



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

Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
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If you want an audio recording (CD) of  
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the office. We also send out bulletins,  
weekly newsletters, and DVD recordings  
(visual) to those who request them.

#### CHURCH OFFICE

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## Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost News & Notes for November 9-10, 2024

**WELCOME TO EVERYONE** joining us for worship today.

**WE PRAY for our members:** Bob Aubertin, Dennis Benassi; Barbara Benigno; Marie Benigno; Paul Bertram; Mary Kay Bethke; George Beyer; Kacey Booth; Nancy Caldwell; Teegan Cannon; Mike Dawdy; Shirley Day; Bob & Carolyn Delohi; Brenda Duncan; Renea Erickson; Larry David Ezell; Rich Franzer; Janice Fred; Peggy Gallagher; Connie Gamache; Phyllis Gronewald; Marie & Vernon Herrington; Lizzie Johansmann; Ron Kettler; Deborah Kiely; Sandra Kohrs, Debra Korte; Jim Kramer; Bob Kunz; Joyce Lang; Betty Lee; Terry McCann; Shirley Niewald; Don & Donna Nordmeyer; Debbie Parks; Dee Paoletti; Bill Price; Gloria Rariden; Zeita Reed; Eileen Reichert; Darlene Rhodes; Ron Rutledge; Carol Santoyo; Vita Sayers; Winnie Thornton; Mike Vesper; Charles Wardenburg; Ernestine Wilson.

#### **WE PRAY for our family and friends:**

Sue Adams (Bonnie Walkenhorst)  
Jim (John Bertram)  
Joanne Bonney (Greg Bonney)  
Rachel Butkovich (Tom & Sue Haywood)  
Elizabeth Cash (Heather Koepke)  
Norma Jean Cecil (Alice Buehne)  
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)  
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)  
Denise Heins (Becky Coomer)  
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)  
Ginny Niewald (Niewalds)  
Paul Palombi (Diane Palombi)  
Virginia Pendley (Shawn Huber)  
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)  
Jim Smith (Jesse Smith)  
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)  
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)  
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 **Vita Walkenhorst**, wife of Rick Walkenhorst, who entered the Church Triumphant on Nov. 1, 2024. Keep her family in your prayers. Visitation at Holy Cross is Sun., Nov. 10, 3PM to 7PM, and Mon., Nov. 11, from 9:30-11AM. The memorial service will be held at 11AM at Holy Cross. Luncheon will follow in the gym.

We pray for the family of **Thomas Gallagher** who entered the Church Triumphant on Sun., Nov. 3. Please keep his wife Peggy and their family in your prayers. Visitation at Newcomers in St. Peters on Mon., Nov. 11, 3-7PM. Funeral on Tues., Nov. 12, at 10AM, at Newcomers. Graveside service at 11AM at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery.

**Holy Cross Weekly Calendar**

**Saturday, November 9, 2024**

1PM BAPTISMS: Teegan and Mickey Cannon  
 10AM TO 2PM Quilt Fellowship (GYM)  
 3PM Holy Communion

**Sunday, November 10, 2024**

8AM Holy Communion  
 9:30AM Education Hour  
 10:45AM Holy Communion  
 Noon to 7PM: Silent Sunday  
 3 to 7 PM: Visitation: Vita Walkenhorst

**Monday, November 11, 2024**

**OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11AM**

9:30AM TOPS  
 9:30AM TO 11AM Visitation: V. Walkenhorst  
 11AM Memorial Service: V. Walkenhorst  
 11:45AM Funeral Luncheon (gym)  
 2:30PM Ed & Youth Boards  
 3 TO 7PM: Visitation: Thomas Gallagher  
 (at Newcomers in St. Peters)  
 6PM Council Board Meetings  
 6:30PM Handbells  
 7:30PM Council Meeting

**Tuesday, November 12, 2024**

9AM Preschool Chapel  
 9AM Quilting  
 10AM Funeral: Thomas Gallagher (Newcomers)  
 12:30PM Staff Meeting  
 1:30PM Evangelism Board  
 6PM Grace Guild  
 6:30PM Adult Bible Class

**Wednesday, November 13, 2024**

**OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON, 2 TO 5PM**  
 6:30AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study  
 9AM 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, November 14, 2024**

**OFFICE HOURS: 8AM TO 10AM**  
**8AM News & Notes Deadline**  
 9AM TO 3PM: American Red Cross Blood Drive  
 6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Class

