



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

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Holy Cross Lutheran Church O'Fallon MO

If you want an audio recording (CD) of
the Sunday 8AM service, please notify
the office. We also send out bulletins,
weekly newsletters, and DVD recordings
(visual) to those who request them.

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CHECK WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR UPDATES
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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost News & Notes for Sept. 21-22, 2024

WELCOME TO EVERYONE joining us for worship today.

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; 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; Mike Hanna; Karen Heckman; Marie & Vernon Herrington; 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:

Sue Adams (Bonnie Walkenhorst)
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)
John Darby (Rick Walkenhorst)
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)
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)
Ginny Niewald (Joyce Niewald)
Paul Palombi (Diane Palombi)
Virginia Pendley (Shawn Huber)
Morgan Phinney (Mary & Dave Sampl)
Vera Piazza (Robert & Sherry Piazza)

For those who mourn:

We pray for the family of **Phyllis Robinson**, who entered the Church Triumphant on Sept. 16. Holy Cross will host the visitation and funeral on Mon., Sept 23: visitation at 10-11AM; funeral at 11AM; luncheon to follow. Burial will be private.

We also pray for the family of **Shirley Tebeau**, aunt of Ron (Kathy) Hunter who died Thurs., Sept. 19. She has been on our prayer list for several months.

For those who celebrate:

Harold & Sandra Kohrs will celebrate their 64th wedding anniversary on Oct. 1.

Loyce Sagez (Randy & Denise Sagez)
Rosemary Schreiber (Peggy Gallagher)
Sara Shroth (choir accompanist)
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)
Lois Jobe, Ron Kasten (Jan Flentke)
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)

Holy Cross Weekly Calendar

Saturday, September 21, 2024

9AM TO NOON: Council Strategic Plan Day
 1PM Audit Committee
 1:30PM 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

Monday, September 23, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11AM

9:30AM TOPS
 10AM Public Visitation for Phyllis Robinson
 11AM Funeral for Phyllis Robinson
 Noon Funeral Luncheon
 6:30PM Handbells

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

CHURCH ROOF REPAIR BEGINS TODAY!

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11AM

9AM Preschool Chapel
 10AM Women's Bible Study
 12:30PM Staff Meeting
 6:30PM Adult Bible Class

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

CHURCH ROOF REPAIR

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 26, 2024

CHURCH ROOF REPAIR

8AM News & Notes Deadline

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

10:30AM 3s Preschool Dad's Day (GYM)
 6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Class

Friday, September 27, 2024

CHURCH ROOF REPAIR

Koinonia Production

10:30AM: 4s Preschool Dad's Day (GYM)

Saturday, September 28, 2024

9AM—2PM: Family Game Day
 3-8PM: Private Event (Pavilion & Backyard)
 5PM Holy Communion

Sunday, September 29, 2024

ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS DAY
 8AM Holy Communion
 9:30AM Education Hour
 10:45AM Holy Communion
 + Baptism: John Lacy

NOTE: The church roof is scheduled to be repaired the week of Sept. 23. Internet updating will be Sept. 30.

Church Attendance for Sept. 14-15, 2024

Service	Attendance	Communion
SAT., 5PM	52	50
SUN., 8AM	92	78
SUN., 10:45AM	89	78
TOTAL	233	206

**Bible Class Attendance
Week of Sept. 15, 2024**

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	0
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	14
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	7
Sunday Adult Bible Class	45
TLC/BASICS	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	C
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	NA
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM	36
Wednesday Nights	42
20s&30s Thursday	8

**Weekly Offerings:
Sept. 9-15, 2024**

General Fund	\$	18,580.41
Endowment	\$	0.00
Building Fund	\$	200.00
Missions Weekly	\$	2,655.00
Missions Total Sept-Dec	\$	3,270.00

