



*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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Saturdays, 3PM,

Sundays, 8AM & 10:45AM
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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 Fourth Sunday in Lent

News & Notes for March 29-30, 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; **Electra** Day; **Logan** Day; **Shirley** Day; **Bob & Carolyn** Delohi; **Edna** Deubel; **Brenda** Duncan; **Renea** Erickson; **Rich** Franzer; **Janice** Fred; **Peggy** Gallagher; **Connie** Gamache; **Karen** Heckman; **Marie** Herrington; **Lizzie** Johansmann; **Mike** Kahler; **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)
Luella Franke (Sarah Miget)
John Genola (Verna Tucker)
Peter Hernon (Elaine Alton)
Sharon Hesse (Barb Krieger)
Joan Hicks (Karen Steinbruegge)
Jan Hilton (Zeita Reed)
Jeff Johns (Denice Johns)
Bill Knehans (Bob & Barb Knehans)
Catherine Loney (Nicole Alton)
Sandy Longo (Randy Jones)
Amy Loyd (Millie Bisesi)
Lisa Markel (Grace Randazzo)
Malu Martin (Dawn Kahler)
Kenny & Lois Meyer
(Carla Cooper, Karen Copper)
Mike (Debbie Parks)
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)
Dunker-Mitchell/Focke Family;
Niermeier/Kastens Family; Marra/
Brown Family (Peggy Kuerschner)
John Bach, **Rachel** Long (Betty Lee)
Virginia and **Mike** Niewald (Niewalds)
Pat & Edna McCarty (Orion Melton)
Brian Rubar, **Chase** Russell, **Carol** Sills
(Barb Parson)
Amy Mueller, **Larry** Schenk (Carol Santoyo)
Charlotte Gaines, **Nisseem**, **Daniel**,
Dr. **Eric** Semler; **Larry** Kremer (Sandra
Semler)
Wilma Prifts, **John** Halverson
~ (Patrick Szopinski)
Katie & Dan Bohle (Susan Williams)

Prayer List for Active Military: **Dominic** Bisesi, **Andrew** Chema; **Josh** Linn, **Justin** Quinn, **Joshua** Rainwater, **Jackson** Redfield, **Jesse** Smith, and **Matthew** Thornton.

Holy Cross Weekly Calendar

Saturday, March 29, 2025

3PM Worship Service (no communion)*
 + Preschool Butter Braids Fundraiser
 (Sale Ends April 5)

Sunday, March 30, 2025

Preschool Butter Braids Fundraiser (Ends April 5)
 8AM Worship Service (no communion)*
 9:30AM Education Hour
 + Sunday School Pretzel-Making (kitchen)
 + Adult Bible Class in Sanctuary
 10:45AM Worship Service (no communion)*
 Noon: Otto Baby Shower (gym)

Monday, March 31, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9:30AM TOPS (Rm 1&2)
 9:30-9:50AM Preschool Gym
 11AM Line Dancing
 1:30-1:50AM Preschool Gym
 6:30PM Handbells

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9AM Preschool Chapel
 9:10-9:30AM Preschool Gym
 10AM Women's Bible Study
 12:30PM Staff Meeting
 6PM Missions & Stewardship Boards

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9AM Preschool Chapel
 9:30AM Adult Bible Class
 11AM Lenten Service
 11-11:20AM Preschool Gym
 1:30PM-1:50PM Preschool Gym
 5:30PM Lenten Dinner: Council
 6:15PM Beginning Bells
 6:15PM Children' Choir
 7PM Lenten Service
 8PM Adult Choir

Thursday, April 3, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

8AM News & Notes Deadline

9AM HOPE Seeds
 9:10-9:30AM Preschool Gym
 2PM Preschool Board
 6:30PM 20s&30 Bible Study (Rm 1&2)
 6:30PM HOA Meeting (Gym)

Friday, April 4, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

MISSOURI DISTRICT YOUTH GATHERING (4/4-4/6)

9:30AM-9:50AM/1:30PM-1:50PM Preschool Gym

Saturday, April 5, 2025

9AM SHINE Event (see Welcome Center Table)
 5PM Holy Communion (**NEW TIME!!**)
 + Preschool Butter Braids Fundraiser **FINAL DAY**

Sunday, April 6, 2025

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

Church Attendance for March 22-23, 2025

Service	Attendance	Communion
SAT., 3PM	67	64
SUN., 8AM	113	85
SUN., 10:45AM	79	74
TOTAL	259	223

Midweek Lent 3	Attendance	
March 26, 11AM	42	—
March 26, 7PM	78	—
TOTAL	120	

Bible Class Attendance Week of March 23, 2025	
<small>NA=not applicable; NR=not reported; C= cancelled</small>	
Little Lambs, Sunday	2
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	16
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	6
Sunday Adult Bible Class	56
Tuesday Women's 10AM	17
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	5
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM Bible Class	31
Wednesday Nights	NR
20s&30s Thursday	13

Offerings: March 17-23, 2025	
General Fund	\$ 17,893.68
Endowment	\$ 10.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00
Missions Weekly	\$ 700.02
Missions 2025	\$ 5,618.56

Year to Date as of 02/28/2025	
Income	\$ 115,161.53
Expenses	\$ 130,043.22
Deficit	\$ (14,881.69)

HOPE Ministries requests these items for APRIL: Jelly, pasta sauce, tuna helper, gravy (cans, jars, envelopes), pancake syrup. Place items in the box under the Mission Board display in the Welcome Center. **No expired goods.**

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 April-June 2025 & *The Lutheran Witness* are available on the Welcome Center table.

