

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

Koinonia

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Ecclesia Semper Reformanda

- ✓ Sing "A Mighty Fortress?"
- ✓ Change to red paraments?
- ✓ Mention Martin Luther?

We have had the opportunity to celebrate the Reformation on October 26-27 at Holy Cross with the things listed above. These celebrations mark the anniversary of Martin Luther's posting of the 95 Theses on October 31, 1517.

Many things about the Reformation that make it worthy to be celebrated and highlighted are significant. These things are often summarized as the *solas* of the Reformation. (*Sola* is the Latin word for "alone".)

Sola Scriptura "Scripture Alone" is one of the *solas*. This truth emphasizes the emphasis in the era of the Reformation to go back to Scripture, the Word of God, and the Bible as the only source of authority. The Roman Catholic Church at the time saw Scripture as authoritative, but it also saw popes and councils as authoritative. (Think of councils as a gathering of the most important and knowledgeable church people meeting for years to make decisions on doctrine). This sense of authority from the Roman Catholic Church caused some problems, and the Reformers addressed it head-on.

Sola Fide "Faith Alone" is a second *sola*. This truth emphasizes that **justification** (being declared just and sin-free by God) is received **by faith alone**, and not by any other means. This contrasts with the Roman Catholic Church's emphasis on faith plus works to attain God's justification. Unfortunately, this is still true today in the Roman Catholic church in things such as "confession," when a person is required to do something (e.g. pray the Lord's Prayer ten times) to receive forgiveness. The Reformers tackled this issue directly as well, teaching clearly that justification through Christ alone is 100 percent an action of God for the benefit of each individual.

Sola Gratia "Grace Alone" is a third *sola*. This truth emphasizes that a person is saved by grace alone.



The Roman Catholic Church at the time taught that grace gave the ability to cooperate with salvation. The Reformers, however, emphasized that grace is purely an action of God which saves individuals fully and completely without any cooperative effort by an individual.

[Note: in addition to these three *solas*, one to four more *solas* have been added, depending on the source and branch of Protestantism.]

This is the November issue of the *Koinonia*, and that special Oct. 31 Reformation date has gone already as we head full-steam toward Christmas.

However, one more Latin phrase I would like to share is ever important: *Ecclesia semper reformanda est*. This phrase means "The church is always to be reformed." Attributed to theologian Karl Barth in 1947, this phrase is a continual call for all churches to re-examine themselves to ensure that Jesus Christ and the Christian faith are taught in truth and purity.

And even though the Reformation is now 507 years away from us, it is still a truth that must remain alive and well in the Church today. Satan loves spending time in churches. He loves baiting and luring faithful Christians away from the saving truth of the Gospel. Satan does this craftily by making things disguised as Christianity attractive that but in reality are light years away.

These temptations that Satan throws at us are no different than those exact temptations that were around in the reformation: creating an additional authority (*sola Scriptura*) and adding human participation to God's work of salvation (*sola fide* and *sola gratia*). And so, 500 years later, the Reformation continues to live on as we preach, teach, and receive the message of Christ crucified for you!

Soli Deo Gloria (to the glory of God alone)
--Pastor Gimbel

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First and foremost, to all who spent time praying for my grandfather and my family, THANK YOU! He was so eager to be with Jesus, and I have so much peace knowing I will see him again one day. Your prayers brought us so much comfort.

We are busy-busy here in Preschool! We have had visits from the O'Fallon Fire Department, we have had picture day, and we have had our first time singing in church! How exciting. Our students are continuing to learn their names, letters, colors, and more. They are growing so much as each day passes.

We are setting a goal to have preschool enrollment for 2025-2026 open to congregation members and current preschool families in the month of December - keep an eye out for that! We have special deals for our "inside families" this year that we have never had before. If you have or know of a 3 or 4 year old, send them our way so we can lead them and teach them through the word of God!



We even had a fun visit from the firefighters! Here is our 3s class with the firetruck.

Fall Break
 Our fall break is Oct. 30 to Nov. 6. We will have parent teacher conferences during these days.

Christmas Service
 We also plan to prep for the upcoming Christmas service on December 8 at 3PM. It is so much fun!

Monthly Music Minute for October 2024

A series in which the music director shares some thoughts about the music coming up in church this month

Here's a pop quiz for all liturgical enthusiasts: How many readings are assigned each Sunday of the church year? No peeking ahead. Do you have your answer?

