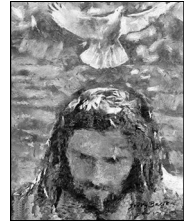




The Baptism of Our Lord

News & Notes for January 11-12, 2025



WELCOME TO EVERYONE joining us
for worship today.

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

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Services held in Sanctuary:
Saturdays, 3PM,
Sundays, 8AM & 10:45AM
Live Stream on Sunday at 8AM
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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WE PRAY for our members:

Karen Belter; **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; **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;
Darlene Rhodes; **Ron** Rutledge; **Carol** Santoyo; **Vita** Sayers; **Winnie** Thornton;
Charles Wardenburg; **Larry** Williams; **Ernestine** Wilson.

WE PRAY for our family and friends:

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)
Norma Cooper (Wendy Tentschert)
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)
Louella Franke (Sarah Miget)
Patty Gunnufson (Chris Price)
Denise Heins (Becky Coomer)
Peter HERNON (Elaine Alton)
Sharon Hesse (Barb Krieger)
Jan Hilton (Zeita Reed)
Jeff Johns (Denise Johns)
Catherine Loney (Nicole Alton)
Sandy Longo (Randy Jones)
Denora Lum (Darlene Wischmeyer)
Lisa Markel (Grace Randazzo)
Elaina, Ian & Megan Martin (Helveys)
Malu Martin (Dawn Kahler)
Kenny & Lois Meyer
(Carla Cooper, Karen Copper)
Mike (Debbie Parks)
Shirley Moore (Judy Bonney)
Ginny Niewald (Niewalds)
Paul Palombi (Diane Palombi)
Vera Piazza (Robert & Sherry Piazza)
Cindy Preston (Maryanne McDaniel)
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)
Jim Smith (Jesse Smith)
Stanika Todorova (Paul & Juliana Frerichs)
Frank Wachter (Elaine Howard)
Colleen West (Bob & Sue Williams)
Bobette Wetzel (Faith Blackwell)
Sandy Wischmeyer (Marilyn Mana)
John Allquist III, **Duane** Stuewe (Janet Allquist)
Carson Aston, **Chlaara** Aston,
Sharon Staten (Lisa Aston)
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)
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)
Charlotte Gaines, **Nisseem**, **Daniel**,
Dr. **Eric** Semler (Sandra Semler)

WE PRAY with those who rejoice: Callahan Francis Sampl, son of Zach & Claire Sampl, was born Sun., Jan. 5. His grandparents are Dave & Mary Sampl.

WE PRAY with those who mourn: Bonnie Schaeffer, sister of David (Kathy) Weseman, entered the Church Triumphant on Sat., Jan. 4. Also, Helen Ham, a relative of Verna Tucker, died this week. Helen was the mother of Verna's daughter -in-law.

Holy Cross Weekly Calendar

Saturday, January 11, 2025

10AM Quilting Fellowship
 10:30AM Grace Guild Brunch—Offsite
 3PM Holy Communion

Sunday, January 12, 2025

8AM Holy Communion
 9:30AM Education Hour
 10:45AM Holy Communion
 Noon: NYG Meeting
 1:30PM Board of Elders (rescheduled)

Monday, January 13, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9:30AM TOPS
 11AM Line Dancing
 6PM Church Boards
 6:30PM Handbells
 7:30PM Church Council

Tuesday, January 14, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11AM

9AM Preschool Chapel
 9AM Quilting
 10AM Women's Bible Study
 12:30PM Staff Meetings
 1:30PM Evangelism Board
 5:30PM Preschool Board
 6:30PM Adult Bible Class

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9AM/1PM Preschool Chapel
 9:30AM Adult Bible Class
 6PM Beginner Bell Choir
 6PM Children's Choir
 6:30PM Midweek
 6:30PM Confirmation
 6:30PM LYF
 6:45PM Adult Choir

