



*Our Mission:  
With the help of God,  
Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
grows disciples  
and transforms hearts  
for Christ.*

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# Holy Cross Day

## News & Notes for Sept. 14-15, 2024

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

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

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

Sonny Barton (Betty Kling)  
Jim (John Bertram)  
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)  
Peter HERNON (Elaine Alton)  
Sharon Hesse (Barb Krieger)  
Jan Hilton (Zeita Reed)  
Arden Jepsen (Jayne Jepsen)  
Lois Jobe (Jan Flentke)  
Jeff Johns (Denise Johns)  
Ron Kasten (Jan Flentke)  
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)  
Ginny Niewald (Joyce Niewald)  
Paul Palombi (Diane Palombi)  
Virginia Pendley (Shawn Huber)  
Vera Piazza (Robert & Sherry Piazza)  
Raymond Rasche (Todd & Liz Rasche)  
Loyce Sagez (Randy & Denise Sagez)

Rosemary Schreiber (Peggy Gallagher)  
Sara Shroth (choir accompanist)  
Shirley Tebeau (Ron Hunter)  
Stanika Todorova (Paul & Juliana Frerichs)  
Colleen West (Bob & Sue Williams)  
Sandy Wischmeyer (Marilyn Mana)  
John Allquist III, Duane Stuewe (Janet Allquist)  
Abigail Chavez, Lindsay Jaco, Penelope Karrenbrock (Amanda Alton)  
Carson Aston, Chlaara Aston, Sharon Staten (Lisa Aston)  
Denise Heins, Kevin Huber (Becky Coomer)  
Maureen King, Ryan Wells (Kathleen Day)  
Laura & Mark Gilson (David Gilson)  
Tim Deppe, Rich Waiwood  
~ (Kent & Janine Haffer)  
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 & Doris Lackey, Matt Lackey (Denise & Steve Lackey)  
John Bach, Rachel Long (Betty Lee)  
Pat McCarty, Serena Whiteside  
~ (Orion Melton)  
Tim Colvert; Michelle Showe  
~ (Neil & Cynthia Menscher)  
David Oshia, Brian Rubar, Chase Russell, Carol Sills (Barb Parson)  
Pat Gunn, Susan Risinger  
~ (Gloria Rariden)  
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)

#### **For those who celebrate:**

Mabel McKinney celebrated her 90th birthday on Sept. 12.  
Becky Edgar celebrates her birthday on Sept. 15.  
Matthew Grabanski and Jill Reed were united in holy matrimony by Pastor Gimbel on Sat., Sept. 14. The Grabanskis are new members of Holy Cross.

**Holy Cross Weekly Calendar**

**Saturday, September 14, 2024**

Holy Cross Day  
 10AM Quilting Fellowship  
 11AM Grabanski/Reed Wedding  
 5PM Holy Communion

**Sunday, September 15, 2024**

Anniversary Weekend  
 8AM Holy Communion  
 9:30AM Education Hour  
 9:30AM Midweek Teacher Training  
 10:45AM Holy Communion

**Monday, September 16, 2024**

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON  
 9:30AM TOPS  
 11AM Line Dancing  
 1:15pm Quilt Setup  
 6:30PM Handbells

**Tuesday, September 17, 2024**

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11AM  
 9AM Preschool Chapel  
 9AM Quilting  
 10AM Women's Bible Study  
 12:30PM Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, September 18, 2024**

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11AM  
 9:00AM Preschool Chapel  
 9:30AM Adult Bible Class  
 5:30PM Open Gym  
 6PM Children's Choir  
 6PM Beginning Bell Choir  
 6:30PM LYF/High School  
 6:30PM Confirmation  
 6:30PM PreK—5th Grade  
 6:45PM Adult Choir  
 7:15PM Elementary games (gym)  
 7:30PM Middle School, High School (gym)

**Thursday, September 19, 2024**

**8AM News & Notes Deadline**  
 OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON  
 4PM to 9PM: Preschool Fundraiser—  
 Applebee's Dine & Donate  
 6:30PM 20s&30sBible Class  
 6:30PM Audit Committee

**Friday, September 20, 2024**

**Koinonia Production**

**Saturday, September 21, 2024**

7AM TO 3PM: Council Strategic Plan Day  
 11AM Garden Harvest (Pavilion)  
 3:30PM New Member Luncheon Setup  
 5PM Holy Communion

**Sunday, September 22, 2024**

New Member Luncheon at Noon!  
 8AM Holy Communion  
 9:30AM Education Hour  
 10:45AM Holy Communion  
 Noon New Member Luncheon

**NOTE: The church roof is scheduled to be repaired the week of Sept. 23.**

**Church Attendance for Sept. 7-8, 2024**

Service	Attendance	Communion
SAT., 5PM	57	50
SUN., 8AM	126	109
SUN., 10:45AM	105	84
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>243</b>

