

## All According to Plan

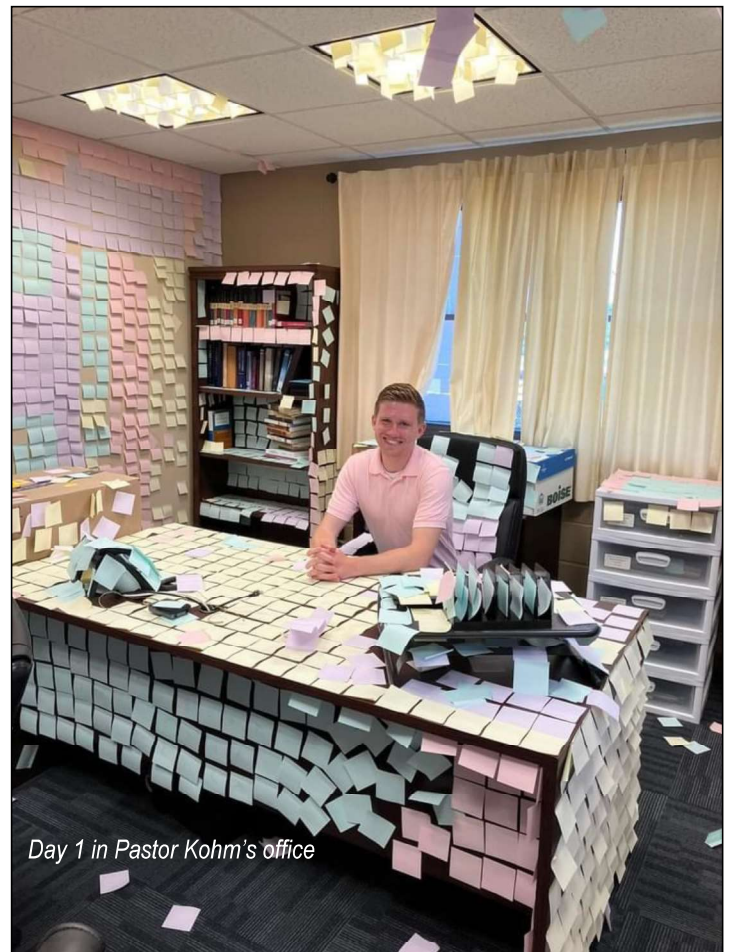
One of the last assignments I ever turned in to the Seminary was a comprehensive plan for the first 90 days of my ministry as a called and ordained pastor at Holy Cross. I didn't have to address all 90 of those days, but I was required to broadly share what I would do for my first three days, three weeks, and three months. I took that assignment fairly seriously since a goal of this class was to actually use the plan. As I made my final edits, I glanced again over those first three days I had planned out, nodding with approval. "I'll have the time for these things," I said to myself.

Then I walked into my new office the morning of my ordination.

Sticky notes. Sticky notes everywhere. Sticky notes on the desk. Sticky notes on the walls. The shelves. The floor. The ceiling. Some had messages, like "Youth were not here" and "WAHAHAHA, WAHAHAHA." Others clung to my shoes, desperate to accompany me out the door. I had so many questions! Who was the culprit responsible? (Spoiler alert: It was Charity.) How could I get them back? How long will it take me to clean this up? Will I have any help? Will this happen again? Yet I was absolutely certain of one thing: This was not a part of my 90-day plan. Or even my entire career plan.

It gets better. Day one arrived and after a 5AM hospital call with Pastor Gimbel (also not a part of my 90-day plan!), I finally got to start following *my* plan, beginning sermon and Bible class prep. But that didn't last long—a bunch of youth soon arrived to help me take down the sticky notes! As we worked and got to know each other, we started brainstorming how we could get back at Charity before she got back from vacation. Eventually, someone suggested, "We could get all the flamingos!" And before I knew it, I found myself "flocking" Charity's office full of plastic flamingos with the youth. All this, too, was not a part of my 90-day plan.

