



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  
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weekly newsletters, and DVD recordings  
(visual) to those who request them.

#### CHURCH OFFICE

CHECK WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR UPDATES  
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# Eighth Sunday after Pentecost News & Notes for July 13-14, 2024

**WELCOME TO EVERYONE** joining us for worship today.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Submit prayer requests by filling out a prayer card and putting it in the offering basket, or by calling or emailing the church office. Confidential prayer requests are shared with the Pastor but not published.

**Please take time today to review the prayer lists. Let us know if prayers may have been answered so our lists remain updated. Thanks.**

**WE PRAY for our members:** Dennis Benassi; Barbara Benigno; Marie Benigno; Paul Bertram; Mary Kay Bethke; George Beyer; Kacey Booth; Jerry & Darlene Bradley; Nancy Caldwell; Jenny Conrad; Mike Dawdy; Kathleen Day; Shirley Day; Bob & Carolyn Delohi; Brenda Duncan; Donald Duncan; Renea Erickson; Rich Franzer; Janice Fred; Peggy Gallagher; Tom Gallagher; Connie Gamache; Phyllis Gronewald; Karen Heckman; Marie & Vernon Herrington; Ken Higgins; Lizzie Johansmann; Ron Kettler; Deborah Kiely; Michelle Kincaid; Debra Korte; Jim Kramer; Barb Krieger; Bob Kunz; Joyce Lang; Betty Lee; Terry McCann; Neil W. McDaniel; Shirley Niewald; Bill Price; Gloria Rariden; Zeita Reed; Ron Rutledge; Jim Salarano; Carol Santoyo; Vita Sayers; Winnie Thornton; Mike Vesper; Larry Williams; Ernestine Wilson, Judie Woelfer, Mark Ziolko.

#### **WE PRAY for our family and friends:**

Peter Hernon (Elaine Alton)  
Joanne Bonney (Greg Bonney)  
Rachel Butkovich (Tom & Sue Haywood)  
Elizabeth Cash (Heather Koepke)  
Mark Chiodini (Nicholas Chiodini)  
Charles Claxton Jr. (Matthew Claxton)  
Debbie Collier (Ron Rutledge)  
Gorman Cooper (Tina Morrison)  
Jim Coots (Doris Coots)  
William Dafler (Wes Dafler)  
Maggie Dawdy (former member)  
Teresa Doerr (frequent visitor)  
Lowell Duncan (Don Duncan)  
Wayne Edwards (Kari Spearman)  
Sandra Fleak (Becky Edgar)  
Jim Fowler (Lovisa Davison)  
Patty Gunnufson (Chris Price)  
Sharon Hesse (Barb Krieger)  
Jan Hilton (Zeita Reed)  
Marcia Hoemann (Mark Hoemann)  
Lois Jobe (Jan Flentke)  
Jeff Johns (Denice Johns)  
Catherine Loney (Nicole Alton)  
Sandy Longo (Randy Jones)  
Denora Lum (Darlene Wischmeyer)  
Lisa Markel (Grace Randazzo)  
Malu Martin (Dawn Kahler)  
Darlene McCarthy (Elaine Howard)  
Kenny & Lois Meyer (Carla Cooper, Karen Copper)  
Mike (Debbie Parks)  
Shirley Moore (Judy Bonney)  
Sarah Nichols (Brenda Marhanka)  
Paul Palombi (Diane Palombi)  
Virginia Pendley (Shawn Huber)  
Raymond Rasche (Todd & Liz Rasche)  
Rosemary Schreiber (Peggy Gallagher)  
Sara Shroth (choir accompanist)  
Shirley Tebeau (Ron Hunter)

