



*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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Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost News & Notes for October 12-13, 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; Nancy Caldwell; Mike Dawdy; Shirley Day; Bob & Carolyn Delohi; Brenda 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; Don & Donna Nordmeyer; 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)
Jim (John Bertram)
Joanne Bonney (Greg Bonney)
Rachel Butkovich (Tom & Sue Haywood)
Teagan Cannon
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 Daffler (Wes Daffler)
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)
Helen Ham (Verna Tucker)
Peter Hennon (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, Ida Kosten (Niewalds)
Paul Palombi (Diane Palombi)
Virginia Pendley (Shawn Huber)
Morgan Phinney (Mary & Dave Sampl)
Vera Piazza (Robert & Sherry Piazza)

Cindy Preston (Maryanne McDaniel)
Loyce Sagez (Randy & Denise Sagez)
Sherrill Schlimpert (Loretta Ezell)
Ray Schmidt (Ron Doerr)
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)
Bruce Brown, Eddie Collier (Denise Collier)
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)

We pray for those who celebrate: Steve & Denise Lackey are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary on Sat., Oct. 12, 2024

Frederick Wiese & Elise Mounce were united in marriage on Sat., Oct. 12, 2024, in Kentucky. Frederick, a member of Holy Cross, is the son of Rick & Carla Wiese.

We pray for those who mourn: For the family of **Adam Ellis**, brother of Matthew (Alisha) Ellis, age 35, who died unexpectedly at home in Bowling Green, MO.

For the family of **Catherine Daffler**, grandmother of Wes (Melanie) Daffler, age 99, who died peacefully in her sleep, Tues., Oct. 8. The funeral is in Ohio.

For the family of **Irene Sophia Chadwick**, age 102, who died this past week. She is the mother of Sharon Evans and grandmother of Travis Evans, both former members of Holy Cross.

Holy Cross Weekly Calendar

Saturday, October 12, 2024

10AM Quilting Fellowship
3PM Holy Communion
+ Preschool Sings

Sunday, October 13, 2024

8AM Holy Communion
9:30AM Education Hour
10:45AM Holy Communion
Noon NYG Meeting & Lunch
3PM Hymn Festival

Monday, October 14, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 19AM TO NOON, 1PM TO 4PM

9:30AM TOPS
11AM Line Dancing
1PM Quilt Setup
3PM Sanctuary Recording
5PM Boards of Ed & Youth (Virtual meeting)
6PM Council Board Meetings
6:30PM Handbells
7:30PM Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11:30AM

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

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

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 17, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON, 1 TO 4PM

8AM News& Notes Deadline

6:30PM 20s&30sBible Class

Friday, October 18, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON, 1 TO 4PM

November Koinonia Deadline

Preschool Teacher Work Day

6-9PM Youth Nerf Night

Saturday, October 19, 2024

3PM Holy Communion

Sunday, October 20, 2024

8AM Holy Communion
9:30AM CWST: Pastries with the Pastors (gym)
9:30AM Sunday School
9:30AM Midweek Teacher Training (Sanctuary)
10:45AM Holy Communion
+ Beginning Bells

Church Attendance for Oct. 5-6, 2024

Service	Attendance	Communion
SAT., 5PM	51	48
SUN., 8AM	109	88
SUN., 10:45AM	101	80
TOTAL	261	216

**Bible Class Attendance
Week of Oct. 5-6, 2024**

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	4
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	21
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	nr
Sunday Adult Bible Class	50
TLC/BASICS	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	18
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	5
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NR
Wednesday AM	32
Wednesday Nights	35
20s&30s Thursday	11

**Weekly Offerings:
Sept. 30-Oct. 6, 2024**

General Fund	\$	25,384.27
Endowment	\$	150.00
Building Fund	\$	140.00
Missions Weekly	\$	206.45
Missions Total Sept-Dec	\$	4,737.00

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: Oct. 9, 2024

Families: 64
Individuals: 204

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 October-December & *The Lutheran Witness* (October edition) are available on the Welcome Center table.

