

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



# The Transfiguration of Our Lord

News & Notes for March 1-2, 2025

**WELCOME TO EVERYONE** joining us for worship today.

### **WE PRAY for our members:**

Bob Aubertin; 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; Edna Deubel; Brenda Duncan; Renea Erickson; Rich Franzer; Janice Fred; Peggy Gallagher; Connie Gamache; Karen Heckman; Marie & Vernon Herrington; Karen Heckman; Lizzie Johansmann; Ron Kettler; Deborah Kiely; Judith Kirby; 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) Peter Hernon (Elaine Alton) **Sharon** Hesse (Barb Krieger) Jan Hilton (Zeita Reed) **Jeff** Johns (Denice Johns) **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)

**Rosemary** Schreiber (Peggy Gallagher)

**Christine** Scott (Dianne Helvey) **Michelle** Showe (Cynthia Menscher) Sara Shroth (choir accompanist) **Stanika** Todorova (Paul & Juliana Frerichs) **Rita** Unzer (Karl Schnoor) 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) Eddie Collier, Bruce Brown, Rush Brown ~ Denise Collier 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)

Brian Rubar, Chase Russell, Carol Sills

**Amy** Mueller, **Larry** Schenk (Carol Santoyo)

Dr. Eric Semler; Rev. Richard Nelson

Charlotte Gaines, Nisseem, Daniel,

Katie & Dan Bohle (Susan Williams)

Wilma Prifts, John Halverson

(Barb Parson)

(Sandra Semler)

~ (Patrick Szopinski)

**For those Who Mourn:** We pray for the family of Phyllis Gronewald, who entered the Church Triumphant on Fri., Feb. 28. Arrangements through Pittman Funeral Home are pending.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving:** Barb & Roger Grosch celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Feb. 27, 2025.

# **Holy Cross Weekly Calendar**

Saturday, March 1, 2025
The Transfiguration of Our Lord
~ Ladies Guild Flower Sale Begins
3PM Holy Communion

## <u>Sunday, March 2, 2025</u>

The Transfiguration of Our Lord ~ Ladies Guild Flower Sale Begins

8AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour 10:45AM Holy Communion 1:30PM Board of Elders

# Monday, March 3, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9:30AM TOPS (Rm 1&2)

9:30AM-9:50AM Preschool Gym time

11 AM Line Dancing (Gym)

1:30PM-1:50PM Preschool Gym Time

6:30рм Handbells

#### Tuesday, March 4, 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

1:30<sub>PM</sub> Evangelism Board

6РМ Mission & Stewardship Boards

#### Wednesday, March 5, 2025 ASH WEDNESDAY

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9AM Preschool Chapel

9:30AM Adult Bible Class

11AM Holy Communion

11-11:20AM Preschool Gym Time

1:30-1:50PM Preschool Gym Time

5:30PM Lenten Dinner: Ladies Guild

5:30-7PM Lenten Devotional Night: Church-wide

7PM Holy Communion

# Thursday, March 6, 2025 OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON 8AM News& Notes Deadline

9AM to Noon: HOPE Seeds (Gym) 9:10-9:30AM Preschool Gym Time 2PM Preschool Board 6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Class

Friday, March 7, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9:30AM-9:50AM Preschool Gym Time 1:30PM—1:50PM Preschool Gym Time

#### Saturday, March 8, 2025

Ladies Guild Flower Sale

10 AM TO 2PM: Quilting Fellowship (GYM) 3PM Holy Communion

- + Adult Baptism: Hannah Cotner
- + Baptism Reception in gym

# Sunday, March 9, 2025

Ladies Guild Flower Sale

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

Church Attendance for Feb. 22-23, 2025				
Service	Attendance	Communion		
SAT., 3PM	54	52		
SUN., 8AM	120	101		
SUN., 10:45AM	128	95		
TOTAL	302	248		