One of my favorite verses from the Old Testament is Proverbs 16:9, which tells us this: "The heart of man plans his way, but Yahweh establishes his steps." Planning, preparing, and looking to the future are responsible practices for us all; these things guide the work that we do in the present. But ultimately, our lives are in God's hands, not our own. This frustrates me



sometimes, because I don't have the control that I want! At other times, such as my first day of work at Holy Cross, I am reminded that God can steer our steps toward places, people, opportunities, and encounters we would never have imagined.

I can think of no better way to end than with this prayer that you can find on page 311 of one of our hymnals: *Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

Amen!

~Pastor Jason

# Monthly Music Minute for August 2024

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

August is here, and at Holy Cross, that means back to a more normal routine! Summer is ending, and our educational program will begin in full force — and that includes our music department! It is an exciting time, as we get many members involved in leading the church's song.

On August 18, one of the hymns we will sing is LSB 895, "Now Thank We All Our God." The first line of that hymn is a favorite teaching tool of many church musicians: "Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices." Those three things - hearts, hands, and voices - are a metaphor for our whole self. The song is one of thanksgiving to God with our whole being. That said, each of those three parts of ourselves can help aid you in finding your own place in the church's song. I'd like to share with you information about our ensembles for the year, and how we might use each of these three parts of ourselves in the church's song.

## 1. Congregational Song (Hearts)

By far, the most important thing you can do to be involved in worship is simply to sing with the congregation. One of the great blessings of Holy Cross, to me, is that we are a singing congregation, and that starts with you in the pew! Sing in church, whether you think you have a good voice or not. Sing from your heart. Sing with all your being. And when you've done that, keep singing. Proclaim boldly the faith. Share with one another the truths and comforts of the Gospel. And keep the words of these great hymns of faith on your hearts.

Many pastors I've spoken to tell me the same thing: when people are on their deathbed, sedated and unresponsive, very often one of the only expressions of faith they can share are mouthing along to the words of hymns they have sung and kept in their hearts. We imprint these songs not just by listening, but by singing them repeatedly. The song of the church matters, and so does your voice in it.

## 2. Handbells (Hands)

Beyond congregational song, we do have some specific groups you can join if you'd like to get even more involved, and that doesn't even necessarily have to be singing! This year, we will continue to have two handbell choirs, one for beginners and one for those who are a bit more advanced. The **Beginning Handbell Ensemble** will be open to people **6th grade on up**, and that **includes adults!** This inter-generational ensemble is designed for those who have not rung before, or have little to no musical training, but want to see if they could get involved in music somehow. The first rehearsal for this group will be **Wed., Aug. 21** in the balcony, and rehearsals will continue on Wednesday nights from **6:00-6:30PM**.

The ensemble will assist in worship 3-4 times over the course of the year.

For those people who have rung before, can already read music, or feel the need for a greater challenge, our **Intermediate/Advanced Handbell Ensemble** will meet **Monday nights from 6:30-7:30PM, beginning August 26**. Open to ringers high-school age on up, this ensemble rings in church about once a month and at select special services. Both handbell ensembles will be directed by David Gilson.

If you are interested in being a part of handbells, even if you've rung before, join us on **Mon., Aug. 19 at 6:30PM**, as we will have a handbell orientation event. At this time, if you are new, we will meet and discuss which ensemble is the appropriate one for you, and we will also get the handbells out for some polishing and maintenance so that we are ready for the coming season! I am a firm believer that anyone can ring handbells — so, if you're on the fence, come join us on the 19th and give it a shot!

## 3. Choirs (Voices)

I suppose the "voices" label applies to congregational song as well, but I'd like to specifically highlight our two vocal ensembles here.

**Adult Choir**, our most established and frequently utilized ensemble, will meet weekly for rehearsals on **Wednesday nights from 6:45-8:00PM** in the Choir Room. Our first rehearsal will be **Wed., Aug. 28**. The choir is for those aged high-school-on-up. The choir sings during Sunday church services on average once every three weeks, in addition to occasional special services throughout the year. If you've sung in the choir before, we'd love to have you back! And, if you haven't but you love singing, you're welcome to join too! The ensemble is directed by David Gilson and accompanied by Sara Shroth.