If you said three, congratulations! You're... wrong. Or, at least, you're not entirely right.

But wait, you may ask. Don't we do three readings each week? The elder reads from the Old Testament and an Epistle, and the pastor reads the Gospel. That's three!

That's true, and most Lutheran churches certainly use those three readings each week. However, there is actually a fourth assigned text for each week--a Psalm, meant to be slotted between the Old Testament and Epistle readings.

You could be forgiven for not remembering the Psalm. After all, we don't utilize the Psalm at every service, and often, when we do, it may take place apart from the readings, serving as the Introit, and spoken responsively instead of read. Many LCMS congregations never even do this, and so the assigned Psalms tend to be forgotten.

I think there are two reasons for this. Firstly, in the Divine Service, it is much more convenient to

omit a Psalm which changes every week than an element like the Creed or the Words of Institution. Secondly, for many congregations, singing is not necessarily a strength. Rather than speaking words meant to be sung, a congregation might omit the Psalm entirely in favor of a more familiar hymn.

You may recall, however, that the Psalms are Scripture's hymnal. The word "psalm" literally means "praises." Psalms are a blessing. They are God's Word, and they are intended to be sung!

Over the past few months, we at Holy Cross have made a concerted effort on Sundays to sing the Psalms with more consistency. Practically, we have been able to do so because of musical pastors who are willing to lead, a choir that is very devoted, and a congregation that sings boldly. Keep it up!

While we may not sing this fourth "forgotten" reading every week, depending on what else might be happening in the service, we will continue singing the hymns from Scripture's hymnal. After all, what better hymns to sing than the ones God gave His people to sing throughout time?

David Gilson

Special Music During Advent and Christmas at Holy Cross

Saturday, 12/7, 3PM: *Family Christmas Service*
with Beginning Bells and Children's Choir

Sunday, 12/8, 3PM: *Preschool Christmas Service*

Sunday, 12/15, 4PM: *Gateway Ringers Christmas Concert*

Sunday, 12/22, 3PM: *Service of Lessons and Carols**
with Orchestra, Adult Choir, Children's Choir,
and Handbells,

*One of our most popular services of the year!
(Note the new time!)

Tuesday, 12/24, 3, 5, 7, and 11PM - *Christmas Eve*
Divine Services with Brass and Handbells at 5PM,
and Brass and Choir at 7PM.

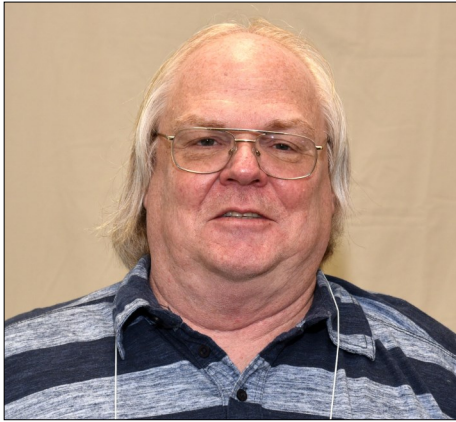


WELCOME

New Members

On Sunday, September 22, we **welcomed eight new families** into our Holy Cross congregation during the regular worship service and then followed it with a luncheon where those new members were our special guests. Take a moment to learn a little more about each of these new members. Extend

a special welcome to them the next time you see them in worship or Bible study.



John Bewig lives in the San Jose Meadows subdivision in north O'Fallon. He was born in St. Louis and lived in North County before moving to St. Charles County. John served as a foster parent for nine years and has three adopted children. He enjoys helping people who have somewhat lost their way. He states, "I try to point them in the right direction keeping them aware of God." John enjoys camping and canoeing, and he plays both piano and organ.

Rob Duss was previously a member at Holy Cross some years ago and is very happy to be back. He lives in the Woodlawn Cordes area of O'Fallon. Rob was a music teacher and band instructor in the Fort Zumwalt School District for many years and still gives private trumpet lessons to many students. Music continues to be his greatest passion and hobby. Rob is very happy to be back at Holy Cross and states, "It feels like I am coming back home!"