Bible Class Attendance Week of Feb. 23, 2025				
NA=not applicable; NR=not reported; C= cancelled				
Little Lambs, Sunday	5			
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	16			
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	13			
Sunday Adult Bible Class	61			
TLC/BASICS	NA			
Tuesday Women's 10ам	13			
Tuesday Evening, 6:30рм	5			
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA			
Wednesday AM	42			
Wednesday Nights	42			
20s&30s Thursday	11			

Weekly Offerings: February 17-23, 2025				
General Fund	\$	12,756.31		
Endowment	\$	10.00		
Building Fund	\$	20.00		
Missions Weekly	\$	175.02		
Missions Total 2025	\$	2,806.29		

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 26, 2025 Families: 74 Individuals: 233

Prayer List for Active Military:
Dominic Bisesi, Andrew Chema;
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. Bins are under or on LWML table.

**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.



LENT begins Ash Wednesday, March 5. We are looking for six groups who will serve Lenten dinners before the 7PM services. Ladies Guild will host the Ash Wednesday dinner beginning at 5:30PM through 6:45PM. Menu: Chili Dogs, Relish Trays, and Homemade Desserts. Three other

groups have signed up: Grace Guild, March 12; Missions/Stewardship, March 19; and Elders, April 9. Open dates are: March 26 and April 2. Contact the church office at secretary@hcross.com to book your group's date to serve.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONAL ACTIVITY THIS WEEK:** While dinner is being served in the gym on Ash Wednesday, DCE Charity Smith will host a *build-your-own Lenten devotional activity*. Five colored slips of paper represent a different activity. You will build your own devotional by picking one slip of paper for every day during Lent. This event will be hosted from 5:30-6:45PM in the gym. Just find Charity for directions.

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE**: Do you still have trouble putting names together with the faces of people you meet at church? Additional copies of the pictorial directory from two years ago have been printed and are. available in the Welcome Center by the registration desk. A \$5 donation is suggested to cover printing. Get to know your family members at Holy Cross.

**THE HOLY CROSS LADIES GUILD FLOWER AND PLANT SALE** starts on March 1 and continues until March 16. Many beautiful varieties are available to order. All plants and flowers are from Parkview Gardens, a long-time florist and nursery in St. Charles. Please visit the sales table in the Welcome Center before or after services. Items must be paid for when ordered and will be delivered the first weekend in May. Proceeds will be donated to the St. Louis Crisis Nursery.

**CONCORDIA SEMINARY RETREAT:** Interested in a distinctively Lutheran retreat that offers an introduction to life as a seminarian, time to spend in God's Word, and the opportunity to learn from some of the brightest theologians in the church? Concordia Seminary, St. Louis invites you to attend *Vocatio: Retreat* — a three-day retreat (April 6-8, 2025) geared toward college students and second-career men and women who are considering serving as a pastor, deaconess, missionary, or chaplain. Visit **csl.edu/vocatio-retreat**. Registration closes on March 21.

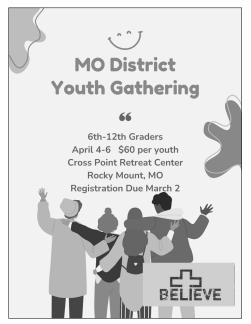
**DINNER THEATER:** For 45 years Our Savior Lutheran Church in St. Charles has been hosting a melodrama to entertain friends and family. On March 14, 15, and 16, they will host their 45th annual show. This year's production is "How the West was Worn...or...Black Hat Optional". The cast of 14 has been working hard on this funny show since early January. Since it is a dinner theater, fried chicken with all the fixings will be served on Friday and Saturday. For adults, wine will be served with the meal. Tickets are \$25 a person for Friday and Saturday. The Sunday matinee will feature a mostaccioli luncheon for \$12.50. For ticket and meal information, please go to <a href="https://oslcecc.square.site">https://oslcecc.square.site</a> select "Melodrama". Or contact their church office at 636-947-8010.

