



*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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Sundays, 8AM & 10:45AM
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Education Hour AT 9:30AM
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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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Purification of Mary & the Presentation of Our Lord

News & Notes for February 1-2, 2025

WELCOME TO EVERYONE joining us for worship today.

WE PRAY for our members:

Gerri Beckmann; **Karen** Belter; **Dennis** Benassi; **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; **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; **Albert & Ingrid** Marhanka; **Terry** McCann; **Shirley** Niewald; **Donna**
Nordmeyer; **Don** Otto; **Debbie** Parks; **Bill** Price; **Gloria** Rariden; **Zeita** Reed;
Eileen Reichert; **Darlene** Rhodes; **Carol** Santoyo; **Vita** Sayers; **Winnie** Thornton;
Charles Wardenburg; **Larry** Williams; **Ernestine** Wilson, **Don** Wischmeyer.

WE PRAY for our family and friends:

Jim (John Bertram)
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
Gorman Cooper (Tina Morrison)
Norma Cooper (Wendy Tentschert)
William Dafler (Wes Dafler)
John Darby (Rick Walkenhorst)
Teresa Doerr
Lowell Duncan (Don Duncan)
Sandra Fleak (Becky Edgar)
Jim Fowler (Lovisa Davison)
Louella Franke (Sarah Miget)
John Genola (Verna Tucker)
Penni Gronewald (Jayne Jepsen)
Peter Hernon (Elaine Alton)
Sharon Hesse (Barb Krieger)
Jan Hilton (Zeita Reed)
Jeff Johns (Denice Johns)
John Kieschnick (Peggy Kuerschner)
Bill Knehans (Bob & Barb Knehans)
Catherine Loney (Nicole Alton)
Sandy Longo (Randy Jones)
Lisa Markel (Grace Randazzo)
Elaina, Ian & Megan Martin (Helveys)
Malu Martin (Dawn Kahler)
Kenny & Lois Meyer
(Carla Cooper, Karen Copper)
Mike (Debbie Parks)
Ginny Niewald (Niewalds)
Paul Palombi (Diane Palombi)
Vera Piazza (Robert & Sherry Piazza)
Cindy Preston (Maryanne McDaniel)
Drew Quinn (Terry Hardy)
Loyce Sagez (Randy & Denise Sagez)
Sherrill Schlimpert (Loretta Ezell)
Blake Schmalzer (Rebecca Schmalzer)

Ray Schmitt (Ron Doerr)
Rosemary Schreiber (Peggy Gallagher)
Sara Shroth (choir accompanist)
Stanika Todorova (Paul & Juliana Frerichs)
Mike Vanover (Jayne Jepsen)
Frank Wachter (Elaine Howard)
Lance Watkins (Jesse Smith)
Bobette Wetzal (Faith Blackwell)
Sandy Wischmeyer (Marilyn Mana)
John Allquist III, **Duane** Stuewe (Janet Allquist)
Carson Aston, **Chlaara** Aston,
Sharon Staten (Lisa Aston)
Joanne Bonney, **Shirley** Moore
~ (Greg & Judy Bonney)
Maureen King, **Ryan** Wells (Kathleen Day)
Lois Jobe, **Ron** Kasten (Jan Flentke)
Laura & Mark Gilson (David Gilson)
Tim Deppe, **Rich** Waiwood
~ (Kent & Janine Haffer)
Alicia Kleb, **Marian** Schwentker; **Andy**
& **Alicia** Kincaid; **Cindy** Kincaid
(Michelle Kincaid)
George & Sandra Roberts
~ (Elma Jane Kramer)
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)
Charlotte Gaines, **Nisseem**, **Daniel**,
Dr. **Eric** Semler; Rev. **Richard** Nelson
(Sandra Semler)
Wilma Pfifts, **John** Halverson
~ (Patrick Szopinski)
Katie & Dan Bohle (Susan Williams)

Holy Cross Weekly Calendar

Saturday, February 1, 2025

3PM Holy Communion

Sunday, February 2, 2025

8AM Holy Communion
 9:30AM Education Hour
 10:45AM Holy Communion
 11AM to 3PM LYF Taping
 1:30PM Board of Elders
 2 to 4PM Caroling to Nursing Homes

Monday, February 3, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
 9:30AM TOPS (Rm 1&2)
 9:30-9:50AM Preschool Gym Time
 11AM Line Dancing
 1:30-1:50PM Preschool Gym Time
 6:30PM Handbells

Tuesday, February 4, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
 9AM Preschool Chapel
 9:10-9:30AM Preschool Gym Time
 10AM Women's Bible Study
 12:30PM Staff Meetings
 6:30PM Adult Bible Class