Thursday, January 16, 2025

8AM News& Notes Deadline

10AM-3PM: American Red Cross Blood Drive
 6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Study

Friday, January 17, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON, 1 TO 4PM

FEBRUARY KOINONIA DEADLINE

10AM Ladies Guild (Rescheduled)
 9PM-9AM Sat: Youth Lock-in

Saturday, January 18, 2025

9AM-2PM Church Game Day
 3PM Holy Communion

Sunday, January 19, 2025

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

Church Attendance for Jan. 4-5, 2025

| Service | Attendance | No Communion |
|---------------|------------|--------------|
| SAT., 3PM | 88 | 82 |
| SUN., 8AM | C | — |
| SUN., 10:45AM | C | — |
| TOTAL | 88 | 82 |

Bible Class Attendance Week of Jan. 5, 2025

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

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|-----------------------------|----|
| Little Lambs, Sunday | c |
| Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5 | c |
| Sunday School: Gr. 6-12 | c |
| Sunday Adult Bible Class | c |
| TLC/BASICS | NA |
| Tuesday Women's 10AM | c |
| Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM | NA |
| Men's Breakfast & Bible | C |
| Wednesday AM | 19 |
| Wednesday Nights | 26 |
| 20s&30s Thursday | 10 |

Weekly Offerings:

Dec. 30, 2024 — Jan. 5, 2025

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| General Fund | \$ 13,569.34 |
| Endowment | \$ 150.00 |
| Building Fund | \$ 165.00 |
| Missions Weekly | \$ 1,077.25 |
| Missions Total 2025 | \$ 70.00 |

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 8, 2025
 Families: 42
 Individuals: 128

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 from Holy Cross for January: canned beef stew, canned chili, sloppy joe sauce, ramen noodles, gravy. Place items in the box under the Mission Board display in the Welcome Center. No expired goods can be accepted.

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, and we do not know their current status. Use a prayer card, or call or email the church.

USHERS' NOTE: Please sign up at least one week in advance of when you serve so that the Together We Serve chart is accurate when printed in the bulletin. Having servers listed in the bulletin informs pastors and elders about who is serving for the services. Bulletins are created on Mondays. Thanks for the consideration.

PLEASE PICK UP: There are a number of items on the shelf by the kitchen that need to be picked up: three cartons of Girl Scout Cookies, peppermints, and other items. 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

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.**

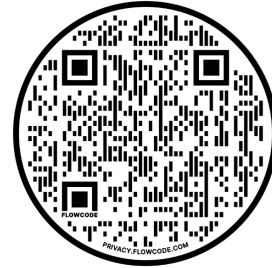
**Tickets are available
until starting Jan 25.**

ENDURE
HEBREWS 12:1-3



HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

2025-2026 Enrollment and Registration



We hope to hear from you soon!

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



2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: The Stewardship Board plans to save paper, envelopes, and postage this year by **emailing the 2024 Member Contribution Statements**. The 2024 Contribution Statement emails will go out between Jan. 21 – Jan. 24, 2025, to individual members or the Head of Household members for families. Paper contribution statements will be printed for those without an email address and available for pickup in the Welcome Center during church services the weekend of Jan. 25-26, 2025. Any paper copies of Contribution Statements not picked up that weekend will be USPS mailed on or about Jan. 31, 2025. If you have any questions, please reach out to Treasurer@HCross.com or Bookkeeper@HCross.com.

Walther League 2.0, an intergenerational Bible Study that will take place every 3rd Wednesday of the month, will begin Jan. 15 in the LHS Library. This unique gathering offers a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, spiritual growth, and connection across generations as we explore the Book of Revelation together. The morning will begin with fellowship from 8:00-8:30AM (coffee and snacks provided by LCEF), followed by Bible Study from 8:30-9:15 AM. From 9:15-9:30AM, there will be a time for interaction with LHS students, and the morning will conclude with Chapel at 9:45AM. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors, and join us in growing together in faith and community. We look forward to seeing you there!