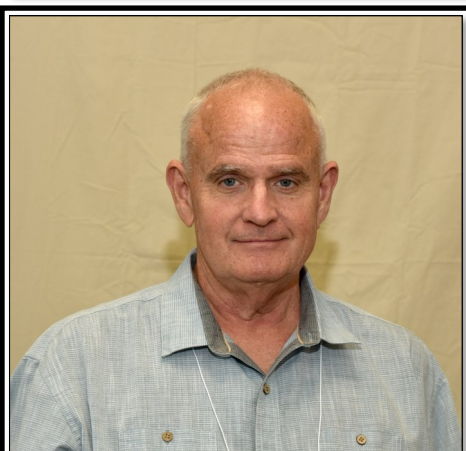
Matt and Jill Grabanski were just married at Holy Cross on September 14 and now live in Wright City. Matt was born in Foristell and Jill in St. Charles so they are both natives of the area. Matt works at Bommarito Cadillac and Jill at Etrailer. Matt's hobbies include cars, 3-D printing and firearms while Jill enjoys DIY projects. They joined Holy Cross because they felt it would be a good fit for their hopefully growing family.



Ray and Paula Hein are both recently retired and now have their home in Winfield. Ray was born in Madison, WI, and moved to St. Louis in 1965 with work. Paula was born in Alton, IL, and moved to St. Louis in 1968. Paula retired from Mallinckrodt Medical in 2008 with some part-time jobs since then, and Ray retired from Weiss USA in 2021. Paula served as a grief share leader at a previous church and enjoys visiting and supporting friends and family. They joined Holy Cross because they liked the location and the traditional services.



Bryan Meyer is married and lives in Countryside subdivision in St. Charles. He was born in Nashville, IL, and grew up in Hoffman, IL, before moving to St. Charles County. Bryan is a senior assembler at Biomerieux, a company that works with in vitro diagnostics improving public health. His hobbies include sports and watching movies. He is glad he found Holy Cross because it is very similar to Trinity Lutheran in Hoffman where he grew up.



Russell Reed lives in St. Peters with his wife, Jennifer, who was already a member of Holy Cross and the primary reason that Russ joined us. He was born in Chillicothe, MO, and raised in Kirksville, MO, before moving to St. Charles County. He is a retired registered nurse. Russell and Jennifer have one son and four grandchildren. Russ enjoys ancestry research, science fiction movies, books, traveling.



Roger and Joyce Trost recently moved to Garden Villas in O'Fallon from the Lake of Ozarks area. They were both born and raised in Minnesota but through work have lived in seven different states. As a result, they have been members of 16 different Lutheran churches in three different synods but always active in their worship with Jesus. They will be married 70 years in December and have been blessed with 4 children, 9 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. They joined Holy Cross because they liked the pastors, the sermons, and the organ music.



Russ Zilka and Sharon Falter are married and live in Inverness Subdivision in Dardenne Prairie. Russ was born and raised in Michigan. Sharon was born in East St. Louis but lived in more than 30 states as her dad was in the Navy. Russ worked in the aircraft industry before his retirement. Sharon was a teacher and had different office jobs. They both enjoy golf, biking, and gardening. Russ enjoys woodworking while Sharon does rug hooking, knitting, crocheting, baking, cooking, painting, and designing. They visited four churches in the area and loved the comfortable and friendly atmosphere of Holy Cross.

CRAFT EXPO
NOVEMBER 2, 2024
9AM to 3PM



A great way to start on that Christmas gift list!

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

40 BOOTHS

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



All women of Holy Cross are invited to attend meetings of either or both Guilds. Join us as we "serve the Lord with gladness" by raising funds for missions at home and around the world.

Holy Cross has two LWML groups:
Holy Cross Ladies Guild meets Fri., Nov. 8, 10AM.
Grace Evening Guild meets Tues., Nov. 12, 6PM.

Worship • Conversation • Refreshments
 Time in God's Word & Our Identity in Him
 Ladies of all ages & stages of life!



Our Savior Women's Ministry hosts

Girls Night Out



Remember Who You Are & Whose You Are.

Saturday, November 23 | 6pm

Register oslcecc.org



Our Savior Lutheran Church • 2800 Elm St.; St. Charles

NOTES FROM GRACE GUILD

Mark your calendar for November 2 and **COME to the CRAFT EXPO in the Holy Cross Gym.** Forty booths will be available for your browsing and buying pleasure! Many of our vendors are Holy Cross members, so come and support them! Donations and vendors' fees will be sent to LWML Mites.

At Grace Guild's November 12 meeting, baskets for shut-ins will be filled with goodies. Guild members will deliver the items.

