucker Stephens
- 12:** Mia Blackwell, Mariah LaBeau
- 13:** Keri Berjer, Carolyn Bertram, Paul Helvey, Dottie Nagel, Dana Otto
- 14:** Roger Sawall, Logan Schulte
- 15:** Bob Kunz, Joe Snyder
- 16:** Jeannine Bisesi, Tom Haywood, Tricia Hogan, Debbie Parks, Bob Steinbruegge
- 17:** Jill Albano
- 18:** Mark Humphries, Grant Jennings, George Krieger, Melinda Windsor
- 19:** Rachel Laufer, Shirlene Reed, Zachary Sampl
- 21:** Abigail Schlereth
- 22:** Matt Benigno, Carter Danchus
- 23: Verna Tucker (101!)**
- 24:** Christy Jones, Ashley Zimmerman
- 25:** Donna Kaltmayer, Matt Lackey, Evelyn Smith, Christine Wein
- 26:** Nicholas Aston, Lisa Markham, Debbie Smith
- 28:** Allen Ehrlich, Max Ellis, Tina Hevey, Vincent Otto
- 30:** Curtis Hemman, Linda Kettler, Joyce Niewald
- 31:** Sal Benigno, Carol Carson, Edna Kee, Hazel Langley



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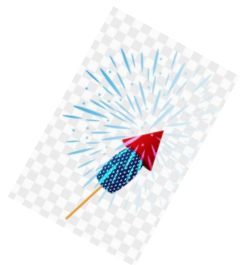
## Happy Baptism Anniversary!

- 1:** Alexander Frerichs, Marc Maull Jr., Marc Maull, Michael McKinney
- 2:** Rebecca Schmalzer
- 4:** Jacob Davison
- 6:** Logan Day, Ralph Erickson
- 7:** Magdalene Smith
- 8:** Bryan Drilling, Madison Lott
- 9:** Marilyn Benassi
- 10:** Harper Prose
- 11:** Jeremy Day
- 12:** Ashley Cameron, Owen Schnoor
- 13:** Dottie Nagel
- 15:** Jill Frederking, Sue McCann
- 18:** Bill Adams, Josie Jones
- 20:** Emma Davison, James Foster, Trenton Kreyling, Lisa Markham
- 21:** Mark Morrison
- 29:** Lucy Ellis

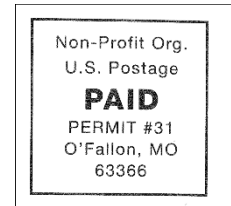


## Blessed Wedding Anniversary!

- 2:** Jeremy & Kathy Day (13)  
Jason & Kelsey Gibbs (13)
- 3:** Brian & Chris Storm (20)  
Shawn & Tina Huber (23)
- 6:** Justin & Amanda Saale (11)
- 7:** Steven & Carla Cooper (40)
- 8:** Paul & Dianne Helvey (52)  
Michael & Jennifer Vesper (29)
- 10:** Earl & Sandy Dietz (48)  
Larry & Loretta Ezell (48)  
Tom & Cherie Zimmerman (48)
- 11:** Jeff & Cheryl Landgraf (32)
- 14:** Idel & Ken McCullough (51)  
Don & JoAnn Pickens (45)
- 15:** Alisha & Matthew Ellis (7)
- 16:** Jeff & Becky Coomer (30)
- 17:** Tom & Peggy Gallagher (53)  
John & Jodi Schneider (42)
- 18:** Lisa & John Markham (21)
- 21:** Melinda & Bob Meyers (45)
- 22:** Jim & Glenda Kramer (63)  
Chris & Danielle Mizel (18)  
Ashley & Brett Zimmerman (7)
- 25:** David & Donna Johnson (54)
- 30:** David & Kathy Weseman (41)



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### GROW YOUR FAITH THROUGH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Preschool** for 3s & 4s — On break until September

**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  
**TLC (Transfer for Lutherans Class)**  
*Call the office for next date.*

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

**Adult Bible Class:** Tuesdays, June 11, June 25, 6:30PM, RMs 1&2

**Men's Breakfast & Bible Study:** On break until September

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

**Confirmation (grades 6-8); MidWeek Classes (grades PreK-5)**  
— on break until August

**High School** Wednesdays, 6:45PM; see calendar

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