



*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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The Epiphany of Our Lord News & Notes for January 4-5, 2025

WELCOME TO EVERYONE joining us
for worship today.

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)
Patty Gunnufson (Chris Price)
Helen Ham (Verna Tucker)
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)
Bonnie Sehafter (David Weseman)
Sara Shroth (choir accompanist)
Jim Smith (Jesse Smith)
Stanika Todorova (Paul & Juliana Frerichs)
Frank Wachter (Elaine Howard)
Colleen West (Bob & Sue Williams)
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)



Holy Cross Weekly Calendar

Saturday, January 4, 2025

9AM Undecorating Church of Christmas
 3PM Holy Communion
 + Installation of Church Officers & Boards

Sunday, January 5, 2025

The Epiphany of Our Lord (observed)
 Installation of Church Officers & Boards
 at all services
 8AM Holy Communion
 9:30AM Education Hour
 10:45AM Holy Communion
 1:30PM Board of Elders

Monday, January 6, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
 9:30AM TOPS
 11AM Line Dancing
 6:30PM Handbells

Tuesday, January 7, 2024

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11AM
 9AM Preschool Chapel
 10AM Women's Bible Study
 12:30PM Staff Meetings
 6PM Boards of Education & Youth
 6PM Boards of Mission & Stewardship
 6:30PM Evangelism Board
 6:30PM Preschool Board
 6:30PM Spaghetti Dinner Plan Meeting

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
 6:30AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
 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 9, 2025

8AM News & Notes Deadline
 Circuit Meetings for Called Workers
 6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Study

Friday, January 10, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON, 1 TO 4PM
 10AM Ladies Guild

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

Church Attendance for Dec. 28-29, 2024

Service	Attendance	No Communion
SAT., 3PM	54	—
SUN., 8AM	63	—
SUN., 10:45AM	92	—
TOTAL	209	—

Bible Class Attendance Week of Dec. 29, 2024

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

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	c
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM	c
Wednesday Nights	c
20s&30s Thursday	c

Weekly Offerings: Dec. 23-29, 2024

General Fund	\$ 29,347.70
Endowment	\$ 0.00
Building Fund	\$ 2,220.00
Missions Weekly	\$ 307.00
Missions Total Sept-Dec	\$ 11,871.05

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: Dec. 30, 2024
 Families: 44
 Individuals: 150

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

ALTAR FLOWERS this weekend are placed to the glory of God by Mike & Dawn Kahler and their family, as they celebrate 50 years of marriage on Jan. 5.

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!

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.

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.

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 PUT 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.

INSTALLATION RITE
for all Newly-Elected and Incumbent
CHURCH OFFICERS, COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS, ELDERS, as well as Officers of Auxiliary Groups (Altar Guild, LWML Guilds, and others) will take place

Jan. 4-5, 2025, at all services.

If you are a recently elected official or an incumbent, attend the service of your choice. Please participate in the installation rite.

HOLY CROSS LEADERSHIP—2025
CHURCH OFFICERS, COUNCIL BOARDS, & ELDERS

POSITION	NAME
Executive Committee	
President	Greg Emerick
Vice President	Todd Rasche
Council Secretary	Barb Grosch
Treasurer	Darlene Drilling
Board of Elders	
Ed Belter	Neal Menscher
Mike Claxton	Rob Paoletti
Solomon Conrad	Chris Price
Ralph Erickson	Bruce Richardson
Kent Haffer	Joe Snyder
Paul Helvey	Don Wischmeyer
Board of Stewardship	
Chair	Ashleigh Wallace-Lacey
Financial Secretary	Karen Belter
Member	Cynthia Menscher
Member	Mike Kahler
Board of Youth	
Member	Trudy Belter
Member	Jennifer Reed
Board of Education	
Member	Gail Hardebeck
Member	Karen Copper
Member	Jaymie Price
Board of Evangelism	
Chair	David Schlesselman
Member	Joy Wisa
Member	Mark Hoemann
Board of Property	
Chair	Mark Ziolko
Member	Terry Hardy
Member	David Weseman
Board of Missions	
Chair	Liz Belter
Member	Diane Jones
Member	Emily Kahler
Member	Jerry Lancour
Board of Technology	
Chair	Tim Laufer
Member	Paul Helvey
Member	Jeff Waltersdorf
Preschool Board	
Chair	Bruce Linn
Member	Elizabeth Rasche
Member	Chris Storm
Member	Jenna Haffer
Member	Sue Williams
Director	Morgan Calcaterra

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 19-23, 2024 - NEW ORLEANS, LA

DOOR PRIZES ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH HARVESTER \$10 PER YOUTH

LATE NIGHT
Middle School
JANUARY 3
7-11PM

BRING FOOD DONATIONS FOR ST. TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH **PIZZA** **RSVP DUE DEC 29**



Give blood like lives depend on it.



American Red Cross

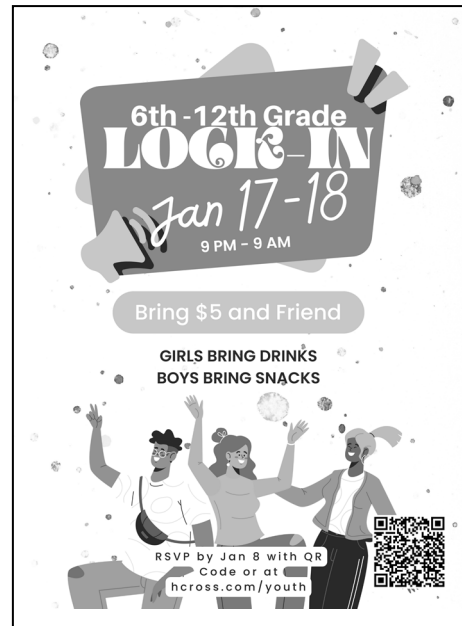
BLOOD DRIVE ~ Holy Cross Gym
Thursday, January 16, 10AM-3PM
Visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: HolyCrossLC to schedule an appointment

6th -12th Grade LOG IN
Jan 17-18
9 PM - 9 AM

Bring \$5 and Friend

GIRLS BRING DRINKS
BOYS BRING SNACKS

RSVP by Jan 8 with QR Code or at hcross.com/youth



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

HCROSS.COM/YOUTH



LUTHERAN HIGH NEWS:

Applications are being accepted for new students to join Cougar Nation! Re-enrollment information for current students for the **2025-2026 school year** will be sent out in February. Please keep an eye on email for details about the process, important dates, and any updates for the new school year.

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!

Order an LHS Cookbook while supporting a great cause! More than 65 delicious recipes submitted by the community! Perfect as a valuable addition to your recipe collection. Pricing: Printable PDF: \$10. Printed Recipe Book: \$15. All proceeds support LHS Prom! Order here: <https://form.jotform.com/243234143735048>

LHS presents...Pop Culture Trivia Night! "By the Numbers: Jerseys, Records, and GOATS". Friday, Feb. 28, 2025. Doors Open: 6PM. Trivia Begins: 7PM. Location: LHS Commons. Teams: Up to 8 members. Ticket Sales open soon—stay tuned for more details! Don't miss this exciting evening of trivia and friendly competition!