**Bible Class Attendance  
 Week of Sept. 1, 2024**

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	1
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	13
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	8
Sunday Adult Bible Class	252
<b>TLC/BASICS</b>	9
Tuesday Women's 10AM	15
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	5
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NR
Wednesday AM	NR
Wednesday Nights	
20s&30s Thursday	

**Weekly Offerings:  
 Sept. 2-8, 2024**

General Fund	\$	16,672.52
Endowment	\$	150.00
Building Fund	\$	140.00
Missions Weekly	\$	520.00
<b>Missions Total                  Sept-Dec</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>615.00</b>

**Year to Date as of 7/31/2024**

Income	\$	439,822.72
Expenses	\$	411,376.57
Surplus	\$	28,446.15

**H.O.P.E. FOOD MINISTRIES  
 Weekly Totals: Sept. 11 2024**

Families: 83  
 Individuals: 254

**Prayer List: for Active Military:**

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

**HOPE Ministries** requests these items from Holy Cross for August: **Dry boxed potatoes, Pasta Roni, Rice-A-Roni, canned fruit, cereal, corn muffins.**

Place items in the box under the Mission Board display in the Welcome Center. No expired goods can be accepted.

**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@hccross.com](mailto:stewardship@hccross.com)

**HOLY CROSS LADIES GUILD** collects **food** and all types of **soap** for the Concordia Seminary Food Bank.

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

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

**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 on the shelf above the coatrack by the downstairs kitchen.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** for July-September are available on the Welcome Center table. The October-December edition will be put out next week!

**UPDATES NEEDED:** Please take time today to review the prayer lists. Keep our lists updated! Let us know if prayers have been answered. Some family and friends have been on the list for several years, and we do not know their current status. Use a prayer card, or call or email the church office by Wednesday.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the wedding of Matthew & Jill Grabanski on Sept. 14; for the blessings received by Bessie Frayne on her 97th birthday on Sept. 6, and by Becky Edgar on her Sept. 15 birthday.

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS** What sort of wisdom would an experienced pastor have for a young pastor? What kind of guidance does God give to churches today and their pastors? Learn about these questions in our **new** Adult Bible Study series on Sunday mornings at Holy Cross. Pastor Jason and Pastor Gimbel will walk through the Pastoral Epistles of 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, and Titus this fall. Join us in person in the gym or live streaming online!

**NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON: Sun., Sept. 22** is when Holy Cross welcomes its newest members: **Bryan & Kaitlyn Meyer, Matt & Jill Grabanski, John Bewig III, Nancy Brazee, Lynda Boyd-Shell, Roger & Joyce Trost, Russ Reed, Ray & Paula Hein, and Robert Duss II.**

This luncheon is always fun because we get to meet the new members and eat great food! The meal begins soon after the 10:45AM service ends (around noon). Current church members are asked to bring side dishes:

**Last Names A to K:** side dish and dessert

**Last Names L to Z:** side dish and salad

The Evangelism Board provides a meat dish, and Grace Guild will serve the buffet and cleanup.

*Bring your name tags!*

**MISSIONS:** The second mission focus of the year, Christian Friends of New Americans, has ended. The Mission Board sends thanks for the more than \$9700 in contributions. As we move into the remainder of 2024, we shift our focus to widows, specifically serving The Lutheran Home in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. The families who attended the Family Camp last weekend have written dozens of prayer cards that we will send to the widows as we begin to pray for them and this mission. Look for opportunities to learn more about this mission and how Holy Cross can help. Feel free to check out the mission at [www.thelutheranhome.org](http://www.thelutheranhome.org).

**Concordia Seminary Guild meeting: Fri., Oct. 4, 2024**

**Program:** Great Hymns of the Reformation

**10:30AM:** Registration in Koburg Hall

**11 a.m.:** Brunch

**Ingathering:** Food Bank Shower— Bring food items to Koburg Hall.

**Menu:** Veggie egg strata casserole, bacon, shredded potatoes, fruit salad and mini assorted Danish

**Cost: \$20 per person**

**RSVP Deadline: Sept. 20, 2024**

Mail reservation with check(s) payable to Concordia Seminary Guild to: Mary Jane Autry, 2076 Henley Woods, Arnold, MO 63010

**SERVICE TIME CHANGE:** Please note that starting Sat., Oct. 5, the service time changes to 3PM. The Board of Elders has changed the time to align (sort of) with Daylight Savings Time (which actually begins Nov. 3). Thus, from October to March, Saturday services will be at 3PM. (The September *Koinonia* Calendar missed changing that time, so pencil it in!)