Stanika Todorova (Paul & Juliana Frerichs)  
Sandy Wischmeyer (Marilyn Mana)  
Carol Zeigler (Ralph & Renea Erickson)  
John Allquist III, Duane Stuewe (Janet Allquist)  
Abigail Chavez, Lindsay Jaco, Penelope Karrenbrock (Amanda Alton)  
Carson Aston, Chlaara Aston, Sharon Staten (Lisa Aston)  
Jim & Amy (John Bertram)  
Denise Heins, Kevin Huber  
~ (Becky Coomer)  
Maureen King, Ryan Wells (Kathleen Day)  
Laura & Mark Gilson (David Gilson)  
Linda Elrod, Alicia Kleb, Jeanette Kruse, Jane Redhage, Marian Schwentker, Andy & Alicia Kincaid;  
Cindy Kincaid (Michelle Kincaid)  
Bill Knehans, Charlotte Taggart  
~ (Bob & Barb Knehans)  
Paul Rau, George & Sandra Roberts  
(Elma Jane Kramer)  
John Bach, Rachel Long (Betty Lee)  
Pat McCarty, Serena Whiteside (Orion Melton)  
Marsha Brown, Tim Colvert (Neil & Cynthia Menscher)  
David Oshia, Chase Russell, Carol Sills  
(Barb Parson)  
Pat Gunn, Susan Risinger (Gloria Rariden)  
Allan Miller, Loyce Sagez (Randy & Denise Sagez)  
Amy Mueller, Larry Schenk (Carol Santoyo)  
Blake Schmalzer, Susan  
~ (Rebecca Schmalzer)  
Charlotte Gaines, Nisseem, Daniel, Dr. Eric Semler (Sandra Semler)  
Sue Adams, Dennis Tracy (Bonnie Walkenhorst)

**Holy Cross Weekly Calendar**

**Saturday, July 13, 2024**

**FINAL WEEKEND TO ORDER PORK STEAK DINNERS**

10AM Quilting Fellowship  
5PM Holy Communion  
6PM Breeze Help Desk in Welcome Center

**Sunday, July 14, 2024**

**FINAL WEEKEND TO ORDER PORK STEAK DINNERS**

8AM Holy Communion  
9:30AM Education Hour  
9:30AM Breeze Help Desk Rms 1-2  
10:45AM Holy Communion  
7:45PM Church Pool Party

**Monday, July 15, 2024**

**OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON**

9:30AM TOPS (gym)  
11AM Line Dancing  
1PM Quilting Setup

**Tuesday, July 16, 2024**

**OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON**

9AM Quilting  
10AM Women's Bible Study  
12:30PM Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, July 17, 2024**

**OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON**

9:30AM Adult Bible Class  
5PM Calendar Meeting (gym)  
6:45PM Summer Youth Night

**Thursday, July 18, 2024**

**OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON**

**8AM News & Notes Deadline**  
6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Class

**Friday, July 19, 2024**

**OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON, 1 TO 4PM**

**AUGUST KOINONIA PRODUCTION**

**Saturday, July 20, 2024**

5PM Holy Communion  
5-7PM CWST Pork Steak Dinner  
& Cornhole Tournament  
6PM Breeze Help Desk in Welcome Center

**Sunday, July 21, 2024**

8AM Holy Communion  
9:30AM Education Hour  
9:30AM Breeze Help Desk Rms 1-2  
10:45AM Holy Communion

**Church Attendance for July 6-7, 2024**

Service	Attendance	Communion
SAT., 5PM	59	53
SUN., 8AM	101	79
SUN., 10:45AM	93	90
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>222</b>

**Bible Class Attendance  
Week of July 7, 2024**

*NA=not applicable; NR=not reported; C= cancelled*

Little Lambs, Sunday	3
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	6
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	2
Sunday Adult Bible Class	45
TLC/BASICS	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	C
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	4
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM	35
Summer Youth Night	c
20s&30s Thursday	7

**Weekly Offerings:  
July 1-7, 2024**

General Fund	\$	16,593.72
Endowment	\$	150.00
Building Fund	\$	290.00
Missions Weekly	\$	227.25
<b>Missions Total May-August CFNA</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,486.40</b>

**Year to Date as of 5/31/2024**

Income	\$	326,612.66
Expenses	\$	262,676.44
Surplus	\$	63,936.22

**H.O.P.E. FOOD MINISTRIES  
Weekly Totals: July 10, 2024**

Families: 75  
Individuals: 240

**Prayer List: for Active Military:**

**Dominic** Bisesi, **Andrew** Chema; **Timothy** Daniels, **Nathaniel** Einfeldt, **Isabella** Huber, **Zackary** Huber, **Cody** Kieffer, **Jeff** Kuerschner, **Josh** Linn, **Clint** Morrison, **Douglas** Mundt, **Justin** Quinn, **Joshua** Rainwater, **Jackson** Redfield, **Jesse** Smith, and **Matthew** Thornton.

**HOPE Ministries** requests these items from Holy Cross for July: **Cereal, chicken and tuna helper, canned pasta/pasta sauce, canned beef stew/chili, muffin, brownie, and cake mixes.** Place items in the box under the Mission Board display in the Welcome Center. No expired goods can be accepted.