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

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Steve & Denise Lackey who are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary on Sat., Oct. 12, 2024.

LITTLE LAMBS is a class in Room 6 for parents and children ages 0-3 to gather on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30AM. Our time together fluctuates between unstructured play time and group activities, including fellowship, toys, prayer time, and children's books. Join us!

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.

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!

CWST Team: Dawn, Vickie, Darlene, Brian, Neal, and Sol

Lutheran High School News:

Join the Lutheran High Music Department for their fall concert "A Jubilant Song" on Sunday, October 20 at 2:00 p.m. in the Lutheran High School Commons. A wide variety of music will be performed by students in Mixed Chorus, Concert Choir, and Orchestra, including music composed by Mary Lynn Lightfoot, Carl Strommen, Robert W. Smith, as well as "How Far I'll Go" from Disney's *Moana*. *Come and enjoy an afternoon of music by our talented musicians.*

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. Join us for a night filled with great food, entertainment, and community spirit, all while supporting our students and programs. Be sure to secure your tickets now before they sell out. Reserve your tickets here: <https://tinyurl.com/3hk2jsu2> or visit our website. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Lutheran High School's engineering classes are seeking current or retired engineers to be class speakers! Come share your engineering experience with the next generation of engineers. We are specifically focusing on Women in STEM, so if you know anyone who would enjoy talking about their career to a group of high schoolers, please let us know! For more information contact Mr. Josh Linn at jlinn@lhssc.org.

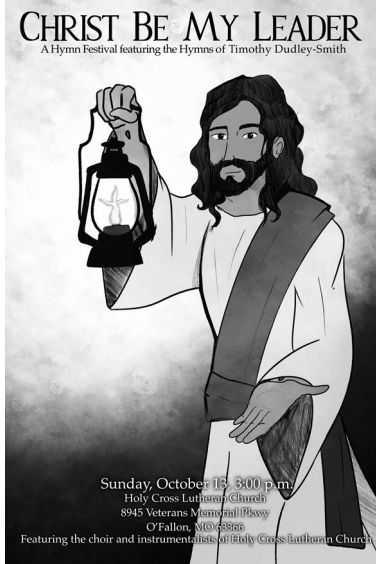
Lutheran High School is restarting its *Walther League 2.0 Bible Study* in early 2025. The Walther League 2.0 at LHS aimed to capture that spirit by offering a monthly gathering where participants could enjoy coffee and donuts, courtesy of Thrivent, followed by a Bible Study led by local pastors. For more information, please contact Pastor Ron Millard, Director of Mission Identity & Service, at millard@lhssc.org (636) 928-5100.

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!



CANDY & NUT SALE CONTINUES THIS WEEKEND:

Don't miss your chance to order delicious candy and nuts from the Ladies Guild sale! Next weekend, Oct. 19&20, is the last weekend for sales. Items will be delivered in early November, just in time for holiday baking and gift-giving. Thanks for your support!

Thank You to all who remembered me in prayer as I healed from a broken arm. Special thanks to members of the Ladies Guild for their cards and visits, and to Pastor Gimbel for his visits. I pray that I will be able to join you in person for worship soon.

~~Your sister in Christ, Shirley Niewald

HOLY CROSS YOUTH NOTES

— Please pay attention to deadlines! —

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! Oct. 26, 5-7PM, at Holy Cross parking lot. **Sign up to host a trunk by Oct. 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.

Portals of Prayer (October to December) and The Lutheran Witness (October 2024) 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.

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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.

From the American Red Cross:

The ARC works closely with its partners and local officials to ensure help is available when and where people need it most. The Red Cross has already opened more than 100 shelters for 8,500 individuals who have evacuated their homes. More than 800 Red Cross workers are on the ground, ready to offer shelter, meals, relief supplies, emotional support, safety, and comfort to those impacted.