**K-5 children's choir**, led by Melanie Dafler, meets **Wednesday nights from 6:00-6:30PM** in the choir room. They will assist in leading worship 3-4 times over the course of the year, and we will work to teach our young people about the liturgy and their place in the church's song. The first rehearsal for this group will be **Wed., Aug. 21**.

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Psalm 34:3 states, "Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name *together!*" That word "together" is key. As we head into a new season at Holy Cross, it is my prayer that, no matter what generation we may be a part of, whether we ring, play instruments, sing in a choir, or sing boldly from the pew each week, we can learn, walk, and worship together as one body, in joyful song of praise to our God. — *David Gilson*





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# HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

## 2024-2025 Enrollment and Registration



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ABOUT  
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2024-2025  
ENROLLMENT  
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### Golf for Schools—Sunday, September 8, 2024

<p><b>Your \$110 registration fee includes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 Person Scramble</li> <li>18 Holes of Golf</li> <li>Driving Range</li> <li>UNLIMITED DRINKS</li> <li>LUNCH &amp; Dinner</li> </ul> <p>Skins Game: \$10/team Mulligans: 2/person for \$20/team Games: \$5 each at course</p>	<p><b>Sponsor Options:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Game Sponsor: \$225</li> <li>Hole Sponsor: \$125</li> <li>Hole Sponsor Team Bundle: sign, golf for 4, skins, mulligans</li> </ul> <p>Contact by Sept. 1: kyle.dibler@gmail.com</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* 1:30 p.m. Shot Gun Start</li> <li>* The Falls Golf Club</li> <li>* Driving Range located across Mexico Rd at Falls Recreation Center</li> <li>* Thrivent Financial Action Team Project</li> </ul> <p><b>Dinner Menu</b> Chicken Parmesan, Roast Beef, Pasta con Broccoli, Salad &amp; Rolls</p> <p><b>Lunch Menu</b> Burgers, Potato Salad, &amp; Chips</p>
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### Registration Deadline September 1, 2024

**Why Lutheran Schools?**

Lutheran Schools are first and foremost a Christian school. Lutheran schools offer more than "just an education." Children not only receive training in the typical content areas offered by all accredited schools, they also have extra meaning attached to them as they see these areas woven together in a tapestry of truth. Children in Lutheran schools are immersed in a Christian culture. This means that they are involved with worship, Biblical instruction, and regular prayer. Families and teachers partner together to ensure that the high expectations set for them are consistent with God's own expectations as stated in His Word, the Bible. The goal is that they will be equipped to step out boldly to proclaim the love of God, through Jesus, to a world that is in need of loving care and responsible relationships.

**Holy Cross Lutheran Preschool**

Holy Cross Lutheran Preschool serves children from 3 to 5 years of age in half-day and full-day programs from 2 to 5 days/week. For more information, contact the Preschool Director, Morgan Calcaterra, at (636) 272-4505.

**Child of God Lutheran School**

Child of God Lutheran School serves children from Parents Day Out 2 year olds through 8th grade. For more information, contact the Principal, Dr. Melissa Sandfort, at (636)970-7080.

# DINE & DONATE

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**Dine to Donate for Holy Cross Preschool**  
Thursday September 19, 2024, 4PM-9PM



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*Flamingos flocked to the DCE office aided by eager youth ready for a good prank. DCE Charity Smith was on vacation when Pastor Jason discovered his redecorated office on his ordination day (see page 1), and some of those same youth returned on Monday to take the decorations down. And then they planned a new prank for the DCE.*



# What Holy Cross Did this Summer...



As President of LWML Missouri District, Marian Hoehner presided over the June convention held in Independence, MO. Mission reports were a highlight along with an opening communion service, Bible studies, a Mission Walk, wonderful food, humor, and fellowship with Lutheran women from across the state.



