



*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  
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#### CHURCH OFFICE

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## Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost News & Notes for October 5-6, 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 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)  
Sonny Barton (Betty Kling)  
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)  
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 (Denise 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)  
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)  
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 mourn:** For the family of **Mary Darst**, mother of Dave (Kathy) Darst, who died this week. Her funeral is on Thurs., Oct. 10, at Immaculate Conception, Dardenne Parish, in O'Fallon, MO.  
For the family of **Carl Turner**, grandfather of Preschool Director Morgan Calcaterra, who died on Thurs., Oct. 3.

**Holy Cross Weekly Calendar**

**Saturday, October 5, 2024**

3PM Holy Communion  
+ LWML Weekend

**Sunday, October 6, 2024**

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

**Monday, October 7, 2024**

**OFFICE HOURS: 10AM TO NOON, 1PM TO 4PM**  
9:30AM TOPS  
11AM Line Dancing  
5PM Sanctuary Recording  
6:30PM Handbells

**Tuesday, October 8, 2024**

**OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11:30AM**  
9AM Preschool Chapel  
10AM Women's Bible Study  
12:30PM Staff Meeting  
6PM Grace Guild  
6:30PM Altar Guild  
6:30PM Adult Bible Class

**Wednesday, October 9, 2024**

**OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON, 1PM TO 4PM**  
6:30am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study  
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 10, 2024**

**8AM News & Notes Deadline**  
**OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON, 1 TO 4PM**  
9AM DCE Cluster (gym)  
6:30PM 20s&30sBible Class

**Friday, October 11, 2024**

**OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON, 1 TO 4PM**  
10AM Ladies Guild

**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

**Church Attendance for Sept. 28-29, 2024**

Service	Attendance	Communion
SAT., 5PM	59	54
SUN., 8AM	100	84
SUN., 10:45AM	116	86
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>224</b>

**Bible Class Attendance  
Week of Sept. 29, 2024**

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	1
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	14
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	7
Sunday Adult Bible Class	46
TLC/BASICS	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	C
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	NA
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM	38
Wednesday Nights	37
20s&30s Thursday	8

**Weekly Offerings:  
Sept. 23-29, 2024**

General Fund	\$	7,232.62
Endowment	\$	00.00
Building Fund	\$	00.00
Missions Weekly	\$	1,125.00
<b>Missions Total Sept-Dec</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,530.55</b>

**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. 2, 2024**

Families: 70  
Individuals: 230

**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](mailto:stewardship@hcross.com)

**TODAY'S SERVICE:** Today we recognize the contributions of the LWML. Members of the Ladies Guild and Grace Evening Guild will participate in the service as ushers, greeters, and readers. Stop by their tables in the Welcome Center. The Handbell Choir will be heard at the 8AM service, and the Children's Choir will sing at 10:45AM.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by The Holy Cross Ladies Guild and the Grace Evening Guild in observance of LWML Sunday.

**DOOR OFFERING:** After each worship service this weekend, a door offering will be collected to support LWML Mites for missions. Holy Cross has two LWML groups: Holy Cross Ladies Guild, which meets on the second Friday at 10AM (Oct. 11), and Grace Evening Guild, which meets on the second Tuesday at 6PM (Oct. 8). Both groups meet this week. All women in the congregation are invited to join them.

**SERVICE TIME CHANGE:** 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.

**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!

**MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY** meets this Wed., Oct. 9 at 6:30AM. Sign up at the Welcome Center table.

**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](http://www.thelutheranhome.org).

**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. (See page 4 for information from the Red Cross.)

**ALTAR GUILD WELCOMES** anyone interested to join them as they prepare each service for communion. Call or text Jan Flentke at 636-248-2892 for more information.

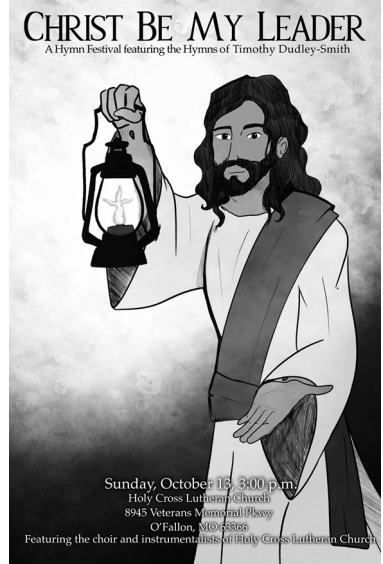
**Portals of Prayer (October to December) and The Lutheran Witness (October 2024)** are available on the Welcome Center table.

## 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!



## More Than 80 years of History!

The **Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)** was established in 1942 as the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. With the launch of a new logo in 2023, the acronym **LWML** is shifting towards the descriptive phrase **Lutheran Women in Mission**.

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. On Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday, we remember our past and look to the future.

**Mites & Missions:** Based on the biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4), the **Mite Box** is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. The Mite Box is more than just a symbol of God's provision—it's a reminder that offerings and prayers bring the love and hope of Jesus to those in need. Pick up a Mite Box in the Welcome Center and add your extra change; bring it back monthly to empty it in the larger box found on the LWML table. You can also donate online at [lwml.org/donate-online](http://lwml.org/donate-online) to make giving easy!

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we serve God by serving others. Through a careful selection process, we choose mission grant recipients from around the world each biennium. **In 2023, a Mission Goal of \$2,350,000 was approved to fund 31 grants by the national convention.**

## Join us for the next chapter of the journey!

Membership is available to any woman who is a communicant member of a congregation in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Check out the Holy Cross Ladies Guild (President Sandy Dietz) and Grace Evening Guild (Karen Copper).

Visit the tables in the Welcome Center and find out more about the Guilds at Holy Cross and LWML in general.

## 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.

# CRAFT EXPO

NOVEMBER 2, 2024

9AM to 3PM

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Christmas Items,

Jewelry ... and more!

VENDOR BOOTHS ARE SOLD OUT!

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Proceeds to LWML Mites

## 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!

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

### From the American Red Cross:

As Hurricane Helene has brought widespread, life-threatening storm surges, flooding, and high winds throughout the Southeast, dozens of American Red Cross (ARC) blood drives have been canceled, impacting nearly 1,000 blood and platelet donations.

**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](https://www.redcrossblood.org).

**To make a financial donation:** Visit [redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org), call [1-800-RED CROSS](tel: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](https://www.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.

**PROPERTY BOARD:** The church roof has been repaired. There are a few clean-up projects still to be done. A new internet system was installed this past week. Admire the gleaming waxed floors in the gym and hallways! Lots of work has been done to upgrade facilities this past month!.

**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](https://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 gym. **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](https://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.

### **Lutheran High School News:**

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 restarting its *Walther League 2.0 Bible Study*. 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 get in touch with Pastor Ron Millard, Director of Mission Identity & Service, at: [millard@lhssc.org](mailto:millard@lhssc.org) (636) 928-5100.