Year to Date as of 8/31/2024

Income	\$	493,207.98
Expenses	\$	479,431.59
Surplus	\$	13,776.39

H.O.P.E. FOOD MINISTRIES

Weekly Totals: Sept. 18 2024

Families: 71
 Individuals: 229

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 September: **Beef stew, stuffing (stove-top style), corn muffin mix, Hamburger or Tuna Helper, Pasta Roni.** 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

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 by Harold and Sandra Kohrs on the occasion of their 64th wedding anniversary on Oct. 1.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE:

The ARC registered 24 donors on Sept. 12 at the blood drive held at the Holy Cross gym. They collected 21 productive units of blood meeting the set goal of 21 units! And there were an amazing four first-time donors. These units will be able to help up to 63 patients in need at area hospitals! Thank you to those who donated! The next blood drive at Holy Cross is scheduled for Thurs., Nov. 30, from 10A-3P in the gym.

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.

PILL BOTTLES: Empty pill bottles can be cleaned and reused at local veterinary hospitals. If you would like to recycle your used pill bottles, place them in the box under the coat rack in the gym lobby. Please be sure that the bottles are clean and empty, and remove the labels with your personal information. Please do not put any other items in this box. Thanks. See page 2 for other items collected by Holy Cross members.

KOINONIA for October has hit some setbacks and its production is delayed for one week.

NEXT WEEKEND we will have communion at **all services** even though it is a fifth Sunday of the month. We will celebrate the feast day of *St. Michael and All Angels* (a rare occasion!).

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 CONTINUES THIS WEEKEND:

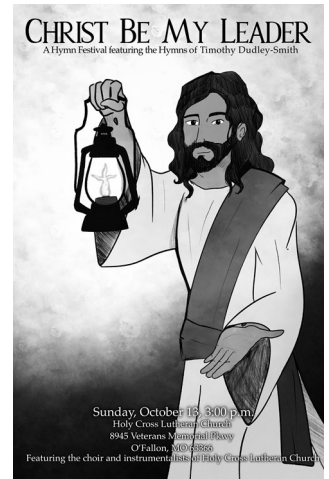
The Ladies Guild Candy and Nut Sale continues this weekend at all services. Visit the table in the Welcome Center to pick up an order form and make your selections. Thank you for your support.

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.



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.

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/?_gl=1*1mg8z9m*_ga*MTYwMTk4NzYwNS4xNzExMzc4MTE3*_ga_VRNE627G2D*MTcyMDYxOTA0OS4xOS4xLjE3MjA2MTk1MzMuMjEuMC4w

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.



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9.28.2024

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ALTAR GUILD 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.

PORTALS OF PRAYER
October to December
are available on the Welcome Center table.

If you are unable to get to church and would like a copy, call or email the church office and one will be mailed to you.

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. Application deadline is 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>

You are invited to the **Lutheran High School Gala 2024: A Night for Blue & White, on Fri., Oct. 25** at the prestigious Old Hickory Golf Club. Thank you for your continued support and dedication. Purchase tickets here: <https://tinyurl.com/3hk2jsu2>

HOMECOMING is on Friday, Oct. 4, and we have a jam-packed day and evening planned! Don't miss out on the festivities; mark your calendars now!

Discover the endless opportunities at Lutheran High! Please register on our website for **Future Freshmen Day on Oct. 11**. Don't miss out on learning about our exceptional programs, dedicated faculty, and welcoming community! <https://forms.gle/Wg2a1KN8DxKmKovz7>



LUTHERAN OLDER ADULT RETREAT #21

LORD Take My Hand and LEAD ME Psalm 23:3b

October 23-24, 2024
Pere Marquette Lodge
Grafton, IL

Faith, Fun and Fellowship

Join with others from Southern Illinois and Eastern Missouri in the beauty of God's creation as we consider the theme "Lord Take my Hand and Lead Me" and how we live out our calling as Christians in our daily lives.

Visit sidlcms.org to register
before October 7

Sponsored by Older Adult Ministry Southern Illinois and Missouri District—LCMS