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

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 will 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.

KOINONIA DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY: Submit articles or pictures from December activities by Fri., Jan. 17, for the February monthly newsletter.

VBS 2025 IS COMING!

PLEASE SAVE THE FOLLOWING AT YOUR HOMES TO BE TURNED IN WHEN WE GET CLOSER TO VBS.

- OLD ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS TREES (LIGHTS NOT NECESSARY)
- LARGE GIFT WRAP TUBES

VBS
JUNE 16-20



NYG 2025 Meeting!
January 12
Noon in the gym
Pizza Lunch

Topics of the meeting

- Fundraising
- Transportation
- Timeline
- \$150 Due Jan 31
- Expectations

Current 8th - 12th Graders



ENDURE
JULY 19-21, 2025 - NEW ORLEANS, LA

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
8945 VETERANS MEMORIAL HWY


GAME DAY

1.18.2025

BRING GAMES | BRING FOOD | HAVE FUN

Doors Open from 9-2 pm

HCCROSS.COM/YOUTH

American Red Cross

BLOOD DONORS MAKE A DIFFERENCE.


Schedule today!

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

Thursday, January 16, 2025
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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

Come give Jan. 1-26 to automatically be entered for a chance to win an exciting trip for you and a guest to Super Bowl LIX in New Orleans! Includes travel, hotel, \$1,000 gift card, pre-game activities and more! Terms apply; visit RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl.



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

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Immanuel Lutheran
Annual Sausage Dinner
Sunday, February 2, 2025

10:30AM- 5:00PM

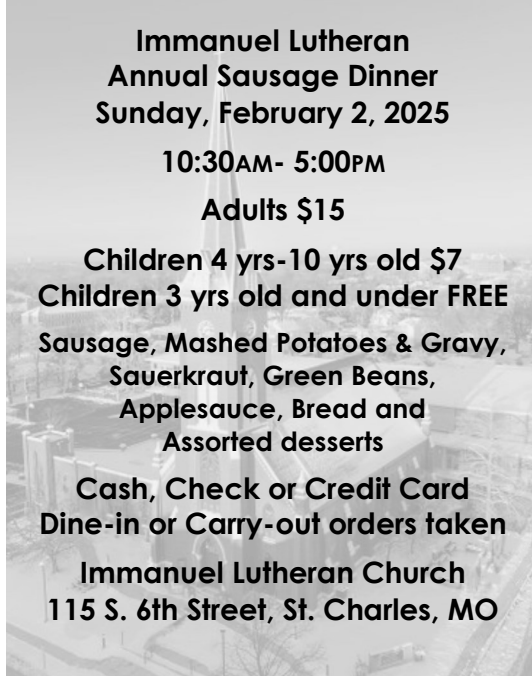
Adults \$15

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

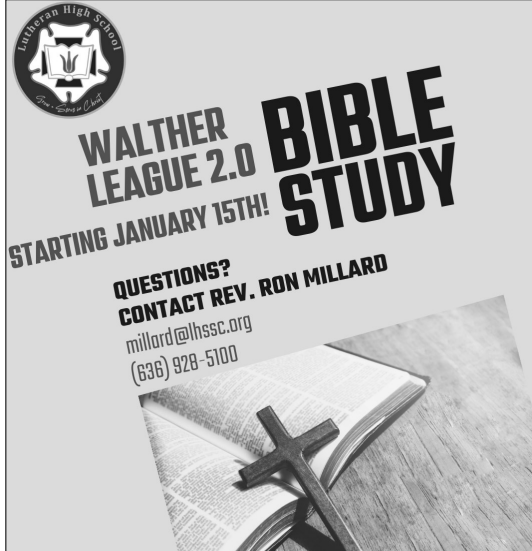
Immanuel Lutheran Church
115 S. 6th Street, St. Charles, MO



Walther League 2.0 BIBLE STUDY

STARTING JANUARY 15TH!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT REV. RON MILLARD
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