

Our Mission:
With the help of God,
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
grows disciples
and transforms hearts
for Christ.
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Saturdays, 3PM,
Sundays, 8AM & 10:45AM
Live Stream on Sunday AT 8AM
Education Hour AT 9:30AM
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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 636.272.4505 secretary@hcross.com



St. Titus, Pastor and Confessor

News & Notes for January 25-26, 2025

WELCOME TO EVERYONE joining us for worship today.

WE PRAY for our members:

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)

Jim Smith (Jesse Smith)

Stanika Todorova (Paul & Juliana Frerichs)

Mike Vanover (Jayne Jepsen)

Frank Wachter (Elaine Howard)

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) **Wilma** Prifts, **John** Halverson

~ (Patrick Szopinski)

Katie & Dan Bohle (Susan Williams)

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.

Holy Cross Weekly Calendar

Saturday, January 25, 2025

TICKET SALES BEGIN FOR SPAGHETTI DINNER 3PM Holy Communion

Sunday, January 26, 2025

8AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour 10:45AM Holy Communion

Monday, January 27, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9:30AM TOPS

10:30AM LWML Rally Joint Meeting

~ Welcome Center 11AM Line Dancing 6:30PM Handbells

Tuesday, January 28, 2024

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

Wednesday, January 29, 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 30, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON 8AM News& Notes Deadline 6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Study

Friday, January 31, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

10:30AM Ladies Guild Audit Team (Rms 1&2)

Saturday, February 1, 2025

3рм Holy Communion

Sunday, February 2, 2025

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

Church Attendance for Jan. 18-19, 2025				
Service	Attendance	No Communion		
SAT., 3PM	63	60		
SUN., 8AM	91	71		
SUN., 10:45AM	98	77		
TOTAL	252	208		

Bible Class Attendance Week of Jan. 19, 2025				
NA=not applicable; NR=not reported; C= cancelled				
Little Lambs, Sunday	3			
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	14			
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	8			
Sunday Adult Bible Class	43			
TLC/BASICS	NA			
Tuesday Women's 10ам	17			
Tuesday Evening, 6:30рм	NA			
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA			
Wednesday AM	23			
Wednesday Nights	42			
20s&30s Thursday				

Weekly Offerings: January 13-19, 2025				
General Fund	\$	15,286.58		
Endowment	\$	10.00		
Building Fund	\$	0.00		
Missions Weekly	\$	195.02		
Missions Total 2025	\$	460.02		

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 22, 2025 Families: 59 Individuals: 193

Prayer List for Active Military:

Dominic Bisesi, Andrew Chema;

Timothy Daniels, Josh Line

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.

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.



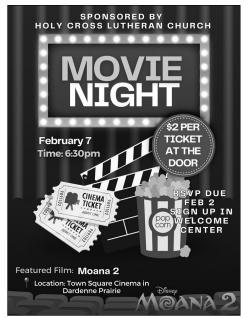
2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: The Stewardship Board plans to save paper, envelopes, and postage this year by *emailing the 2024 Member Contribution* **Statements.** The 2024 Contribution Statement emails will go out between Jan. 21 – Jan. 24, 2025, to individual members or the Head of Household members 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.





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.





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!

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



As LHS prepares to launch the Empowered By Christ: Enriching Our Future Capital Campaign, faculty and staff are busy creating communication materials and planning informational events through February.

In early March, the Active Phase of the campaign begins by mailing the campaign case statement to the LHS community. This booklet includes information about the positive impact on the lives of our students through the campaign projects, which include a catering kitchen, science classroom renovations, Commons (worship space/theatre) renovations, and other projects.

Throughout the Spring, everyone will be invited to a campaign event. These events will be an opportunity to understand and celebrate the campaign projects within the context of our school mission to "Grow and Serve in Christ."

We believe Christ empowers our work on behalf of our students, and we are excited to share updates about our campaign progress. Check back each week to learn more about our goal to enrich the future of Lutheran High School and our students.

Lutheran High School seeks passionate and faithful individuals for the 2025-2026 school year. These positions are available: 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**. Join us in our mission of equipping young people to Grow and Serve in Christ!

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!

The Sapphires Dance Team is excited to host their **Annual Daddy-Daughter Dance on Sat., Feb. 1,** in the LHS Commons from 6-8PM! Visit https://tinyurl.com/annualdddance2025 to register! Join the Sapphires for a night of dancing and fun! Can't wait to see you there!

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