What can YOU do?

All blood types are needed, especially Type O Negative, as the universal blood type used in emergencies.

Find a convenient location and schedule an appointment to donate blood at RedCrossBlood.org.

To make a financial donation: Visit redcross.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS, or text the word REDCROSS to 90999.

HOLY CROSS ARC BLOOD DRIVE: Thurs., Nov. 14, 2024, 10AM to 3PM. Visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Holy CrossLC to schedule an appointment!

Chapel of the Cross, St. Peter's, MO:

Annual Sausage Dinner & Silent Auction

The annual Sausage Dinner and Silent Auction will be on Sun., Nov. 3 from 11:30AM – 5:00PM. Come with an appetite! Enjoy a Sausage Dinner with Sauerkraut, Potatoes and Yummy Desserts. Adults are \$14; Children ages 4-10 are \$7; Children 3 and under are free. Don't forget to check out the Silent Auction which includes gift baskets, gift certificates, handmade and other items. All proceeds from the Silent Auction will go to The Bethlehem Micro School in St. Louis City who provide quality Lutheran education for St. Louis City elementary children.

HURRICANE RELIEF: The Missions Board, like many people, has been keeping an eye on the hurricane that has devastated the southeast region of our country. To help support our brothers and sisters in Christ, we will send every last dollar left in the Disaster Relief Fund at Holy Cross to be split equally among the Florida-Georgia, Mid-South, and Southeast Districts of LCMS Disaster Relief Funds. This means that the Holy Cross fund is now completely depleted. If you wish to fill it back up, you can donate by earmarking your check for disaster relief and placing it in the offering plate, or you can give through our Simply Giving website using the Disaster Relief tile. Thank you to everyone who helped fill that bucket so we can help our neighbors in this tragic and terrifying time in their lives.

A Synod-wide response to hurricanes in the southeastern U.S.

Dear friends in Christ,

It has been two weeks since Hurricane Helene first came ashore as a Category 4 storm near Perry, Fla. Today, the estimated death toll from Helene stands at almost 250 people across seven states, with many people still unaccounted for, particularly in North Carolina.

Within days of Helene's landfall, the Rev. Dr. Ross Johnson, director of LCMS Disaster Response, took a multi-day trip to the affected areas. He estimates the total Synod response to Helene will be around \$1 million.

Now, as Hurricane Milton has made landfall in Florida, spawning multiple tornadoes and leaving millions without power, those already weary from the effects of one monstrous storm are facing another.

After flooding from Helene ravaged the shared campus of Mountainside Lutheran Church and Recognized Service Organization Camp Linn Haven in Newland, N.C., the Rev. Bryan Chestnutt, Mountainside's pastor, said he immediately felt the church's support. "We didn't even know what we needed. ... We couldn't even think straight. ... The counsel we got and the help that we are getting from our district president and from the Synod has been wonderful. ... At a time like this, you really feel what the word 'synod' means."

We don't yet know the full impact of either Helene or Milton. We do know that much will be required — in time, volunteers, money and resources — before the recovery is complete.

Even more important, we know that our Lord is faithful. He never abandons His children. And He works all things for good "for those who are called according to His purpose" (Rom. 8:28).

In the weeks and months ahead, please continue to pray for all who have been impacted by these terrible storms. Help spread the word by sharing updates on the response. And prayerfully consider how you might take part in the recovery effort, which will take many months, by volunteering your time or offering your financial support. Learn more at lcms.org/hurricane-response.

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison

President, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

TO GIVE:

VISIT lcms.org/givenow/disaster.

TEXT "LCMSDISASTERS" to 41444.

CALL the LCMS toll-free gift line between 8 a.m. and 4:10 p.m. Central time at 888-930-4438.

MAIL — Make checks payable to "The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod" (or "LCMS"). On the memo line, write "Disaster Response" and mail to the LCMS, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861.

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