**GET OUT YOUR CALENDARS & SAVE THESE DATES:**

**July 20, 5 to 7PM: CWST Third Annual Pork Steak Dinner and Cornhole Tournament.** All funds raised from this event will support current and future seminarians. **LAST WEEKEND TO ORDER!**

**August 10: Ladies Guild Rummage Sale, 7AM to NOON.** Dropoff dates will be Aug. 7 (1-7PM), & Aug. 8 (1PM-4PM).

August 11: Back 2 School Bash, 9:30-10:30AM  
August 14: Midweek/Confirmation Orientation, 6:30PM  
August 30-Sept. 2: Family & Confirmation Camp, Camp Wartburg

**Sept. 7: Holy Cross Anniversary Picnic**

**Sept. 8: Preschool Golf Tournament**

**Sept. 15: Holy Cross Day**

**Sept. 22: New Member Luncheon: Noon**

**Nov. 2 — Grace Guild Craft Expo!** Vendors, we need you! Contact Jan Paulson for vendor information.

**TODAY'S SERVICE:** Hear Pastor Gimbel preach!

**ALTAR GUILD** needs more help and welcomes anyone interested, including the newly confirmed class, to join us as we "serve the Lord with gladness" by preparing each service for communion. For information, please call or text Jan Flentke at 636-248-2892.

**USHERS:** Please sign up for dates before the weekend that you serve so that Together We Serve is accurate. More volunteers are needed for ushering. See Ralph Erickson for information. Thanks!

**PRESCHOOL SUPPORT:** Preschool has had some questions about how they can be supported by the congregation, so they are updating a wish list for the upcoming school year. [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/35R45NEJG85DK?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/35R45NEJG85DK?ref=wl_share)

**ONLINE DIRECTORY:** Members 18 years old and older received an email the week of 7/7 from [technology@hcross.com](mailto:technology@hcross.com) to create a user account with Breeze CHMS to access Holy Cross's online church directory. A "help desk" will be available after service on Sat., July 13 in the Welcome Center, and between services on July 14 and 21 in Rooms 1 & 2, or members may send an email to [technology@hcross.com](mailto:technology@hcross.com) for assistance.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT:** St. John's WINGS, an LWML society, has invited Holy Cross women to a Ladies' Retreat on Sat., Aug. 3, 2024, from 8:30AM to 1PM, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Warrenton, MO. The theme is "Grace Changes Everything". This will be an uplifting event with fellowship with your sisters in Christ. Please RSVP to Marcia Sevier at 636-346-6037 by July 29.

Vincent Otto will be ordained and installed as an associate pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Bismarck, ND., on Sunday, July 14, 2024, at 4PM. The church's address is Zion Lutheran Church, 413 E. Avenue D, Bismarck, North Dakota, 58501. [Pastor Kohm will be attending as a representative from Holy Cross. This is the congregation where he did his vicarage.]

Owen Duncan will be ordained and installed as an associate pastor at Faith Lutheran Church in Naples, FL, on Sunday, July 21, 2024, at 3PM (EST). The church's address is 4150 Goodlette-Frank Rd., Naples, FL, 34103. You are invited to follow along via livestream at <https://flcnaples.com>

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

*Sat., July 20, 5 to 7PM.*

The adult menu includes a pork steak, baked potato or potato salad, cole slaw, 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).

*This is the last weekend to order! See the table in the Welcome Center to order and pay for dinners!*

**THE HOLY CROSS LADIES GUILD RUMMAGE SALE** will be held Sat., Aug. 10, in the Holy Cross gym from 7AM to noon. Come browse the large selection of useful and interesting items available! If you have items to donate to the sale, drop them off at the gym on Wed., Aug. 7, from 1PM to 7pm, or Thurs., Aug. 8, from 1PM to 4PM. We cannot accept clothing, electronics, or large furniture. The proceeds from this year's sale will be donated to Turning Point Advocacy Services, which provides emergency shelter, counseling, and court advocacy for survivors of domestic abuse and their children. Thank you for your support.

**PETTING ZOO AND PONY RIDES:** Calling all animal lovers. On Sat., Aug. 10, Holy Cross will host a Petting Zoo and Pony Rides on the back lawn from 9 to 11AM. You can pet and feed a donkey, calf, goat, sheep, rabbit, chicken, bearded dragon, and dog as well as ride a pony (if you are light enough). Evangelism Board members will gift a small book about Jesus to all children who attend. This is also a wonderful way to invite friends to the Holy Cross campus and share Jesus with them. Pick up a blue card from the table in the middle of the Welcome Center and use it to invite someone. This is another chance to sow a seed.

