



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
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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Feast of St. Michael & All Angels News & Notes for Sept. 28-29, 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; 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 Chiadini (Nicholas Chiadini)
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)
Emilie Dusheke (Dale & Karen Dusheke)
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)
Bill Knehans (Bob & Barb Knehans)
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)
Loyce Sagez (Randy & Denise Sagez)
Rosemary Schreiber (Peggy Gallagher)
Sara Shroth (choir accompanist)
Carl Turner (Morgan Calcaterra)
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)
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)

For those who mourn: We pray for the family of **June Kirk**, who entered the Church Triumphant on Sept. 26. Holy Cross will host the visitation and funeral on Tues., Oct. 1: visitation at 11AM; funeral at NOON; luncheon to follow. Burial will be private. We also pray for the family of **Charlotte Taggart**, mother of Barb (Bob) Knehans, who died Sun., Oct. 22. She has been on our prayer list for several months.

For those who celebrate:

Bob & Barb Knehans celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary on Sept. 27.
Bob & Sue Williams celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on Sept. 27.

Holy Cross Weekly Calendar

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 Lacey

Monday, September 30, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 10AM TO NOON, 1PM TO 4PM
9:30AM TOPS
11:30AM Line Dancing
6:30PM Handbells

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

OFFICE IS CLOSED
9AM Preschool Chapel
11AM Public Visitation for June Kirk
NOON Funeral for June Kirk
1PM Funeral Luncheon
2PM Preschool Board
6PM Missions Board
6PM Boards of Education & Youth
6PM Stewardship Board

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

CHURCH ROOF REPAIR
OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON, 1PM TO 4PM
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, October 3, 2024

8AM News & Notes Deadline
OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON, 1 TO 4PM
9AM HOPE SEEDS (GYM)
6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Class

Friday, October 4, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON, 1 TO 4PM
LWML Sunday—Guilds setup
9AM: LWML St. Charles Zone Board Meeting

Saturday, October 5, 2024

3PM Holy Communion
+ LWML Weekend

Sunday, October 6, 2024

LWML SUNDAY
8AM Holy Communion
9:30AM Education Hour
10:45AM Holy Communion
+ Children's Choir
1:30PM Board of Elders

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

Church Attendance for Sept. 21-22, 2024

Service	Attendance	Communion
SAT., 5PM	60	56
SUN., 8AM	85	64
SUN., 10:45AM	102	90
TOTAL	247	210

Bible Class Attendance Week of Sept. 21, 2024

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	3
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	16
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	6
Sunday Adult Bible Class	48
TLC/BASICS	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	13
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	5
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM	34
Wednesday Nights	41
20s&30s Thursday	8

Weekly Offerings: Sept. 16-22, 2024

General Fund	\$ 11,223.32
Endowment	\$ 10.00
Building Fund	\$ 120.00
Missions Weekly	\$ 135.55
Missions Total Sept-Dec	\$ 3,405.55

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. 25, 2024

Families: 65
Individuals: 192

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 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.

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

TODAY'S SERVICE: Today we have the rare opportunity to observe St. Michael & All Angels Sunday, Sept. 29. Holy Communion will be offered at all services. Music Director David Gilson provided some insight into this day in a recent *Koinonia* article, which is reprinted in the service bulletin.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Barb & Bob Knehans on the occasion of their 38th wedding anniversary; and also by the baptism sponsors of John Lacey on the occasion of his baptism on Sunday.

HOLY BAPTISM: John Wallace Lacey, son of Eric John Lacey and Ashleigh Geiken Wallace-Lacey, will be baptized in the 10:45AM service on Sept. 29, by Pastor Gimbel. John was born Sept. 11, 2024, in Lake Saint Louis, Missouri. His baptism sponsors are Liz Belter, Anna Gilson, and David Gilson. Welcome to God's Family!

TUESDAY: Please be aware that the funeral activities on Tuesday will change the routine schedule. Please check the updated calendar on page 2 of *News&Notes*.

SERVICE TIME CHANGE: Please note that starting Sat., Oct. 5, the Saturday 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. Then it switches to 5pm in April through September.

MISSIONS: 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 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. 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. Digital subscribers will have it in their inbox on Oct. 1. Some printed copies are available on the Welcome Center table.

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.