BEFORE



AFTER

## KITCHEN RENEWAL

Have you visited the kitchen lately? A new double glass-door refrigerator and a new stove were installed in June—just in time for a number of important events. VBS was the first group to use the new appliances. Then CWST used the “new” kitchen for the Ordination & Installation Dinner in June and for the July Pork Steak Dinner. Also, the maintenance room freezer was quickly replaced when the old one literally had a meltdown on Monday of VBS Week!

Earlier in the year, the kitchen had its floor and countertops replaced. Things are looking spiffy!

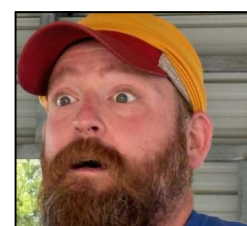
**It Takes a Village:** Thanks to Barb Grosch for sourcing the kitchen appliances, Joe & Diana Snyder for sourcing the kitchen floor and countertops, Mark & Linda Ziolk for shopping for a new freezer, David Schlesselman for finding new homes for the old kitchen refrigerators, and Terry Hardy for his help in overseeing installations.



VINCENT OTTO was installed as assistant pastor at Zion Lutheran Church, in Bismark, ND, on July 14. Pastor Kohm participated in the service. Dana, a member of Holy Cross, will find ways to serve just as she did here.

OWEN DUNCAN was ordained and installed as associate pastor at Faith Lutheran Church in Naples, Florida, on July 21.

BRIDGETT SHARP was installed as Deaconess, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Springfield, IL, on July 27-28. In this newly created position, she will work alongside her husband Pastor Jonathan. “It’s a growing experience for everyone,” she wrote. The congregation is seeking a new senior pastor.



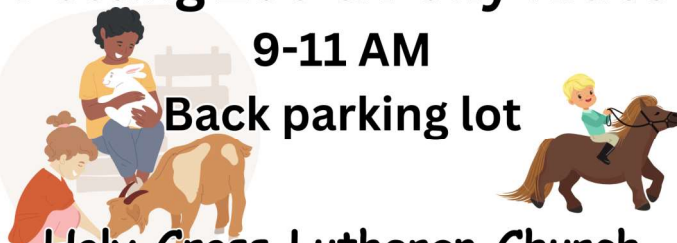




## Petting Zoo & Pony Rides

9-11 AM

Back parking lot



Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
8945 Veterans Memorial PWKY

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.

Pick up a blue card from the Welcome Center table and use it to invite someone.



## Called Worker Support Team Thanks Holy Cross for a successful Pork Steak Dinner July 20 fundraiser

CWST served 123 meals, and the Cornhole Tournament had 11 teams battling it out for prizes!

The CWST team of five could not have pulled off a successful event if not for the many hands who helped them: Ashleigh and Eric Lacey organized and ran the tournament; the Board of Elders paid for the meat; Tom and Sue Haywood, and Brian Belter worked the WHOLE 9-hour event from setup to cleanup; the fabulous grill masters--Solomon Conrad, Ed Belter, Mike Kahler, and Don Wischmeyer; and the small army of wait staff from youth to senior citizens who served patrons.

It was not only dinner sales and tournament entry fees that made efforts successful- it was the many of you, who gave us "tips" or extra donations to push us over the top. Thank you for your generosity! We raised almost \$3000, which will be used to support our Holy Cross Seminarian, Isaac Conrad, and his wife, Alyssa.

Thanks again to all...we are already looking forward to next year!!







Above: Pastors from the St. Charles Circuit, the St. Louis Circuit, and other LCMS circuits participated in the Ordination and Installation of Pastor Jason Kohm. Row 1: Rev. Ron Roma, Rev. Tom Roma, Rev. Russ Bowder, Pastor Jason Kohm, Rev. Dr. Jeff Leininger, Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan, Rev. Dan Mattson. Row 2: Rev. Matthew Bohlmann, Rev. Jeremy Goreline, Rev. Joe Cox, Rev. Andrew Nelson, Rev. James Uglum, Rev. Jeremy Klostermeier. Row 3: Rev. Denis Wittenberger, Rev. Keith Wachter, Rev. Andrew Gimbel, Rev. Duane Maas.