Grace Guild will host the **first Advent service meal** on Wed., **Dec. 4, from 5:30PM to 6:45PM.**
 MENU: pasta casseroles, salad, bread sticks, and dessert.


President Karen Copper decorated her car as the Spice Shop from the Bethlehem Market and gave out 100 baggies of candy corn with a lesson attached at the Trunk or Treat event on Oct 26.

Blood Drive
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
 Gym
 8945 Veterans Memorial Parkway
 O Fallon, MO 63366

Thursday, November 14, 2024
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: HolyCrossLC to schedule an appointment.

Come give blood Nov. 1-17 and get a \$10 gift card by email. **PLUS**, get a chance to win a \$7,000 prize! There will be two lucky winners. Terms apply: rcblood.org/thanks



1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App



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.

SILENT SUNDAY

On Sunday, **Nov. 10**, from 12-7PM in the gym, the LYF will hold a Silent Sunday to raise money for the Lutheran Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch in South Dakota. The 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. Pledges are per hour of silence per child. Observers are welcome but they must remain silent too!

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!

Holy Cross Voters' Assembly

Sunday, Nov. 24, 2024
after the 10:45AM worship service
In the gym

All Holy Cross Voting Members are encouraged to attend.
Attendance counts!
Contact Council Secretary Barb Grosch
(councilsecretary@hcross.com or 314.368.8142)
if you are unable to attend to get an excused absence.

Agenda Items Include:

- ◆ Officer & Board Elections
- ◆ 2025 Budget Approval
- ◆ Council Board Reports

Please sign in when entering the meeting.
Only a physical signature records attendance.

New Members to Holy Cross:
Contact your Elder or the church office about becoming a Voting Member of Holy Cross.

MENU: A Potluck will be held before the meeting.
Fried chicken and drinks will be provided.

Voters are asked to bring side dishes:
Last names A-K: bring side dish & dessert
Last names L-Z: bring side dish & salad

Decorating for Christmas

Help us decorate the church for Christmas

Nov. 30
9AM

Bring the family!

Koinonia-Fellowship Newsletter, a publication of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 8945 Veterans Memorial Parkway, O'Fallon, MO 63366, is published monthly with information for its members. Deadline for the December 2024 issue is November 15, 2024. Email submissions to secretary@hcross.com **prior** to the deadline.

Celebration of Lights 2024

The time to celebrate the birth of our Savior is just around the corner. An important part of the celebration is bringing the good news of our Savior's birth to our community. Holy Cross will participate in the Celebration of Lights (COL), sponsored by the City of O'Fallon, to spread the good news of the true meaning of Christmas.



Our participation includes setting up our nativity scene and providing volunteers for three gate nights. Setup begins Nov. 9. Volunteers are needed to do the setup! Young muscle will be appreciated! Gate night duties include directing traffic at the front and rear gates and scanning entry tickets. Holy Cross' gate nights are Dec. 9, Dec. 17, and Dec. 23 from 5:30 to 9PM.

Some things to remember:

Tickets must be purchased ahead of time before entry into the park. Follow the link found on this page (Website: <https://www.ofallon.mo.us> › celebration-of-lights) All tickets must be bought before visiting the display.

2024 Admission Pricing:

- Cars \$16 (for nights other than walk-through)
- Stroll ("Walk Through") \$5

COL Opens Nov. 29, 2024

COL Closes Dec. 30, 2024

COL Website: See website for more information

<https://www.ofallon.mo.us> › celebration-of-lights

HCLC Gate Nights: Dec. 9, Dec. 17, and Dec. 23

Volunteers needed! See signups in the Welcome Center when they become available.

By manning the gates, Holy Cross will receive a portion of the contributions. So, if you're planning to go, go on a Holy Cross Gate Night and help support the Board of Elders who work on this project almost year-round!

For More Information about volunteer opportunities for Celebration of Lights: Contact Don Wischmeyer, Joe Snyder, Ed Belter, and Chris Price.

DON'T MISS

Salem Lutheran
SAUSAGE & KRAUT
Sunday, November 3, 2024
11:30AM – 5:00PM
CARRYOUT

Cooked Sausage: \$ 10 lb.
Salem's Sauerkraut: \$ 5 sm / \$ 8 lg
Raw Sausage: \$ 8 lb.