**Friday, November 15, 2024**

**OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON, 1PM TO 4PM**  
**Koinonia (December Issue) DEADLINE**

**Saturday, November 16, 2024**

10AM: TEC (RMs 1&2)  
 3PM Holy Communion

**Sunday, November 17, 2024**

8AM Holy Communion  
 9:30AM Education Hour  
 + Midweek Teacher Training (Sanctuary)  
 10:45AM Holy Communion

**Church Attendance for November 2-3, 2024**

Service	Attendance	Communion
SAT., 3PM	53	49
SUN., 8AM	147	111
SUN., 10:45AM	96	80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>240</b>

**Bible Class Attendance  
Week of Nov. 3, 2024**

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	2
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	18
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	6
Sunday Adult Bible Class	54
TLC/BASICS	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	C
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	NA
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM	38
Wednesday Nights	36
20s&30s Thursday	13

**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. 28-Nov. 3, 2024**

General Fund	\$	19,017.21
Endowment	\$	597.86
Building Fund	\$	140.00
Missions Weekly	\$	65.25
<b>Missions Total Sept-Dec</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,759.80</b>

**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:** Nov. 7, 2024  
 Families: 73  
 Individuals: 249

**HOPE Ministries** requests these items from Holy Cross for November: Pancake mix, syrup, Rice or Rice-a-Roni, Dry Potatoes, Gravy, Toilet paper. 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](mailto: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!

**ALTAR FLOWERS** last weekend were given to the glory of God by the Kahler family in honor of Mike's birthday on Nov. 3 and Emily's birthday on Nov. 7.

**HOLY BAPTISMS:** Mickey Alexander Cannon (born Nov. 8, 2019, in O'Fallon, MO) and Teegan Marie Cannon (born April 18, 2018, in Lake Saint Louis), children of Alexander and Hannah Cannon, were baptized Sat., Nov. 9, at 1PM by Pastor Kohm. Welcome to God's Family!

**STRONG HOLD CAMBODIA:** Every week Sunday School kids collect an offering to give to an organization called Strong Hold Cambodia. Please join us in the gym on Nov. 10 from 9:30-9:45 to hear from Strong Hold Cambodia about their mission and work.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY** meets this Wed., Nov. 13. Sign the sheet on the Welcome Center table if you plan to attend so that food can be purchased.

**DECEMBER KOINONIA DEADLINE is Fri., Nov. 15.** If you are a regular contributor, please email articles and pictures this week for the December newsletter.

**THANKSGIVING EVE:** Communion services at 11AM and 7PM on Nov. 27. Church Office is closed Nov. 28-29.

**ADVENT MEALS:** Two groups will sponsor Advent meals in December. Grace Guild will host on Dec. 4, and Missions & Stewardship Boards will host on Dec. 11.

**SILENT SUNDAY** On Nov. 10, the LYF will hold a Silent Sunday to raise money for the Lutheran Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch in South Dakota, which offers Christ-centered residential care for youth and families who need help. Youth will take pledges from donors on how long donors 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.

**HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS:** Please take personal coffee and water cups and other dishes with you: a number of tumblers have been left around the building. Put used bulletins in the ushers' basket or take them home, but do not place them randomly in the building. Pick up jackets, coats, umbrellas and other personal items left on the coat rack shelves in the Welcome Center and by the downstairs kitchen. Plan ahead—**ushers and acolytes**, please sign up at least a week in advance of your chosen time of service. Bulletins are prepared on Mondays, and it would be helpful to have a full Together We Serve list each week.

**VETERANS DAY:** Mon., Nov. 11, we as a nation honor those who have served in the US military. Keep our active military personnel as well as veterans in your prayers. On the Welcome Center table is a flyer from the LC-MS. It is a Responsive Prayer from the LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces, and a Ministry-by-Mail Registration that you may want to send in for an active military person that you know.

**GRACE GUILD CRAFT EXPO THANK YOU:** A heartfelt thank you to all who supported the Grace Guild Craft Expo! So many helped to make the event a success: vendors, shoppers, volunteers to setup and reset after the event, and Grace Guild members. Through your generous time and contributions, we raised \$1,954 to donate for Missouri LWML missions. To see more grant information, visit <https://www.missourilwml.org/mission-grants>.

**CANDY & NUTS** If you didn't get to order candy and nuts from the Ladies Guild sale, extras are available! Orders are in and you can pick yours up in the Welcome Center this weekend before or after services. We also have a selection of delicious items for sale. Thanks for your support.

