



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

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Sundays, 8AM & 10:45AM
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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.

CHURCH OFFICE

CHECK WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR UPDATES
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Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost News & Notes for October 19-20, 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 Dafler (Wes Dafler)
John Darby (Rick Walkenhorst)
Teresa Doerr (frequent visitor)
Lowell Duncan (Don Duncan)
Wayne Edwards (Kari Spearman)
Sandra Fleak (Becky Edgar)
Jim Fowler (Lovisa Davison)
Patty Gunnufson (Chris Price)
Helen Ham (Verna Tucker)
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)
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)
Ida Kosten, Ginny Niewald (Niewalds)
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)

Please Note: Something happened to my Prayer List spreadsheet and I am not sure it is accurate. Please—check to see if names should be removed due to healing or death, or if there are names that should be on the list and currently are not. Updates are needed for those who have been on the list for more than a year. Contact the church office at 636.272.4505 or secretary@hcross.com Thank you!~Joyce, Church Secretary

Holy Cross Weekly Calendar

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

Monday, October 21, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9:30AM TOPS
 11AM Line Dancing

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11:30AM

9AM Preschool Chapel

Wednesday, October 23, 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 24, 2024

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

8AM News & Notes Deadline

6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Class

Friday, October 25, 2024

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

November Koinonia Production

Saturday, October 26, 2024

1PM Essmyer Baptisms
 3PM Holy Communion
 5-7PM Trunk or Treat (parking lot)

Sunday, October 27, 2024

REFORMATION (OBSERVED)

8AM Holy Communion
 9:30AM Education Hour
 10:45AM Holy Communion
 + Rite of Confirmation

Church Attendance for Oct. 12-13, 2024

Service	Attendance	Communion
SAT., 5PM	90	57
SUN., 8AM	103	90
SUN., 10:45AM	100	79
TOTAL	293	226

**Bible Class Attendance
Week of Oct. 13, 2024**

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	2
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	14
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	10
Sunday Adult Bible Class	59
TLC/BASICS	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	15
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	NA
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM	38
Wednesday Nights	37
20s&30s Thursday	9

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.

**Weekly Offerings:
Oct. 7-13, 2024**

General Fund	\$	18,787.05
Endowment	\$	0.00
Building Fund	\$	0.00
Missions Weekly	\$	425.00
Missions Total Sept-Dec	\$	5,162.00

Year to Date as of 9/30/2024

Income	\$	555,045.05
Expenses	\$	543,507.12
Surplus	\$	11,537.93

H.O.P.E. FOOD MINISTRIES

Weekly Totals: Oct. 16, 2024

Families: 71
 Individuals: 226

HOPE Ministries requests these items from Holy Cross for October: **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.

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.

HOLY CROSS LADIES GUILD collects packaged and canned **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.

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.

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

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.

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!

ADVENT DINNERS: Two groups are needed to serve Advent Dinners. The dates are Dec. 11 & Dec. 18. Call the church office for more details.

HOLY CROSS YOUTH NOTES
— Please pay attention to deadlines! —

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. Families who wish to participate in the service should **RSVP to DCE Smith by Oct. 31** with QR code found in Welcome Center bulletin board or at hcross.com/youth

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 hope to see you there!
 CWST Team: Dawn, Vickie, Darlene, Brian, Neal, and Sol

LAST CHANCE: to order candy and nuts from the Ladies Guild this weekend! Don't miss the opportunity to start your holiday shopping early--and get some yummy treats for yourself too! Thanks for your support!

The Holy Cross Ladies Guild provides funeral meals for families of Holy Cross members when requested. To ensure that enough food is available for a luncheon, help is requested from members of the congregation. If you would be willing to provide a side dish to assist with a funeral meal occasionally, please contact Sandy Dietz by phone or text at 314-570-4961. Your help is appreciated. Thank you.

Lutheran High School News:
 Join the Lutheran High Music Department for their fall concert "A Jubilant Song" on Sun., Oct. 20 at 2 PM 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 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 proud to present **CLUE: On Stage [High School Edition]** Nov. 1 & 2, 2024, at 7PM in the Lutheran High Commons. See this hilarious interpretation of the classic board game. Find out who the murderer is, with what weapon, and in what room! Tickets are \$15 for reserved seating in the first 2 rows, \$10 for adults, and \$5 for students ages 6-18. Purchase your tickets at <https://lutheranstcharlestheatreludus.com/> or at the door!

SILENT SUNDAY

SILENT SUNDAY On Sunday, Nov. 10, the LYF will hold a Silent Sunday to raise money for the Lutheran Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch in South Dakota. This ranch offers Christ-centered residential care for youth and families who need help.

The plan is for youth to take pledges from donors on how long you believe the youth can be silent.

The youth will spend seven hours in the gym, preparing and eating their meals, and hanging out in complete silence!

After their— hopefully! — successful day, they will collect payments from you. So if a youth is able to keep silent for only five of the seven hours and you pledged \$1 an hour, then you would pay \$5 for his or her silence.

Now, you know this won't be an easy task for the youth; so they ask that you support them in this challenge with your pledges and prayers! Thank you





DAKOTA BOYS AND GIRLS RANCH

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.

CRAFT EXPO

NOVEMBER 2, 2024

9AM to 3PM

COME! SHOP! 40 vendors!

Featuring Custom Artwork, Woodwork, Christmas Items, Jewelry
... and more!

VENDOR BOOTHS ARE SOLD OUT!

SPONSORED BY
GRACE EVENING GUILD
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
Proceeds to LWML Mites

TRUNK OR TREAT

October 26 5-7pm
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
8945 Veterans Memorial Pkwy

Sign up to host a trunk by October 19 in the Welcome Center or with the QR code.

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!

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Service 3-4 PM
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A Synod-wide response to hurricanes in the southeastern U.S.

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.

Gifts are tax-deductible as allowed by law

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

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 which provides 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.