Upper right: Celebrations bring out cake!

Right: Pastor Andrew J. Gimbel and Rev. Jason P. Kohm, the new pastoral team at Holy Cross.



Near right: The Holy Cross Choir, directed by David Gilson, added a rich sound texture for the service. Gilson arranged two pieces. The Holy Cross Brass Band played as did several guest musicians. Jill Kirk played the organ when Gilson was directing.



Far right: The procession of clergy at the start of the ordination service.

Below: the Holy Cross Ladies Guild served the Installation Dinner



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# Joyous Occasion as Holy Cross Installs Associate Pastor



## Thank You

Dear Holy Cross,  
Wow. What an amazing welcome you extended to me! Thank you so much for hosting my ordination service, for attending the reception afterward, and for warmly inviting me into



your family. I am already honored and delighted to be a part of it. I eagerly look forward to the years ahead as we continue in God's Word together!  
Yours in Jesus,  
Pastor Jason



## Ten "Suggestions" for Pastor Kohm's Ministry at Holy Cross

1. Do Keep the Main Thing as the Main Thing
2. Do get to know and use the Church Worker Support Team
3. Do turn in *Koinonia* articles to the church secretary on time
4. Do get to know and visit the "church ladies" when you need a lift
5. Do get to know all church members and our history
6. Maybe lead us to new pastures but don't force us to new pews
7. Maybe join the preschoolers on the playground some times
8. Park on the north lot and face the church (*modified*)
9. Don't disagree with the Music Director on hymn selections
10. Don't aim at the whole tree (Keep leading us to Jesus)

—Suggestions gathered by David Schlesselman from staff and members, and shared at the installation dinner





# CHURCH PICNIC

!! NEW DATE !!

The 64th Anniversary Picnic and Field Day at Holy Cross will be held **Sat., Sept. 7, 2024**, from **11AM to 4PM**.

**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.

Exciting activities 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!

Tickets for attendance purposes and potluck assignments will start in August. Watch News&Notes for details!

## HOPE Seeds

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

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

Sponsored by Holy Cross Stewardship Board.



## Fresh Food for Seminary Families

**MISSION BOARD** buys **fresh fruits and vegetables** for the Seminary. To contribute, **write your check** to Holy Cross with a memo line for *Mission Board Fresh Foods to the Seminary*.



Please do not bring fresh fruits and vegetables to church for seminary contributions. *Contact: Sherry Piazza*

## YOUTH

*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

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**FALL 2024**

**AUG 11** BACK 2 SCHOOL BASH 9:30-10:30 AM

**AUG 14** ORIENTATION 6:30 PM

**AUG-SEPT 30-2** CONFIRMATION RETREAT CAMP WARTBURG

**AUG-SEPT 30-2** FAMILY CAMP CAMP WARTBURG

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [HCROSS.COM/YOUTH](http://HCROSS.COM/YOUTH)

**HOPE MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY** asks Holy Cross to help out with these basic food items: **Dry boxed potatoes, Pasta Roni, Rice-A-Roni, canned fruit, cereal, corn muffins.**

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

## Holy Cross Buy/Sell Facebook Group

This group is for member-to-member selling of large goods 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.

Contact [stewardship@hcross.com](mailto:stewardship@hcross.com) or speak with any Stewardship Board member.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**LEVEL 200 PARENTS**

**AUG 28** LORD'S PRAYER PARENTS & KIDS

**OCT 10** COMMANDMENTS PARENTS & KIDS

**JAN 8** THE CREED PARENTS & KIDS

**FEB 19** MEANS OF GRACE PARENTS & KIDS

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [HCROSS.COM/YOUTH](http://HCROSS.COM/YOUTH)

## SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

Children and Youth are invited to serve as ushers, greeters, and readers for the Back 2 School Bash (8/11) at both Sunday services.