MENU:
Cooked Sausage & Raw Sausage (by the pound) & Salem's Special Sauerkraut

Pickup from Gym: 5190 Parker Rd, Black Jack, MO 63033 (314) 741-6781

CHAPEL OF THE CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
907 Jungermann Rd
Saint Peters, Missouri
636.928.5885

November 3rd
11:30am-5pm

Sausage
Supper/Auction

Get your tickets at the door or our church office.

Adults \$14
Children 4-10 \$7

Sauerkraut
Potatoes

Theme Baskets, Gift Certificates, Homemade Items

74TH ANNUAL
HICKORY SMOKED, WHOLE HOG
SAUSAGE SUPPER
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
ORCHARD FARM, MISSOURI
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024

\$15 (CASH OR CHECK ONLY)
MEAL INCLUDES:

SMOKED SAUSAGE
MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY
GREEN BEANS
SAUERKRAUT
FAMOUS CRANBERRY SALAD
DESSERT

DINE IN (NOON-5PM)
OR DRIVE THRU (NOON - 6PM)

PLEASE NOTE: DINE-IN IS A SINGLE MEAL SERVED ON A PLATE WITH UTENSILS, CONDIMENTS, AND A BOTTLE OF WATER. YOU CHOOSE YOUR DESSERT AND THEN ENJOY YOUR MEAL WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN OUR CLIMATE CONTROLLED GYM.

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL GYM
4689 N HWY 94
ST. CHARLES, MO 63301

SAUSAGE DINNER & BAZAAR
Sunday, Nov. 3, 2024. 11AM to 3PM
Serving delicious link pork sausage, mashed potatoes and gravy, sauerkraut, green beans, applesauce, bread, and a dessert. Tickets sold at the door and carry out available!

CHRISTMAS SHOPPE
Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024 9AM TO 2PM
Vendors, Crafters, Gift Wrapping!

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
1307 Boone St. Troy, MO 63379
636-528-4999 trinitytroymo@gmail.com
www.tlctroylcm.org

Come!
Join us for
HOPE Seeds

Thurs., Nov. 7
Gym, 9AM-Noon

Seeds packed for missions.

Sponsored by Holy Cross
Stewardship Board.

QUILTING FELLOWSHIP
Sat., Nov. 9
from 10AM to 2PM
in the gym.

TREAT BAGS FOR SEMINARY STUDENTS

The Mission and Stewardship Boards are teaming up for an end-of-semester Treat Bag Donation Drive for first-year Seminary students. Help us fill Treat Bags by donating **pre-packaged and snack/travel sizes** of the following items:

Candy	Chips
Fruit Snacks	Pretzels
Dried fruit	Peanuts
Caffeine drinks	Cookies
Granola bars	Hot Cocoa Mix
Sandwich Crackers	Etc.



The Treat Bag Donation drive runs until Nov. 24. A box to collect donated items will be in the Welcome Center under the Mission Board table. The box is labeled *Seminary Treat Bags*.

Bags will be assembled the weekend of Nov. 30, TBD. If you wish to help us with the task of filling the 60 bags, please talk to Liz Belter. Also, our hope is to write encouraging letters to the students and include them in the treat bags. So, we could use your help!

Christmas Preview



"Twas the Night Before Jesus"

Preschool Christmas Service

Sunday, Dec. 8

3PM

HOLY CROSS SANCTUARY



GATEWAY RINGERS
HANDBELL CONCERT
 AT HOLY CROSS,
 Dec. 15, at 4PM

Lessons and Carols

"The Marvel of This Night"

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024

3PM (NEW TIME!!)

David Gilson, Music Director

Holy Cross Music Department

Orchestra, Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Handbells

CHRISTMAS SERVICES



CHRISTMAS EVE

All services with Holy Communion

Candlelight services at 5PM, 7PM, 11PM

3PM

5PM: Brass and Handbells

7PM: Brass and Choir

11PM

CHRISTMAS DAY

Holy Communion at 9:30AM

No Service on New Year's Eve



FAMILY CHRISTMAS SERVICE

December 7, 2024

Service 3-4 PM

Family pictures immediately following service.

Service Project & Dinner 4-6 PM

We will be making chrismsons to give away.