**MISSIONS BOARD** is collecting donations for The Lutheran Home until the end of this year. The goal is to support the widows who reside at the home and depend on their many services. Many of the widows are on Title 19 assistance and some have no family support. Your generous donations will go to support The Angel Fund, which helps provide for hair and beauty appointments and other outside excursions that are an additional cost to their regular care. For these women, being able to leave the home and spend time in fellowship with others means the world, as they would normally not be able to do so. Many of the women have lost access to social security and other pensions and need help covering the Medicare reimbursement gap. We ask you to please pray for these widows and consider donating to this MOTQ so we can bless these women as they navigate this new and possibly difficult season in their lives.

**TREATS FOR SEMINARIANS** The Missions and Stewardship Boards will send Treat Bags to first-year seminarians for finals week. Help us fill the Treat Bags by donating **pre-packaged and snack/travel sizes** of the following items: *candy, chips, fruit snacks or dried fruit, pretzels, peanuts, caffeine drinks, hot cocoa mix, cookies, granola bars, sandwich crackers, etc.* The Treat Bag donation drive will run from now **until Nov. 24**. A box to collect donated items and labeled for Seminary Treat Bags will be in the Welcome Center under the Mission Board table. Bags will be assembled the weekend of Nov 30, time TBD. If you wish to help us with the task of filling the 60 bags, talk to Liz Belter. Our hope is to also write the students encouraging letters to include in the bags, so we could use your help!

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

- \* Both cross country teams are heading to state. The Lady Cougars placed second in Districts.
- \* The Cheer Team placed third in State.
- \* Boys Swim Team won third place in the MICDS Invitational and go on to state competition.
- \* Boys Soccer Districts started Nov. 4.

**Thank you** for joining us at the annual Fundraising Gala, "A Night for Blue and White" at Old Hickory Golf Club last week! Your generosity, enthusiasm, and spirit of fellowship made the night an incredible success. We enjoyed so many memorable moments together, from the heartfelt speeches from our students to the inspiring "Let Your Light Shine" video. Your support strengthens our mission, enabling us to continue helping our students Grow and Serve in Christ. We can't wait to come together again next year! Please save the date for Fri., Oct. 24, 2025 at Old Hickory — we look forward to another unforgettable evening. Grow & Serve in Christ! The 2024 LHS Gala Committee

It's that time of year again! The Cheer Team is hosting its annual **Poinsettia Fundraiser!** Support the team and bring some holiday cheer to your home with these beautiful blooms. Available for purchase now through Nov. 25—don't miss out! <https://form.jotform.com/242965716723061>

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](http://oslcecc.org)



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

**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.

Visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter:  
**Holy CrossLC** to schedule an appointment!

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) | Download the Blood Donor App

## 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@hccross.com](mailto:councilsecretary@hccross.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

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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

Decorating for Christmas



Help us decorate the church for Christmas  
**Nov. 30 9AM**

Bring the family!

**Are you starting to think about taxes as we near the end of 2024?**  
Below are two tips you might want to consider depending on your situation.

Through the Missouri District MOScholars program you can direct up to one-half of your state taxes to support students in Lutheran schools. This will not save you tax money but will allow you to direct where it is spent. For details check out the "Support Our LCMS Schools" flyer on the middle table in the Welcome Center.

If you are over 70 and must take an RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) from your investments, consider donating it to charities so that it does not count as income on which you will be taxed. If you have additional questions, feel free to talk with David Schlesselman about either or both programs.

**CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS:** 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.

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.**

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




**HOLY CROSS' OPEN HOUSE FOR CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS: WALK THROUGH THE PARK:** The City of O'Fallon will host 3 nights this year for people to walk through Zumwalt Park to view the Christmas lights and displays. They expect 5,000 people each evening. Holy Cross will be offering free parking, hot drinks, cookies, and Christmas music in our gym. This is a great opportunity for us to share Jesus and Holy Cross with people from our community. If you are interested in helping with this endeavor, check out the sign-up sheets on the Welcome Center table. You can:

- Help park cars in our lots one or more nights
- Donate several dozen cookies
- Help serve refreshments in the gym

**Walk-through nights are: Sun., Dec. 8; Mon., Dec. 9; and Tues., Dec. 10.**

**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL**  
2024-2025 Enrollment and Registration



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