**This is a first come, first serve for any age.**

Youth, schedule your 8/11 participation by contacting the following:  
Usher: Ralph Erickson 314.249.7136  
Greeter: David Schlesselman 636.578.1766  
Reader: Rob Paoletti [elders@hcross.com](mailto:elders@hcross.com)



## Quilting Fellowship

**Sept. 14, 10AM to 2PM**

This group won't meet in August.

**They will be back in September.**

Contact: Cynthia Menscher, 636.639.5188







## 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!



## RUMMAGE SALE

The Annual Ladies Guild Rummage Sale is **Sat., Aug. 10**, in the Holy

**Cross gym, from 7AM to NOON.**

Browse the large selection of useful, interesting items available! Sale proceeds will be donated to Turning Point Advocacy Services. They provide emergency shelter, counseling, and court advocacy for survivors of domestic abuse and their children.

If you have items to donate to the sale, drop-off times at the gym are **Wed., Aug. 7, from 1 to 7PM, or Thurs., Aug. 8, from 1 to 4PM.**

Due to limited space and other issues, the following items cannot be accepted: clothing, shoes, electronic devices, large furniture, appliances, or anything damaged or dirty beyond repair.

Thank you for your support.

**LADIES GUILD QUILTERS** will meet **9AM, Tues., Aug., 13 & 27** in the gym to piece and sew quilt tops. Quilt tops are sewn and tied during this time. Current quilt projects will be donated to Gentiva Hospice. *Seated: Christel Hundt, Loretta Ezell. Standing: Norma Helms, Cynthia Menscher, Jeanette Stewart, Elma Jane Kramer, and Sara Shroth*



## Fun, Food, Fellowship at Ladies Guild July Luau



Ladies Guild gathers around the tiki bar made by Earl Dietz at the July Luau.



The Holy Cross Ladies Guild recently took time out from busy schedules for some fun, food, and fellowship at their Hawaiian Luau on July! Wonderful decorations, games, food, and fellowship were all part of the program. Lots of yummy pineapple desserts were enjoyed by everyone and Pastor Gimbel and Joyce Niewald were able to join the ladies for lunch and a pineapple ring toss game! A service project for Alleluia Baskets, a local Easter basket charity, was also completed. The Holy Cross Ladies Guild meets on the second Friday of every month at 10AM in the Holy Cross gym. All ladies of the congregation are welcome! Contact Sandy Dietz at 314-570-4961 for more information.

## DONATE BIBLES, CHRISTIAN MATERIALS

Do you have extra Bibles and other Christian materials that you would like to pass on to someone else? Love Packages sends TONS of materials around the globe. A fellow brother in Christ (member of Our Savior, St. Charles) will gladly pick up these materials and deliver them to Love Packages in Butler, Illinois. Donated items may include Bibles, tracts, Christian books and paperbacks, magazine (not Guideposts), daily devotionals (like Portals of Prayer), reference books, commentaries, CDs, DVDs, and unused Sunday School materials. Bring them to the labeled bin near the LWML table or the church office by August 31. *Sponsored by Grace Guild.* ([www.lovepackages.org](http://www.lovepackages.org))