Family Christmas Service Practice Schedule

November 24, 9:30-10:30AM

December 4, 5:30-6:30PM

December 7, 1:30-2:30PM

Participants in the service should have RSVP'd to DCE Smith by Oct. 31.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Calendar of Events – November 2024

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
27	Reformation (Observed) 8AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour 10:45AM Holy Communion + Rite of Confirmation	28	Koinonia Mailing 9:30 AM TOPS 10:30AM PS, Disney Days 11:30AM Line Dancing 6:30PM Handbells	29	9AM Quilting 9AM Preschool Chapel 10AM Women's Bible Study 10:30AM PS, Disney Days Noon Staff Meeting	30	PRESCHOOL FALL BREAK 9:30AM Adult Bible Class 6PM Beginning Bell Choir 6PM Children's Choir 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm High School 6:30pm Prek to 5th Grade 6:45pm Adult Choir	31	PRESCHOOL FALL BREAK 8 AM News & Notes Deadline 6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Study	1	PRESCHOOL FALL BREAK 1PM Craft Expo Setup 4:30-6:30PM Vendor Setup	2	GRACE GUILD CRAFT EXPO 9AM to 3PM 3PM Holy Communion Start Giving Tree
3	All Saints' Day	4	PRESCHOOL FALL BREAK	5	PRESCHOOL FALL BREAK Church Office Closed Building Open for Election: 4:45AM to 9PM (as needed) 12:30PM Staff Meeting 2PM Preschool Board 6PM Stewardship Board 6PM Youth Board	6	PRESCHOOL FALL BREAK 9:30AM Adult Bible Class 6PM Beginning Bell Choir 6PM Children's Choir 6:30PM Confirmation 6:30PM High School 6:30pm Prek to 5th Grade 6:45pm Adult Choir	7	8AM News & Notes Deadline 9AM HOPE Seeds 6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Study	8	10AM Ladies Guild	9	10AM Quilting Fellowship 1pm Cannon Baptisms 3PM Holy Communion
10	8AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour 10:45AM Holy Communion Youth Silent Sunday: Noon to 7PM	11	9:30 AM TOPS 11AM Line Dancing 1PM Quilting Setup 6PM Council Board Mtgs. 6:30PM Handbells 7:30PM Council Meeting	12	9AM Preschool Chapel 9AM Quilting 10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meeting 6PM Grace Guild 6:30PM Adult Bible Class	13	6:30AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 9AM Preschool Chapel 9:30AM Adult Bible Class 6PM Beginning Bell Choir 6PM Children's Choir 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm High School 6:30pm Prek to 5th Grade 6:45pm Adult Choir	14	Circuit Meeting—Pastors 8AM News & Notes Deadline 9AM to 3PM: American Red Cross Blood Drive (gym) 6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Study	15	Koinonia Deadline	16	3PM Holy Communion
17	8AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour 9:30AM Midweek Teacher Training (Sanctuary) 10:45AM Holy Communion	18	9:30 AM TOPS 11AM Line Dancing 6:30PM Handbells Voters' Assembly Reports Due to Church Office	19	9AM Preschool Chapel 9AM Quilting & Setup 10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meeting	20	9AM Preschool Chapel 9:30AM Adult Bible Class 6PM Beginning Bell Choir 6PM Children's Choir 6:30PM Confirmation 6:30pm High School 6:30pm Prek to 5th Grade 6:45pm Adult Choir	21	8AM News & Notes Deadline 6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Study	22	Koinonia Production	23	3PM Holy Communion
24	8AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour 9:30AM Family Christmas Service Practice 10:45AM Holy Communion NOON: Voters' Assembly + Potluck for VA	25	Koinonia Mailing 9:30 AM TOPS 10:30AM PS: Thanksgiving Party 4s (Gym) 11:30AM Line Dancing 6:30PM Handbells	26	NEWS&NOTES DEADLINE 9AM Preschool Chapel 10AM Women's Bible Study 10:30AM PS: Thanksgiving Party 3s (Gym) Noon Staff Meeting 4:30PM to 8:30PM— Parking lot use for FZN Orchestra Boosters Jingle Bell 5K at FZ Park 6:30PM Adult Bible Class	27	PRESCHOOL CLOSED CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 11AM Holy Communion 7PM Holy Communion	28	THANKSGIVING DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED PRESCHOOL CLOSED	29	OFFICE CLOSED PRESCHOOL CLOSED	30	9AM Christmas Decorating 3PM Holy Communion Missions Board: TBD End: Giving Tree

