



*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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# Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## News & Notes for Sept. 7-8, 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; 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)  
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 mourn:*** For the family of Carol Ziegler, mother of Renea (Ralph) Erickson, who entered the Church Triumphant on Fri., Aug. 30. Services were held this past Friday in Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

***For those who celebrate:*** Bessie Frayne celebrated her 97th birthday on Fri., Sept. 6, 2024.

**Holy Cross Weekly Calendar**

**Saturday, September 7, 2024**

11AM-4PM Church Anniversary Picnic  
5PM Holy Communion

**Sunday, September 8, 2024**

8AM Holy Communion  
9:30AM Education Hour  
+ TLC (Rooms 1&2)  
10:45AM Holy Communion  
+ Baptism (Rhys Langley)  
1:30PM Preschool Golf Tournament

**Monday, September 9, 2024**

**OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON**

9:30AM TOPS  
11AM Line Dancing  
5PM Education & Youth Boards  
6PM Council Board Meetings  
6:30PM Handbells  
7:30PM Council Meeting

**Tuesday, September 10, 2024**

**OFFICE HOURS: 8AM TO 11AM**

9AM Preschool Chapel  
10AM Women's Bible Study  
12:30PM Staff Meeting  
2PM Preschool Board  
6PM Grace Guild  
6:30PM Adult Bible Class

**Wednesday, September 11, 2024**

**OFFICE HOURS: 8AM TO 11:30AM**

6:30AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study  
9:00AM Preschool Chapel  
9:30AM Adult Bible Class  
1:00PM Preschool Chapel  
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 12, 2024**

**8AM News & Notes Deadline**

**OFFICE HOURS: 8AM TO NOON, 1 TO 4PM**  
10AM American Red Cross Blood Drive  
6:30PM 20s&30sBible Class

**Friday, September 13, 2024**

**Koinonia Deadline** for October Issue  
10AM Ladies Guild  
6PM Wedding Rehearsal

**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  
10:45AM Holy Communion

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

**Church Attendance for August 31-Sept. 1, 2024**

Service	Attendance	Communion
SAT., 5PM	51	46
SUN., 8AM	68	55
SUN., 10:45AM	60	57
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>158</b>

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

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	0
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	4
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	1
Sunday Adult Bible Class	29
TLC/BASICS	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	15
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	NA
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM	33
Wednesday Nights	31
20s&30s Thursday	9

**Weekly Offerings:  
August 26-Sept. 1, 2024**

General Fund	\$	9,198.62
Endowment	\$	00.00
Building Fund	\$	0.00
Missions Weekly	\$	102.25
<b>Missions Total May-August CFNA</b>	\$	9,718.30

**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. 4, 2024**

Families: 74  
Individuals: 264

**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 by Steven & Carla Cooper in thanksgiving for the baptism of their grandson, Rhys Douglas Langley.

**HOLY BAPTISM:** *Rhys Douglas Langley*, son of Jonathan & Sarah Langley, will be baptized in the 10:45AM service on Sept. 8, 2024. Rhys was born on June 27, 2024, in Lake Saint Louis, MO. Baptism Sponsors are Cecelia Dille and Timothy Fitzsimmons. Welcome to God's family, Rhys!

**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!

**TRANSFER FOR LUTHERANS CLASS (TLC):** If you have been part of another Lutheran church in the past and would like to become a member of our Holy Cross family, this is the class for you. On **Sun., Sept. 8**, Pastor will meet with new members during the Bible Class hour from 9:30 to 10:30AM. Pastor Gimbel will share information about various programs and opportunities at Holy Cross to help you become an active part of the Holy Cross family. The class will be on the lower level in Rooms 1&2 near the kitchen.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY** A new session begins this Wednesday at 6:30AM. Please add your name to the sheet on the Welcome Center table for a food count.

**TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS** meets this week at 6:30PM in Room 1&2.

#### **NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON on SEPT. 22:**

Save the Date for a celebration of our newest members! The luncheon is always fun because we get to meet new people and eat great food! The time is right after the 10:45AM service that day. Watch for more information.

#### **AMERICAN RED CROSS: SPECIAL PLEA**

The American Red Cross declared a **national blood emergency** on Mon., Aug. 5, noting a shortfall of 19,000 blood donations in the last month causing the blood supply to plummet by 25% since July 1. Remnants of Hurricane Debby are complicating efforts to rebuild the supply. They need your help! **Blood Drive at Holy Cross: Thurs., Sept. 12, 2024, 10AM to 3PM.** Please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: HolyCrossLC to schedule an appointment. While supplies last, an exclusive Red Cross raglan shirt will be given to donors.

**We need 15 more donors to meet our goal! Enlist your friends!**

#### **CHAPEL OF THE CROSS CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR**

on Sat., Sept. 14 from 10AM-3PM. Free Admission! Lunch is available from "Crossed Heart BBQ" with an outdoor setting. Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church, 907 Jungermann Road, St Peters, MO. All proceeds will be donated to Orphan Grain Train ([ogt.org](http://ogt.org))

#### **CANDY & NUT SALE BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND:**

The Holy Cross Ladies Guild will hold its annual Candy & Nut Sale starting Sept. 13-14 at all three worship services through the weekend of Oct. 19-20. Varieties of delicious candies and nuts are available. Orders will be delivered in November in time for all your holiday baking. Order forms will be available at the sale table in the Welcome Center. Proceeds from the Candy & Nut Sale will be donated to the Sparrow's Nest in O'Fallon. The Sparrow's Nest is a place of healing and learning for young women with no place to go during pregnancy.

**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.

**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).

#### **LWML MEETS THIS WEEK:**

- \* Grace Guild meets Tuesday at 6AM in the gym;
- \* Ladies Guild meets Friday at 10AM in the gym.

**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\\*MTYwMTk4NzYwNS4xNzExMzc4MTI3\\*\\_ga\\_VRNE627G2D\\*MTcyMDYxOTA0OS4xOS4xLjE3MjA2MTk1MzMuMjEuMC4w](https://cfna.schoolauction.net/cfnagolf2024/?_gl=1*1mg8z9m*_ga*MTYwMTk4NzYwNS4xNzExMzc4MTI3*_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.

# 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.



# DINE & DONATE

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



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# GAME DAY

9.28.2024

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NOVEMBER 2, 2024

9AM to 3PM

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