# August 2024

## Holy Cross Lutheran Church Calendar of Events

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
28	8 AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour 10:45AM Holy Communion	29	9:30 AM TOPS 11AM Line Dancing	30	9AM Quilting 10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meeting	31	9:30AM Adult Bible Class 6:45pm Summer Youth Night	1	8AM News & Notes <u>Deadline</u> 9AM HOPE Seeds 6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Class	2		3	5PM Holy Communion
4	8AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour + ABD (Sanctuary) +Midwk Tchr Train (1-2) 10:45AM Holy Communion Noon Picnic Committee 1:30pm Board of Elders	5	9:30AM TOPS 11AM Line Dancing	6	<b>ELECTION</b> 5AM Election Prep 10AM Salazarano Visitation 11AM Salazarano Funeral 2PM Preschool Board 6:30PM Adult Bible Class 6PM Missions Board	7	9:30AM Adult Bible Class 10:45AM Holocaust Museum Bus Trip 1PM to 7PM: Ladies Guild Rummage Sale Dropoff 6PM Stewardship Board 6:45pm Summer Youth Night	8	8AM News & Notes <u>Deadline</u> 1PM TO 4PM: Ladies Guild Rummage Sale Dropoff 6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Class	9	8:30AM LG Setup 10AM Ladies Guild	10	7AM TO NOON: Ladies Guild Rummage Sale 9AM TO 11AM Petting Zoo 5PM Holy Communion
11	Back to School Bash Backpack Blessing 8AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour 10:45AM Holy Communion 1PM Youth Pool Party	12	9:30 AM TOPS 11AM Line Dancing 1PM Quilt Setup 6PM Board Meetings 7:30PM Council Meeting	13	9AM Quilting 10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meeting 6:30PM Adult Bible Class	14	9:30AM Adult Bible Class 6:30PM Midweek Orientation 7PM ByLaws Committee	15	8AM News & Notes <u>Deadline</u> 6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Class	16	<b>KOINONIA DEADLINE</b>	17	5PM Holy Communion
18	8 AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour + Midweek Teacher Training 10:45AM Holy Communion	19	9:30 AM TOPS (Rm1-2) 11AM Line Dancing 6:30PM Handbells — Orientation	20	10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meeting	21	9:30AM Adult Bible Class 5:30-6:30PM Open Gym 6PM Beginning Handbells 6PM Children's Choir 6:30PM Midweek 6:30PM Confirmation 6:30PM LYF 7:15pm Elementary (Gym) 7:30pm Upper levels gym)	22	8AM News & Notes <u>Deadline</u> 6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Class	23	<b>KOINONIA PRODUCTION</b>	24	3pm Baptism (Powers) 5pm Holy Communion
25	8 AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour 10:45AM Holy Communion	26	<b>KOINONIA MAILING</b> 9AM Preschool Staff Training 9:30 AM TOPS (gym) 11AM Line Dancing Noon CWST PS Teacher Luncheon 6PM Preschool Parent Meeting (gym) 6:30pm Handbells	27	9AM Quilting 10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meeting 6PM Preschool Meet & Greet 6:30PM Adult Bible Class	28	9AM CPR Training (gym) 9:30AM Adult Bible Class (s) 5:30-6:30PM Open Gym 6PM Beginning Handbells 6PM Children's Choir 6:30PM Midweek 6:30PM Confirmation 6:30PM LYF 6:45pm Adult Choir 7:15pm Elementary (Gym) 7:30pm Upper levels gym)	29	8AM News & Notes <u>Deadline</u> 6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Class	30	Stewardship Family Camp & Confirmation Camp @ Camp Wartburg—Labor Day Week- end.	31	5PM Holy Communion