**YOUTH SERVING EVENT:** Children and youth are invited to serve as ushers, greeters, and readers for the Back 2 School Bask (Aug. 11) at both Sunday services. RSVP: Usher: Ralph Erickson, 314.249.7136  
Greeter: David Schlesselman, 636.578.1766  
Reader: Rob Paoletti, [elders@hcross.com](mailto:elders@hcross.com)



*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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LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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



Join Holy Cross members for a field trip on Aug. 7 to the St. Louis Holocaust Museum.

- ◆ Arrive at Holy Cross at 10:45AM for an 11AM departure.
- ◆ Catered lunch from Panera at the museum.
- ◆ Guided tour at 1:30PM.
- ◆ Arrive at Holy Cross before 4PM.
- ◆ Sign up by July 31 in the Welcome Center: \$25 for adults, \$15 for minors.
- ◆ Contact DCE Smith [csmith@hcross.com](mailto:csmith@hcross.com)



*Holy Cross Youth*  
**POOL PARTY**

Snacks and drinks provided  
Drop off and pick up at the  
Wischmeyer's home (211 San Jose Court)

6th-12th Grade 1:30-3:30pm August 11

RSVP by Aug 4th in the  
Welcome Center or to  
Jennifer Reed at 636-373-0690

**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.**

**MISSOURI TAX CREDIT FOR LUTHERAN SCHOOLS**

Calendar Year 2023 was the second year of MOScholars—Missouri's tax credit program providing scholarships to families of children attending private institutions—and what a year it was! The Missouri District was able to distribute \$867,000 in funds in 2023, which resulted in 136 children receiving a full MOScholars scholarship for the current school year. This total amount given, when combined with the funds from the first year of the tax credit program, means that more than \$1.25 million has now been awarded to LCMS students by the Missouri District through MOScholars. Praise God!




The tax credit reservation system for this current calendar year is running once more. If you haven't already started the process this year, you can begin at [mo.lcms.org/mo-scholars](http://mo.lcms.org/mo-scholars). Additional questions can be directed to Leah Sieveking at 314-590-6211 or [leah.sieveking@mo.lcms.org](mailto:leah.sieveking@mo.lcms.org)

This program will not save you money on your taxes but will allow you to direct up to one-half of your state taxes to students in our Lutheran schools. Pick up an information sheet from the table in the Welcome Center and/or talk with David Schlesselman if you need help or have questions.



**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL**

2024-2025 Enrollment and Registration

2024-2025 TUITION STRUCTURE ABOUT OUR PROGRAM 2024-2025 ENROLLMENT FORM

*We hope to hear from you soon!*

**PRAYER WARRIORS NEEDED FOR THE PRAYER CHAIN:** Add your name to the prayer chain! As you can see from page 1, we have a lot of people to pray for! We need our prayer warriors! Just email [secretary@hcross.com](mailto:secretary@hcross.com) or call the church office to get your name added to the prayer chain. Weekly (hopefully) emails will inform you of the most recent additions to the prayer list. "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

**WE'RE HIRING!**

Be part of the awesome staff at Holy Cross!  
*Positions open:*

- part-time communications coordinator
- part-time custodian
- and substitutes for our preschool

Go to [www.hcross.com/employment](http://www.hcross.com/employment) for more information.

**Holy Cross Buy/Sell Facebook Group Now Available**

A new Facebook group for Holy Cross members allows member-to-member selling of large goods (not household rummage sale items) as a Stewardship Board fundraiser to support Holy Cross ministries. Selling members are urged to donate a minimum of 10% of the sell price to Holy Cross Stewardship Board: [stewardship@hcross.com](mailto:stewardship@hcross.com)

**CHURCH PICNIC !! NEW DATE !!**

We are gearing up for the 64th Anniversary Picnic and Field Day at Holy Cross! Please mark your calendars for **Sat., Sept. 7, 2024, from 11AM to 4PM.**

**NOTE: This is the weekend prior to Holy Cross Sunday.**

The day will start with a BBQ where hamburgers, hotdogs and delicious potluck dishes will be served. Tickets for attendance purposes and potluck assignments will start in August. Exciting activities planned for this year include bounce houses, a dunk tank, cornhole tournament, cotton candy machine, and giant lawn games. *New this year:* the committee is working to have a large party tent set up on the north parking lot so that the entire picnic (potluck meal and activities) is on the back lot. We hope to see you this year for a wonderful meal, fellowship, and games!