



*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.

CHURCH OFFICE

CHECK WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR UPDATES
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Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

News & Notes for February 8-9, 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;
Doris Coots; **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.

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)
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)
Roy Price (Chris Price)
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)
Christine Scott (Dianne Helvey)
Sara Shroth (choir accompanist)
Stanika Todorova (Paul & Juliana Frerichs)
Mike Vanover (Jayne Jepsen)
Frank Wachter (Elaine Howard)
Lance Watkins (Jesse Smith)
Bobette Wetzel (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 & Edna McCarty (Orion Melton)
Tim Colvert; **Michelle** Showe
~ (Neil & Cynthia Menscher)
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 Prifts, **John** Halverson
~ (Patrick Szopinski)
Katie & Dan Bohle (Susan Williams)

Holy Cross Weekly Calendar

Saturday, February 8, 2025

9AM—2PM Grace Guild Bake Day
with Confirmands: Kitchen, North Gym
10AM Quilting Fellowship (South Gym)
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

Monday, February 10, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9:30AM TOPS (Rm 1&2)
9:30-9:50AM Preschool Gym Time
11AM Line Dancing (Gym)
11AM Ladies Guild Audit Team (ROOM 1&2)
1:30-1:50PM Preschool Gym Time
6PM Council Board Meetings
6:30PM Handbells
7:30PM Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9AM Preschool Chapel
9:10-9:30AM Preschool Gym Time
10AM Women's Bible Study
12:30PM Staff Meetings
6PM Grace Guild
6:30PM Adult Bible Class

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

6:30AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
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 13, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

8AM News & Notes Deadline

9AM Workshop/Circuit Pastors at Holy Cross
9:10-9:30AM Preschool Gym Time
10:30AM Preschool Valentine's Celebration
6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Class

Friday, February 14, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

8AM Koinonia Deadline

10AM Ladies Guild (Gym)
2:30PM Preschool Valentine's Celebration (Gym)

Saturday, February 15, 2025

11AM—3:00PM Private Party (Gym)
3PM Holy Communion

Sunday, February 16, 2025

8AM Holy Communion
9:30AM Education Hour
+ Midweek Teachers' Meeting
10:45AM Holy Communion

Church Attendance for Feb. 1-2, 2025

Service	Attendance	Communion
SAT., 3PM	62	59
SUN., 8AM	117	95
SUN., 10:45AM	86	74
TOTAL	265	228

Bible Class Attendance Week of Feb. 2, 2025

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

Little Lambs, Sunday	4
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	15
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	9
Sunday Adult Bible Class	47
TLC/BASICS	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	20
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	NA
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM	33
Wednesday Nights	32
20s&30s Thursday	

Weekly Offerings: January 27-February 2, 2025

General Fund	\$ 26,101.79
Endowment	\$ 0.00
Building Fund	\$ 120.00
Missions Weekly	\$ 1,163.25
Missions Total 2025	\$ 1,200.10

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: February 2, 2025
Families: 57
Individuals: 182

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.

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).**

LENT begins Ash Wednesday, March 5. We are looking for six groups **who will serve Lenten dinners** before the 7PM services. Three groups have signed up: Ladies Guild, March 5; Grace Guild, March 12; Missions/Stewardship, March 19. Open dates are: March 26, April 2, and April 9. The March Koinonia Deadline is Feb. 14, so please contact the church office this week at secretary@hcross.com to book your group's date to serve. Then we can get it on the church calendar and in the March Koinonia where we will start publicizing dates, groups, and menus. Thank you!

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.

THE MISSIONS AND STEWARDSHIP BOARDS will work as a team this year with common goals and objectives. **ENDURE**, the theme this year, aligns with the Youth and Education Boards, and the National Youth Gathering. We encourage you to read the February *Koinonia* article for our plans. Currently, we are collecting **MOTQ donations to support the Pacific Southwest District and wildfire relief**. Several churches are in the path, and many families have been affected. To learn more, visit the district website, <https://www.psd-lcms.org/disaster-response>. You will also find blank cards on the missions table in the Welcome Center where you can write encouraging notes and prayers for these families and we will mail them for you. Please return the completed cards to the box on the table.