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
 9AM/1PM Preschool Chapel
 9:30AM Adult Bible Class
 11-11:20PM Preschool Gym Time
 1:30-1:50PM Preschool Gym Time
 6PM Beginner Bell Choir
 6PM Children's Choir
 6:30PM Midweek
 6:30PM Confirmation
 6:30PM LYF
 6:45PM Adult Choir

Thursday, February 6, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
8AM News & Notes Deadline
 9:10-9:30AM Preschool Gym Time
 2PM Preschool Board
 6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Study

Friday, February 7, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
 9:30-9:50PM Preschool Gym Time
 1:30-1:50PM Preschool Gym Time

Saturday, February 8, 2025

9AM—2PM Grace Guild Bake Day
 with Confirmands: Kitchen, North Gym
 10AM Quilting Fellowship
 3PM Holy Communion
 + Valentine Bake Sale after service

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Valentine Bake Sale after services
 8AM Holy Communion
 9:30AM Education Hour
 + Confirmation Check in with Pastor Kohm
 10:45AM Holy Communion

Church Attendance for Jan. 25-26, 2025

Service	Attendance	Communion
SAT., 3PM	62	57
SUN., 8AM	136	104
SUN., 10:45AM	116	100
TOTAL	314	261

Bible Class Attendance Week of Jan. 26, 2025

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	2
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	16
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	10
Sunday Adult Bible Class	53
TLC/BASICS	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	17
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	5
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM	36
Wednesday Nights	42
20s&30s Thursday	9

Weekly Offerings: January 20-26, 2025

General Fund	\$ 12,950.60
Endowment	\$ 0.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,020.00
Missions Weekly	\$ 530.00
Missions Total 2025	\$ 990.02

Year to Date as of 11/30/2024

Income	\$ 679,220.38
Expenses	\$ 669,277.13
Surplus	\$ 9,943.25

H.O.P.E. FOOD MINISTRIES

Weekly Totals: January 29, 2025
 Families: 79
 Individuals: 258

Prayer List for Active Military:

Dominic Bisesi, Andrew Chema; Timothy Daniels, Josh Linn, Justin Quinn, Joshua Rainwater, Jackson Redfield, Jesse Smith, and Matthew Thornton.

HOPE Ministries requests these items for February: Peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, canned tomatoes, soup, oatmeal, toilet paper. . Place items in the box under the Mission Board display in the Welcome Center. No expired goods can be accepted.

MISSION BOARD

The Board provides **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

The 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.

PAUSE ON PILL BOTTLE COLLECTION:

The response has been GREAT! However, we must put a **pause on collecting** these items until later this year. Keep cleaning and delabeling bottles! Thanks for recycling!

PORTALS OF PRAYER for January-March 2025 & *The Lutheran Witness (January 2025)* are available on the Welcome Center table.

SING AWAY THE WINTER BLUES: Are you tired of the snow and cold temperatures? January and February are often seen as the most depressing months. That is particularly true for elderly people in nursing homes. Here is your opportunity to help change that for yourself and them. On **Sun., Feb. 2**, we will visit several area nursing homes and sing hymns with the residents. You can pick your favorite uplifting hymn, and we will ask them to pick theirs. This is before Lent so you can even select hymns with "alleluias" in them! February is known as the love month, and here is our chance to share the love of Jesus with our community. Sign up on the sheet in the Welcome Center. People of all ages (elderly people love hearing young children sing!) and abilities are invited to join us. We will meet at **2PM** in the parking lot and be done by 4. Hymnals will be provided.