**CANDY & NUT SALE BEGINS THIS WEEKEND:**

The Ladies Guild Candy and Nut Sale starts this weekend at all services. Visit the table in the Welcome Center to pick up an order form and make your selections. Thank you for your support.

**CHURCH PICNIC** The 2024 Annual Holy Cross Picnic is in the books! The Picnic Committee cannot thank our volunteers enough for all their support in helping run the event this year. Thank you to all of the Church Boards for manning the stations, and a huge shout out to the Elders (and others) for getting the chairs and tables set up on Friday night. The day would not have been complete without indulging in all of the delicious food graciously brought by our congregation (we have the best cooks). A big thanks goes to the kitchen crew for grilling and preparing the buffet lines. Lastly, we want to thank Hwy P Market & Meats for donating the gift cards for the cornhole tournament winners. If you have pictures from the day, please send them to [missions@hcross.com](mailto:missions@hcross.com) so they can be used in the October Koinonia. We look forward to seeing all of the memories that were captured!

~ Picnic Committee: Ashleigh Lacey, Kari Spearman, Todd Rasche, Karen Belter, and Liz Belter

**HYMN FESTIVAL** Join the choir and instrumentalists of Holy Cross on Sun., Oct. 13 at 3PM for our third annual hymn festival. Entitled "Christ Be My Leader," the event will reflect on the nature of Christ using the hymns of hymn-writer Timothy Dudley-Smith. We hope you can join us in song!

**RINGERS WANTED** Interested in joining handbells? The handbell choir still has a couple of slots that we need to fill! Rehearsals are Mondays from 6:30-7:30PM. Talk to David Gilson if you're interested.

**GOLF BENEFIT** for Christian Friends of New Americans (CFNA) will be Mon., Oct. 14, 2024, at Greenbriar Hills Country Club. It will be a day of fun and fellowship while supporting refugees in the St. Louis area. Registration is now open. Check-in & Box Lunch, 11AM; 18-Hole Scramble, 12PM; Dinner & Prizes, 5:30PM.

**Register online at:**

[https://cfna.schoolauction.net/cfnagolf2024/?](https://cfna.schoolauction.net/cfnagolf2024/?_gl=1*1mg8z9m*_ga*MTYwMTk4NzYwNS4xNzExMzc4MTI3*_ga_VRNE627G2D*MTcyMDYxOTA0OS4xOS4xLjE3MjA2MTk1MzMuMjEuMC4w)

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**LECTURES ON CHRISTIANITY AND CULTURE:** Village Lutheran Church presents "An Anthology of Authors and an Artist" on Sept. 28, 2024, from 2-6PM, with a reception following. These authors aim to pull back the curtain on the writer's mind, offering a behind-the-scenes look at the creative process. It is not a traditional writer's workshop but rather a series of insights for those who cherish writing and illustration, to see how it all comes together.

**USE CHURCH OFFICE ENTRY:** Please use the church office entrance during school days, unless you are on campus for a Bible study or other scheduled meeting. The gym doors will be unlocked for scheduled meetings. The church office entrance is on the back lot near the playground. **Preschool staff and students should not be interrupted during school time.** Thank you for your consideration.

# Holy Cross Sunday Processional

Toddlers through high school are invited to process into the Sunday Morning (9/15) services holding crosses.

**Please gather in the Welcome Center 5 minutes before service.**

We will ask our oldest students to help guild the youngest into the sanctuary and back to their parents.



The LHS Prom Committee is hosting its first annual **Chili-Cook Off** before the Football Game on Fri., Sept. 20! Scan the QR code to register and check out the flyer for additional details (see kitchen bulletin board).

**HIRING:** LHS is accepting applications for a **part-time** position of **Accounts Payable/Accounts Receivable Coordinator** to begin in October. This role will support the accounting/finance departments of LHS. To apply and see a job description, please use the link on the LHS website under "Work at LHS." Questions: Contact [careers@lhssc.org](mailto:careers@lhssc.org). Application deadline is Mon., Sept. 30.

The Lutheran High School community is invited to a Vision **Event** on Sept. 26 at 6:30PM in the LHS Commons. The LHS Board of Directors and leadership have been prayerfully planning for the future as the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) leads them through a Strategic Ministry Design process. Your support and engagement are vital as we work together to shape the future of Lutheran High School. Visit this link:

<https://forms.gle/QzehUTwmKrDZNvTw7>

**CHILDREN'S OFFERING ENVELOPES:** Special offering envelopes made just for children are now available in a basket on the Welcome Center table. Take a few home so your children can have the offering ready before they come to church. The Breeze record-keeping system currently used by Holy Cross allows offerings to be credited to the child's name, giving them the opportunity to see their total giving to the church.

# DINE & DONATE

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



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