CANDY & NUT SALE CONTINUES THIS WEEKEND:

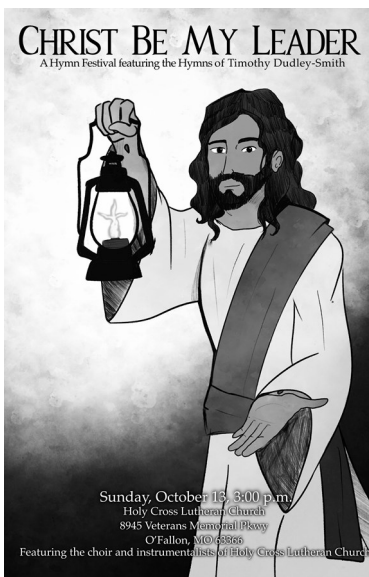
The Ladies Guild Candy and Nut Sale continues this weekend at all services. Visit the table in the Welcome Center to pick up an order form and make your selections. Thank you for your support.

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!



Thanks for Welcoming Our Newest Members: Last Sunday we welcomed 8 new families into our Holy Cross congregation. Thanks to everyone who participated in the New Member Luncheon. It was great to enjoy Holy Cross fellowship together, meet our newest members, and learn a little about them. If you were unable to attend, please watch for their photos and some information about each of them in the next copy of the November *Koinonia*. We are blessed to have them join our Holy Cross family and pray that we will be a blessing to them in their walk with Jesus. We welcomed: John Bewig, Rob Duss, Matt & Jill Grabanski, Ray & Paula Hein, Bryan Meyer, Russell Reed, Roger & Joyce Trost, and Russ Zilka & Sharon Falter.

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.

**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.

Come!
Join us for
HOPE Seeds
Thurs., Oct. 3

Gym, 9AM-Noon
Seeds are packed for
those in need.

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Stewardship
Board.

CRAFT EXPO

NOVEMBER 2, 2024

9AM to 3PM

COME! SHOP!

Featuring Custom Artwork, Woodwork,

Christmas Items,

Jewelry ... and more!

VENDOR BOOTHS ARE SOLD OUT!

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Proceeds to LWML Mites

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.

LHS is seeking a **full-time special education teacher** to join the LASE Specialized Education. Qualified candidates must hold a Missouri teaching certification in special education. For more information and to apply, please send your resume to info@lutheranspecial.org

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! 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>

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>

Lutheran High School is considering restarting our **Walther League 2.0 Bible Study**, and we'd love to hear from YOU! Several years ago, this Bible study brought together members of our association congregations for fellowship and spiritual growth. The Walther League 2.0 at LHS aimed to capture that spirit by offering a monthly gathering where participants could enjoy coffee and donuts, courtesy of Thrivent, followed by a Bible Study led by local pastors. After discussion and fellowship, attendees were invited to join our students for chapel on Wednesday mornings, creating a wonderful opportunity for intergenerational worship and community. Before moving forward, please share your thoughts with Pastor Ron Millard, Director of Mission Identity & Service: millard@lhssc.org (636) 928-5100.

OCTOBER is PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH,

The CWST invites you to drop a card, letter, or note into our MAILBOX to express your appreciation and thanks to our Pastors for the guidance, love, and WORD that they share with us throughout the year. The Mailbox will be in the Welcome Center starting Sat., Oct. 5.

Also, we invite you to join us for a "special" Bible Class on Sun., Oct. 20 in between the services. We will host **PASTRIES with the Pastors!** We are asking every family who attends to bring a pastry to share--donuts, Danish, muffins, or coffeecake. If gluten is not your thing, maybe a fruit plate to share with your gluten-free friends.

We are just hoping to enjoy "SWEETS" with the Pastors and our fellow church family members, as we let our clergy know just how much we appreciate them.

We hope to see you there!

Dawn, Vickie, Darlene, Brian, Neal, and Sol

NYG 2025 MEETING: Oct. 13, Noon in the gym, with a pizza lunch. Topics of the meeting: fundraising, registration with \$100 due, timeline, cost, expectations. For current 8th—12th graders.

YOUTH NERF NIGHT: Oct. 18, 6PM-9PM, 6th grade and up. Bring your own elite* nerf gun, \$2 cash, eye protection is recommended, ammo is provided. Drop off/pick up at Holy Cross Gym. Limited registration. RSVP by Oct. 11 at hcross.com/youth. See poster in Welcome Center for QR code and details.

TRUNK OR TREAT: Come and Join Us! October 26, 5-7PM, at Holy Cross gym. Sign up to host a trunk by October 19 in the Welcome Center.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS SERVICE: Dec. 7, 2024, Service 3-4PM, Service Project & Dinner 4-6PM. RSVP to DCE Smith by Oct. 31 with QR code found in Welcome Center or at hcross.com/youth.

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

READY TO
serve

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 Lutheran Women
in Mission SUNDAY