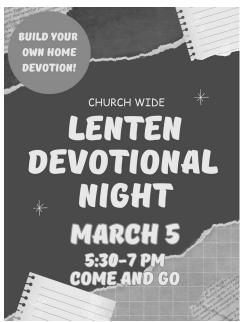
Note from Pastor Jason: Holy Cross will celebrate a special baptism for Hannah Cotner on Sat., March 8. I met Hannah and her husband Alex through a phone call that Alex gave the church office asking us to baptize their children, Teegan (6) and Mickey (4). Several months ago, Teegan was diagnosed with a tumor on her brain stem and given six months to live—but we rejoice that she is currently doing far better than her doctors predicted! As I got to know this family, I learned that Hannah hasn't been baptized yet, and I praise God that she desires to be baptized too. The whole congregation is invited to attend the 3PM service on the 8th, as well as a cake and punch reception following the service to rejoice with this family that Jesus has claimed as His own!

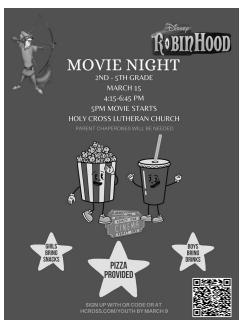


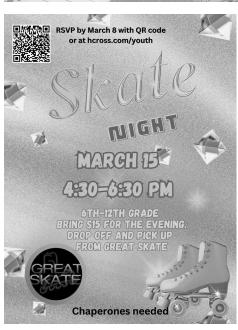
STUDY GRANTS AVAILABLE: Attention High School Seniors and College Students planning a career in **Church work:** The Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Missouri District, has study grants available for the 2025-2026 school year. Men and women enrolled in a University or Seminary of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod preparing for full-time professional church work or as a colloquy student may apply. Applicants must be a member of a congregation located in the Missouri District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod or of an English and SELC District congregation active in the LWML located in Missouri for 12 months before applying. The Study Grant program is unique as recipients are chosen according to financial need and commitment to Christian service. Applications and instructions may be downloaded from the Missouri District website at www.missourilwml.org (under forms) or from the CWSG chairman at lwmlmostudygrant@yahoo.com. Completed applications must be received by mail or electronically by APRIL 15, 2025. Incomplete applications will not be considered. No application will be considered if not complete.

**ALLELUIA BASKETS:** Packing Easter baskets will be on **March 21 from Noon to 1PM** at 1016 Rock Creek Elementary Dr. O'Fallon, MO 63366 (Lower Level, First Brick Building on the Right.) If you would like to join us, please sign up on the sheet in the Welcome Center. A list of items needed for the baskets will be revealed soon, for those who would like to donate. If you have any questions call Darlene Drilling 636-293-2353. For more information, go to alleluiabaskets.org











EC 202

Sunday April 13

2:00 PM & 4:30 PM

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Passion Play



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# **LENTEN MEALS**

Our tradition of dinners before the 7PM service starts on March 5.

Dinner served from 5:30 to 6:45PM in the gym

# Ash Wednesday —March 5, 2025

Host: Holy Cross Ladies Guild Menu: Chili Dogs, Relish Trays, Homemade Desserts

### Lent 2-March 12, 2025

Dinner Host: Grace Evening Guild Menu: Casseroles, Bread sticks, Salads, Desserts

#### Lent 3—March 19, 2025

Dinner Host: Mission/Stewardship Boards Menu: Sloppy Joes

# Lent 6-April 19, 2025

Dinner Host: Board of Elders Menu: Burgers & Hot Dogs

# **Lutheran Education Tuition Assistance**

Holy Cross Lutheran Church supports families who desire a Lutheran Education. Students who, along with parent(s) or legal guardian(s), are members of Holy Cross are eligible for Tuition assistance. Students must be enrolled in grades K-12 at an LCMS Lutheran school in St. Charles County or in a Concordia University System (LCMS) higher education institution.



Applications are in the Welcome Center and must be turned in by March 31.



Online registration for the 2025 LWML Convention

opens March 1!