



*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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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.

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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; Larry David Ezell; Rich Franzer; Janice Fred; Peggy & Tom Gallagher; Connie Gamache; Phyllis Gronewald; Mike Hanna; Karen Heckman; 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; 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)
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 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)
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)
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)

HOLY CROSS AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Thurs., Nov. 14, 2024, 10AM to 3PM. Visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Holy CrossLC to schedule an appointment! We need 14 more donors! All donors will receive a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of choice via email AND will automatically be registered to win \$7,000 (2 winners). All blood types are needed, especially Type O Negative, as the universal blood type used in emergencies. The Red Cross has sent a lot of blood to the hurricane-stricken areas and they are needing to replenish their shelves. Could you help out?

Holy Cross Weekly Calendar

Saturday, October 26, 2024

1PM Essmyer Baptisms
 1:30PM Baptism Reception (Private) (gym)
 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
 Noon Confirmation Reception (Private—gym)

Monday, October 28, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11AM
 9:30AM TOPS
 10:30AM Preschool: Disney Days (Classroom)
 11AM Line Dancing
 6:30PM Handbells

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11AM
 9AM Preschool Chapel
 9am Quilting
 10AM Women's Bible Study
 10:30AM Preschool 3s: Disney Days (Classroom)
 12:30PM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

PRESCHOOL FALL BREAK
 OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
 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 31, 2024

PRESCHOOL FALL BREAK
 OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON, 1 TO 4PM
8AM News & Notes Deadline
 6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Class

Friday, November 1, 2024

PRESCHOOL FALL BREAK
 OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
 1PM Craft Expo Setup
 4:30-6:30PM Vendor setup

Saturday, November 2, 2024

9AM TO 3PM CRAFT EXPO (GYM)
 3PM Holy Communion

Sunday, November 3, 2024

ALL SAINTS DAY (OBSERVED)
 8AM Holy Communion
 9:30AM Education Hour
 10:45AM Holy Communion
 1:30PM Board of Elders

Church Attendance for Oct. 19-20, 2024

Service	Attendance	Communion
SAT., 5PM	51	47
SUN., 8AM	115	96
SUN., 10:45AM	89	78
TOTAL	255	221

**Bible Class Attendance
 Week of Oct. 20, 2024**

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	0
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	14
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	10
Sunday Adult Bible Class	54
TLC/BASICS	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	c
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	5
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM	40
Wednesday Nights	31
20s&30s Thursday	11

**Weekly Offerings:
 Oct. 14-20, 2024**

General Fund	\$	14,3288.62
Endowment	\$	10.00
Building Fund	\$	170.00
Missions Weekly	\$	362.55
Missions Total Sept-Dec	\$	5,524.55

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. 23, 2024**

Families: 85
 Individuals: 281

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 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

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 BAPTISMS: *Ian LeMoyné Essmyer* and *Loretta Lorene Essmyer* were baptized Sat., Oct. 26, by Pastor Jason P. Kohm in a private service at Holy Cross. The brother and sister are the children of Donald and Michelle (LeMoyné) Essmyer, and the grandchildren of Darlene and Don Wischmeyer. Ian was born Sept. 26, 2019, in St. Louis. His baptismal witnesses are Daniel LeMoyné and Kristen Kornegay. Loretta was born January 4, 2022, in St. Louis. Her baptismal witnesses are Jeremiah Essmyer and Andrea Schaeffer. Welcome to God's Family at Holy Cross!

RITE OF CONFIRMATION: *Benjamin Ryan Schnoor*, son of Karl and Sarah Schnoor, will be confirmed in the faith in the Sunday 10:45AM service.

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!

TREATS FOR SEM 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!

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.

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.

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

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.

Thank You: I would like to thank all who prayed for me during my open-heart surgery and for Pastor Gimbel's hospital visit. Also, thanks to David Schlesselman's home visit and his pill bottle full of Bible passages.
~ Donald R. Duncan

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.

TRUNK OR TREAT: Come and Join Us! Saturday, **Oct. 26, 5-7PM,** at Holy Cross parking lot.

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

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.

PILL BOTTLES: Empty pill bottles can be cleaned and reused at local veterinary hospitals. If you would like to recycle your used pill bottles, place them in the box under the coat rack in the gym lobby. Please be sure that the bottles are clean and empty, and remove the labels with your personal information. Please do not put any other items in this box. Thanks. See page 2 for other items collected by Holy Cross members.

Lutheran High School News:

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://lutheranstcharlestheatre.ludus.com/> or at the door!

Congratulations to the **Girls Tennis Team** on becoming **District Champions** for the first time in school history! Your hard work and dedication have truly paid off. God's blessings in the upcoming Class 1 District 4 Sectionals against Lutheran South! Keep up the great work, ladies!

Congratulations to our **Girls Golf team** for an incredible season! A special shout-out to Isa Antcliff, Elia Boettler, Emma Kombrink and Sofia Daws who will be competing in the **State Golf Tournament!**

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!

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Proceeds to LWML Mites



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.

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

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.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS: An important part of celebration the birth of our Savior at Christmas is bringing that good news 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.**

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

CHAPEL OF THE CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
907 Jungermann Rd
Saint Peters, Missouri
636-928.5885

November 3rd
11:30am-5pm

Get your tickets at the door or our church office.

Adults \$14
Children 4-10 \$7

Sauerkraut
Potatoes

Theme Baskets, Gift Certificates, Homemade Items



HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL
2024-2025 Enrollment and Registration

2024-2025 TUITION STRUCTURE
ABOUT OUR PROGRAM
2024-2025 ENROLLMENT FORM

We hope to hear from you soon!

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT Ladies of all ages are invited to join in an evening of worship, conversation, refreshments, and so much more, on Sat., Nov. 23 at Our Savior Lutheran Church for a Girl's Night Out. The night begins with worship at 6PM and tickets are now on sale. It's a night to be reminded of "Who You are and Whose You are" as we reflect on our identity in Christ no matter our age and stage in life. A panel of women from various stages in life will share their testimonies, and time for conversations with guests will be included. Tickets can be purchased on line at <https://oslcecc.square.site/girlsnightout> or at Our Savior's Gathering Grounds Cafe on Sunday mornings. Tickets are \$10 per person and \$5 for 'Little Ladies' (through 12th Grade). Please specify if you are sitting in a group. Contact Cari Hannon at cari.oslc@yahoo.com for more information.

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!
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