# August 2024 Celebrations

*The Lord will be with you wherever you go.*

*Joshua 1:9*

## Happy Birthday!

- 1: Marie Benigno, Judith Bonney
- 2: Sandie Fussner, Alan Hofer, Aylah Jones, Jerry Lancour
- 3: Hunter Cameron, Tony Crafton
- 4: Nancy Caldwell, Axel Powers, Jennifer Powers, Brandon Sumski
- 7: Dominic Chinnici, Jodi Schneider
- 8: Carol Cagle, Donald Pickens, Tom Zimmermann
- 9: Wes Dafler, Katherine Hoylman, Jesse Smith
- 10: Lauren Rheinecker
- 11: Richard Gleba Sr., Carolyn Grayson, Denise Sagez
- 12: Mike Albano, Bob Delohi, Janice Fred, Jenna Palmisano, Pat Temple, Madelyn Trapp
- 13: Robert Blundell, Jen Brown, Josh Linn
- 14: Jason Gibbs, Doug Koepke, Jennifer Reed, Kevin Smith
- 15: Michael Claxton
- 16: Dena Schoenike, Keri Wardenburg
- 17: Joyce Lang, Shana Ziolk
- 18: John Schneider IV, Michelle Sliger
- 19: Jerry Bradley, Jocelyn Elick, Shirley Niewald
- 20: Dianne Helvey, Kathy Unger
- 21: Penelope Elick, Rachel Evans, Larry Ezell, Garrett Piazza, Bob Williams
- 22: Ripley Bennett, Brandon Shouse
- 23: Jonathan Fresch, Tanner May
- 24: Craig DeMent, Austin Shouse, Will Wiese IV, Benjamin Wiese
- 25: Mark Crider, Kelly Schlereth
- 26: Paul Brown, Kaitlyn Cunningham, Maggie McCulloch, Blanche RichterKessing, Ryan Van Wave
- 27: Mary Bollinger, Alice Buehne, Cindy Downs, Melinda Meyers
- 28: Alexander Eaton
- 29: Paul Goris, Charlotte Grissom
- 30: Carl Hardman, John Jackson Jr., Cassa Henderson, Amanda Saale, William Wichern
- 31: Joy Adams, Donald Duncan, Christine Eaton, Jessica Maul

## Happy Baptism Anniversary!

- 1: Matthew Clark, Alyssa Crider, Maggie Dawdy
- 4: Jim Dunajcik
- 6: Jaidyn Benson, Conner Walkenhorst
- 7: Michelle Dunajcik, Wyatt Dunajcik
- 11: Tanner May, Ashley Zimmerman
- 12: Nicholas Aston, Logan Harmon, Lukas Harmon, Rachel Laufer
- 15: Bob Kunz
- 16: Rowan Fink, Ethan Schnoor
- 17: Nicole Alton, Timothy McDaniel, Zach Sampl
- 18: Isaac Conrad, Ethan Schuler
- 20: Brianna Rowland
- 21: Carter Price
- 23: Becky Edgar
- 24: Hunter Cameron, Roger Sawall
- 25: Douglas Cunningham, Harrison Sweeso
- 26: Chris Alton, Kason Smith
- 27: Joyce Niewald

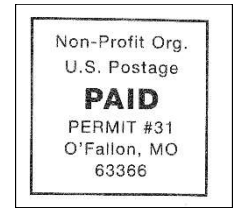
## Blessed Wedding Anniversary!

- 1: Floyd & Joan Darling (54); Tim & Lovisa Davison (26)
- 2: Brandon & Cara Shouse (27)
- 6: Chris & Amanda Alton (19)
- 7: John & Amy Estill (29); Kent & Janine Haffer (42)
- 8: Rick & Vita Walkenhorst (14)
- 9: David & Kathy Darst (38)
- 11: Diane & Joe Palombi (45)
- 12: Ed & Karen Belter (46); Neal & Cynthia Menscher (35)
- 16: George & Collien Beyer (33); Eric & Carol Cagle (29); Adam & Shana Elick (16); Karl & Sarah Schnoor (21)
- 17: Charles & Melissa Eaton (28), Bill & Kathy Holt (56)
- 18: Paul & Carolyn Bertram (68)
- 19: Ned & Judy Koprowski (46)
- 20: Eric & Trina Christensen (26); George & Barb Krieger (64); Bruce & Peggy Linn (53)
- 21: Tom & Anetta Duncan (37)
- 22: Joe & Diana Snyder (55)
- 23: Donald & Brenda Duncan (44); Dale & Linda Ledford (27); Russell Zilka & Sharon Falter (18)
- 24: Jeremy & Keri Berjer (11)
- 25: Vince & Jan Ogar (45)
- 26: Mark & Julie Northrup (44)
- 27: John & Marian Hoehner (42)
- 28: Derek & Michelle Freand (20)
- 29: David & Nicole Alton (9); Ken & Liane Higgins (32)

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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, August 13, August 27, 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)**  
— *Classes start August 21. Orientation on August 14, 6:30PM*

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

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