For February, we will sponsor the St. Louis Crisis Nursery by **collecting purses/handbags** for moms in need. Please drop off any new or gently used purses/handbags in the labeled blue bin under the Mission table. This is a quick turnaround: all bags need to be in the blue bin by 2/26/25 for delivery on time.



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 Youth Presents

SPAGHETTI
DINNER

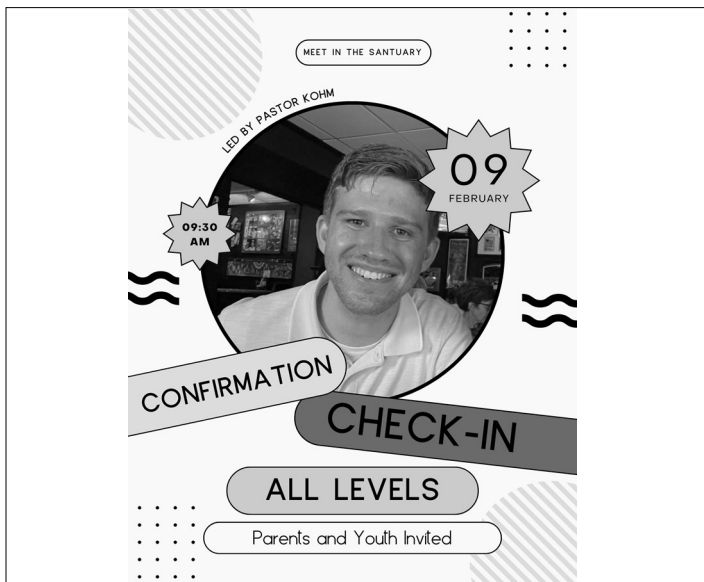
Help get our youth to New Orleans in July 2025!

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



MEET IN THE SANTUARY

LED BY PASTOR KOHM

09 FEBRUARY

09:30 AM

CONFIRMATION

CHECK-IN

ALL LEVELS

Parents and Youth Invited




HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

2025-2026 Enrollment and Registration



We hope to hear from you soon!


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


MO District Youth Gathering

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6th-12th Graders
April 4-6 \$60 per youth
Cross Point Retreat Center
Rocky Mount, MO
Registration Due March 2



Grow + Serve in Christ



Teenagers highly value two things: food and friends. Healthy diets lay the foundation for lifelong well-being! Good nutrition is crucial for high school students because it directly affects their brain development, energy levels, focus, and mental health, all vital for academic success. The **LHS catering kitchen**, one of the projects of our upcoming *Empowered By Christ: Enriching Our Future* capital campaign, will support our students in both areas. Students will be able to select from several options of hot food, cold sandwiches, salads, and grab-and-go options; then walk right across the hall to enjoy some essential social time with friends as they eat. The kitchen will be installed in the current storage space near the Commons. Meals will be prepared and provided by Food Service Consultants (FSC), a St. Louis area catering company that provides healthy meals for more than 70 schools in the St. Louis area. We are excited about this important addition to our building!

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.

Join us for our Junior Cougars Football information meeting on Mon., Feb. 24 at 6:30PM in the LHS Library. Find out the mission, vision, and blueprint of relaunching the Junior Cougars Football program!

Join us for Pink Out Week as we come together to support an amazing cause! Catch the Boys Basketball games on Tues., Feb. 25, and the Girls Basketball games on Wed., Feb. 26. Don't miss the Miracle Minute at halftime during the varsity games! Enjoy exciting performances by the Cheerleaders and Sapphires, grab delicious food from special vendors, and get in on the pink pom giveaways, t-shirt, and sock sales! Stay tuned for more details and get ready to pink out the stands in support of a great cause!

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 diners: \$15. Phone: 636-441-7425. www.zionharvester.org

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.