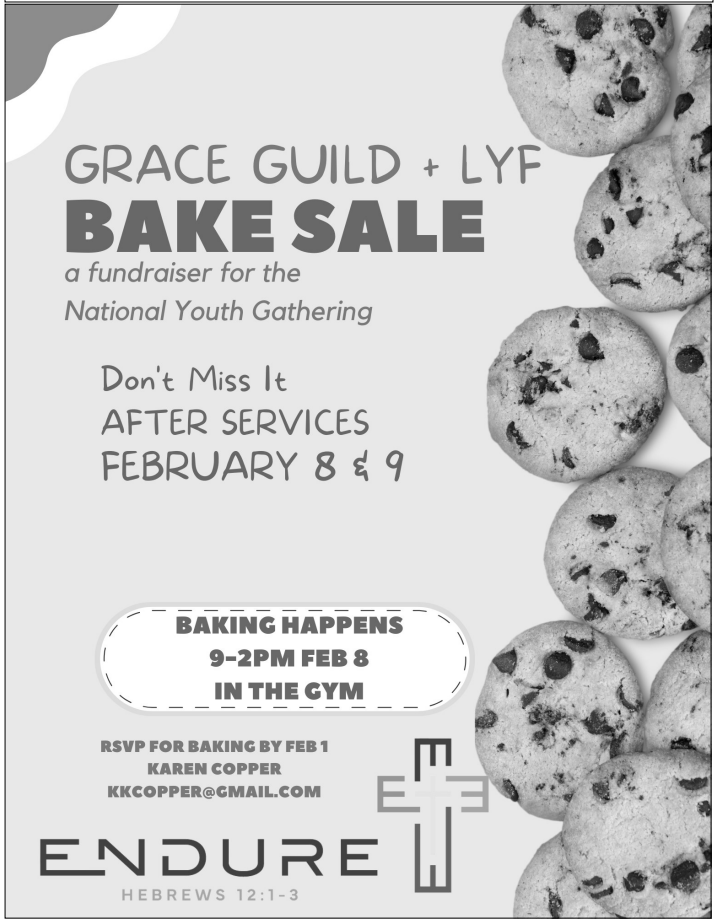
2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS were emailed between Jan. 21—Jan. 24, 2025, to individual members or the Heads of Household. Paper contribution statements or those without an email address were mailed Jan. 30, 2025. **If you have any questions, please reach out to Brenda Marhanka (bookkeeper@hcross.com) or Darlene Drilling, (treasurer@hcross.com).**

CALENDAR NOTE: HOPE Seeds is canceled for Thurs., Feb. 6. Please pray for the recovery of Louella Franke, HOPE Seeds organizer.

LENT begins Ash Wednesday, March 5. We are looking for groups **who will serve Lenten dinners** before the 7PM services. Call the church office to book your group's date to serve!

The Holy Cross Ladies Guild will hold its annual **PLANT AND FLOWER SALE** again this year! It's cold now, but planting season will be here before you know it! Orders will be taken during the first three weekends in March and delivery will be the first weekend in May.

THANK YOU To My Brothers and Sisters in Christ: I want to thank all of you for your prayers, cards, well wishes and food for my family during my recent illness, surgery and hospitalization. It was a comfort to know I had so many prayers being said for my family and me. It is truly a blessing to be part of such a loving church community. I hope to be able to see you soon.~ Karen Belter



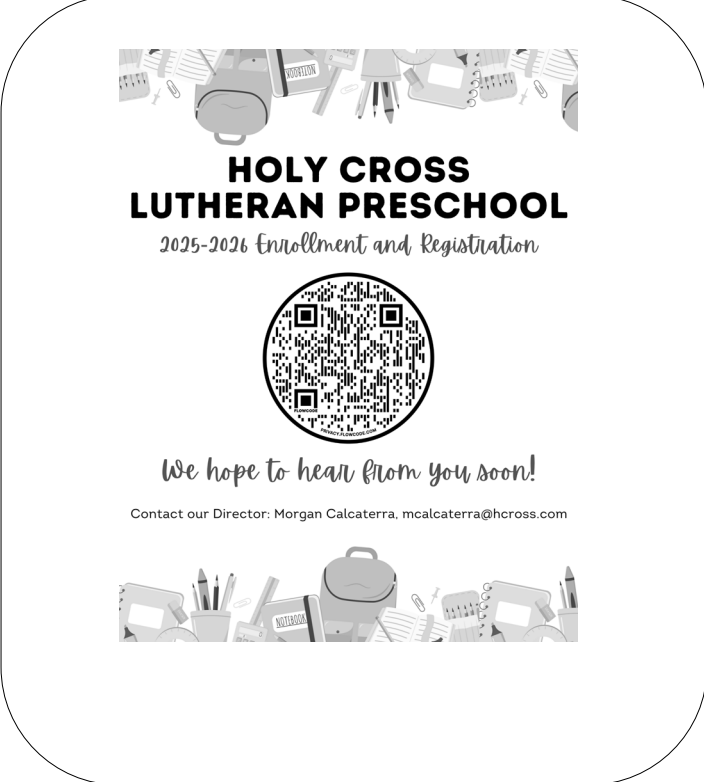
GRACE GUILD + LYF
BAKE SALE
a fundraiser for the
National Youth Gathering

Don't Miss It
AFTER SERVICES
FEBRUARY 8 & 9

BAKING HAPPENS
9-2PM FEB 8
IN THE GYM

RSVP FOR BAKING BY FEB 1
KAREN COPPER
KKCOPPER@GMAIL.COM

ENDURE
HEBREWS 12:1-3



HOLY CROSS
LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL
2025-2026 Enrollment and Registration

We hope to hear from you soon!