November 2024 Celebrations

The LORD will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

November Birthdays

- 1: John Estill, Michelle Kincaid
- 2: Kayleigh Hardebeck, Pat Schindler
- 3: Brian Belter, Matthew Claxton, Harry Gasaway, Jan Hummel, Mike Kahler, Kevin Martens, Nathan Temple, David Weseman
- 4: Madeline Alton, Kent Haffer, Doris Hewkin, Laura Irvin, Rob Paoletti
- 5: Jenny Conrad, Peter Laufer, Danielle Mizel
- 6: **Andy Gimbel**, Lydia Smith
- 7: Emily Kahler
- 9: Carol Crafton, Craig DeMent, Daniel, Hevey, Bob Knehans, John Poindexter, Winnie Thornton
- 10: Shirley Amos, Eva Dafler, Jan Flentke, Braylyn Stephens
- 11: Lincoln Chinnici, Alyssa Parks
- 12: Paul Frerichs
- 13: Grace Randazzo, Bernice Sutliff, Anya Ziolk
- 15: Lisa Aston, Braylyn Stephens, Roger Trost
- 16: Greg Emerick, Karen Heckman, Austin James, Riley May, Matthew McKinney, Gary Schuler, Skylar Spearman
- 19: Cadence Reed
- 20: Doris Coots, Aldena Herman, Camden Kreyling, Alexander Schlereth
- 21: Michael Buhlinger
- 23: Sandra Kohrs, Rick Wisa
- 24: Peggy Jean Kuerschner
- 25: Jody Bey, Jacob Reed
- 27: Renea Erickson, Drew Linn, Charles Wardenburg
- 29: Jacob Cooper, Deb Heim, Joy Wisa
- 30: Holly Kamer, Dan Spearman, Joyce Trost

November Wedding Anniversaries

- 3: Rich & Pat Schindler (62)
- 5: Sherry & Robert Piazza (36)
- 6: Terry & Sue McCann (59)
- 7: Rob & Dee Paoletti (38)
- 9: Tim & Rachel Laufer (5)
Mick & Nancy Thoene (39)
- 11: Bryan & Kaitlyn Meyer (1)
- 12: Mark & Kathy Losch (30)
- 13: Rachel & Tom Bauer (32)
- 17: Paul & Jen Brown (15)
Steven & Pamela Schweitzer (46)
- 18: William & Alice Wichern (63)
- 20: Scott & Susan Bollinger (31)
- 22: Terry & Carleen Hardy (55)
Don & Nancy Tabor (36)
- 23: Veigh & Tricia Hogan (22)
- 27: Chris & Karen Gaglio (32)
- 28: Dave & Deb Heim (9)

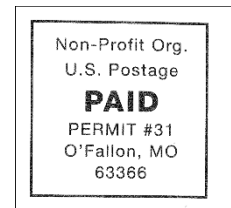
November Baptism Anniversaries

- 1: Paul Bertram, Michelle **Bett**dur, John Estill, Linda Ledford, Don Wischmeyer
- 2: Elaine Alton, Dominic Chinnici, Clay Jones, DJ Spearman, David Sutliff, Alex Wiese
- 3: Maxine Salarano
- 4: Shawn Duncan, Austin James, Jaden Klootwyk, Shirley Mercurio, Don Nordmeyer
- 5: Rick Wiese III
- 6: Clint Morrison, Ben Piazza
- 7: Savannah Berjer, Margie Biegenger, Jeanette Stewart
- 8: Alexis Taylor
- 9: Alexander Eaton
- 11: Nathan Temple
- 13: Amanda Saale, Mary Sawall
- 14: Owen Gooding, Raymond Karl II, Peter Laufer, Albert Marhanka, Darren Marhanka
- 20: Jacob Hardenbeck, Homer Langley, Kevin Rheinecker
- 23: Rob Williams
- 24: Mark Hoemann, Ren Koepke, Warner Macke, Drew Miget
- 25: Madeline Alton, Andy Gimbel
- 26: Claire Ulrich
- 27: Joan Darling, Jesse Estill
- 28: Grant Jennings
- 29: Grace Randazzo
- 30: Rachel Tichich

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Call the office for next dates.

Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 10AM, RMS 1&2

Adult Bible Class: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 6:30PM, RMS 1&2

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study: November 13, 6:30AM

Adult Bible Class: Wednesdays at 9:30 AM, GYM

Confirmation (grades 6-8); MidWeek Classes (grades PreK-5)
— *Classes start 6PM—see Wednesday night schedule, p. 5*

High School Wednesdays, 6:30PM; see calendar

20s & 30s Bible Study: Thursdays, 6:30PM, Rm 1&2