Contact our Director: Morgan Calcaterra, mcalcaterra@hcross.com

Holy Cross Youth Presents

SPAGHETTI
DINNER

Help get our youth to New Orleans in July 2025!

2.22.25
6-8:30 PM
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM

Come for great food, entertainment, and a silent auction.

Tickets are available until starting Jan 25.

ENDURE
HEBREWS 12:1-3

SPONSORED BY
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

MOVIE NIGHT

February 7
Time: 6:30pm

\$2 PER TICKET AT THE DOOR

RSVP DUE FEB 2
SIGN UP IN WELCOME CENTER

Featured Film: **Moana 2**
Location: Town Square Cinema in Dardenne Prairie

MEET IN THE SANCTUARY

LED BY PASTOR KOHM

09 FEBRUARY

09:30 AM

CONFIRMATION

CHECK-IN

ALL LEVELS

Parents and Youth Invited

Immanuel Lutheran Annual Sausage Dinner

Sunday, February 2, 2025

10:30AM- 5:00PM

Adults \$15

Children 4 yrs-10 yrs old \$7
Children 3 yrs old and under FREE

Sausage, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Sauerkraut, Green Beans,
Applesauce, Bread and Assorted desserts

Cash, Check or Credit Card
Dine-in or Carry-out orders taken

Immanuel Lutheran Church
115 S. 6th Street, St. Charles, MO

Grow + Serve in Christ

If you would like to learn how you can **volunteer** with the *Empowered by Christ: Enriching Our Future Capital Campaign*, please contact Mr. Butch Powley, Donor Relations Coordinator at powley@lhssc.org or Dr. Doug Kuhlmann, Head of School at dkuhlmann@lhssc.org.

Lutheran High School seeks faithful individuals to fill positions for the 2025-2026 school year: Director of Maintenance, Assistant Principal, Academic Success Coordinator, and teaching positions (Part-Time and Full-Time) in Social Studies, Business, English, and Practical Arts. If you or someone you know feels called to serve in one of these roles, please visit our website to apply or reach out to careers@lhssc.org. Please apply by *Mon., Feb. 3.*

Lutheran High School Trivia Night: Mark your calendars for an evening of fun and friendly competition on Fri., Feb. 28 at the LHS campus. Gather your team of 8, test your knowledge, and enjoy a night filled with laughter, great questions, and community spirit. This year's theme *By the Numbers: Jerseys, Records, and GOATS* will revolve around a wide variety of popular culture. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/lhstrivia2025> for more details and to register your team. Don't miss out on this exciting event—bring your A-game and see you there!

CONCORDIA SEMINARY GUILD LUNCH: Fri., March 7, 2025; **Program:** "The Stained Glass Windows of Koburg Hall" *Dr. Gerhard Bode, chairman of the Department of Historical Theology (Rescheduled from Sept. 18, 2024); 11:30 AM:* Registration in Koburg Hall; **Noon:** Luncheon and business meeting *Adoption of new projects for 2025-26; Election of vice president, treasurer, and corresponding secretary;* Cost: \$20 per person; **Deadline:** Feb. 21, 2025. Mail reservation with check(s) payable to Concordia Seminary Guild to: Mary Jane Autry, 2076 Henley Woods, Arnold, MO 63010. Questions? 314-578-9158

SMOKE SAUSAGE SUPPER, Sun., Feb. 16, 2025, 11:30AM to 6:30PM, Zion Lutheran Church (3866 S. Old Highway 94, St. Charles, MO 63304). Dine in (all you can eat): Adults \$15; Children 5 & under — Free. Drive thru takeout dinners: \$15. Phone: 636-441-7425. www.zionharvester.org

Weekly Flowers: Sign up in the Flower Book in the Welcome Center. Write checks to "Holy Cross Lutheran Church" and put "Altar Flowers" on the memo line. Put checks in the blue envelopes and in the wooden box on the Flower Book table between the restrooms. Flowers can also be paid by using the online giving site. Flowers can be picked up after Christmas services to enjoy at home! **Flowers will not be on the altar in Lent (March 5 to April 6).**

FLOWER BOOK: The Flower Book is located on the table between the restrooms in the Welcome Center. It has been updated for 2025 and ready for reservations.

PLEASE PICK UP: There are a number of items on the shelf by the kitchen that need to be picked up. Please pick up all dishes left outside the kitchen.

Holy Cross Buy/Sell Facebook Group
A 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 and keep them updated! Let us know if prayers have been answered. Some family and friends have been on the list for five or six years, but we do not know their current status. Use a prayer card, or call or email the church.