H.O.P.E. FOOD MINISTRIES

Weekly Totals: March 26, 2025
 Families: 67
 Individuals: 233

SERVICES THIS WEEKEND: Since this is the fifth Sunday of the month, worship services do not include Holy Communion.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS (9:30AM) will be presented by Pastor Kohm and Music Director David Gilson in the Sanctuary. The topic is "Lenten Art: Denial of Peter."

PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER: Preschool offers its annual Butter Braids fundraiser where coffee cakes, cookies, pizzas, and other goodies are featured. This is the final full weekend to order, March 29-30. Orders **close on Sat., April 5**, with a **pickup date of April 12** from 9AM to NOON. Order forms are in the Welcome Center.

LENTEN SERVICES are scheduled at 11AM and 7PM each Wednesday in Lent.

SATURDAY SERVICE TIME CHANGE: Starting **April 5**, the Saturday service moves to **5PM**.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE: Additional copies of the 2023 pictorial directory 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.

From STEWARDSHIP: Join us in **Mission Clean Stream** in Cottleville, MO on **April 5, 2025**. Typically, this event lasts 2 hours in the morning. We will start at 9AM and pick up trash until 11AM or until we clean up our assigned area, whichever happens first. We will meet in our assigned area, and donuts will be provided for breakfast! More information will be provided once Cottleville releases its group assignments. Sign up on the Welcome Center table, use the QR code, or use the church website Events page.



TRANSFER FOR LUTHERANS CLASS: If you have been visiting with us and would like to transfer your membership to Holy Cross, we invite you to attend our Transfer for Lutherans Class on **Sun., April 13, from 9:30 to 10:30** in Room 1&2 downstairs. You will meet other new members, and the Pastor will share information about different programs at Holy Cross. We welcome you to our Holy Cross family and look forward to growing our faith life together.

GARDENING PLOTS: The Community Garden at Holy Cross will operate this summer with 24 plots each 10 feet by 12 feet. Compost was applied last fall, and the soil will be tilled for planting. You plant, water, weed, and harvest the plants of your choice. Holy Cross members pay \$20 for the season, and community members garden for free. To reserve a plot, contact David Schlesselman at 636-578-1766 or daschlesselman@gmail.com.

OUTBACK CAMPOUT: MAY 16-17, 2025 * * * SAVE THE DATE * * * A change this year is a charge for overnight campers to cover the cost of meals on Saturday. Adults and children 12 and over will be \$10, children 5-11 will be \$8, and under 5 at no charge. More registration information is coming after Easter

ELDERS AND CONGREGANT COMMUNICATION

Please contact any Elder whose picture is displayed in the Welcome Center if you have questions or concerns regarding services, policies, procedures, personal issues, or other issues. You may also contact either Pastor Personal issues will be kept confidential.

JOIN OUR HUGE
**EASTER
EGG HUNT**
APRIL 12
11AM
**TODDLERS TO
5TH GRADE**
Please bring your own basket
or bag. Friends and family
are welcomed!
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
8945 VETERANS MEMORIAL PKWY

THANKS TO THE EGG FILLERS: Many hands make light work. Thanks to so many helpful volunteers on March 26, we filled 1,600 eggs in just over one hour Wednesday evening. Workers, you were awesome.

EGG HUNT SUPERVISION: Volunteers are needed at the Community Easter Egg Hunt on Sat., April 12. Your help will be needed from about 11AM until noon. We need people for each age group to supervise the collection, collect emptied plastic eggs, and distribute treats and books. If you are interested and available to help for those two hours, please sign up on the Welcome Center table.

Easter
Breakfast
Join us for pastries on
Easter morning in the gym
from 7-11 am.
Free will donations are welcomed for the youth.
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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.



2025 New Melle Community Passion Play

New Melle Sports and Recreation
4700 Hwy Z New Melle, MO 63365

Saturday April 5
7:00 PM

Sunday April 6
2:00 PM & 4:30 PM

Saturday April 12
7:00 PM

Sunday April 13
2:00 PM & 4:30 PM

Admission Free

Seating is on First-come First-seated basis

For groups or more information

Call 636-384-0576
Or Email
nmpassion@gmail.com

Check us out:
Facebook us at:
New Melle Community Passion Play



LENTEN MEALS

Served from 5:30 to 6:45PM in the gym

April 2, 2025

Dinner Host: Council
Menu: To Be Announced

Lent 6—April 19, 2025

Dinner Host: Board of Elders
Menu: Pancakes & Sausages

Grow + Serve in Christ



LHS NEWS:

Tickets are available for *Mary Poppins!* Performances will be April 3-5, starting at 7PM! Visit <http://lutheranstcharlestheatre.ludus.com> to purchase tickets. If you want to pay with cash, tickets will be available at the door! Plenty of reserved seating is available in the first 3 rows for each performance.

HELP WANTED: LHS seeks dedicated individuals who align with our mission to Grow and Serve in Christ to join our team for the 2025-2026 school year. Current open part-time positions: Student Services Secretary,

Sports Media Teacher, Practical Arts/Business Teacher. Visit the LHS website to apply under "Work at LHS" or reach out to careers@lhssc.org.

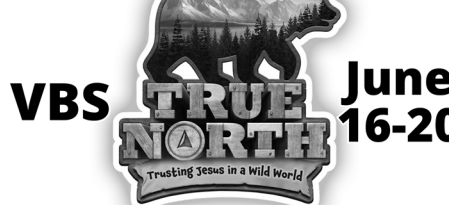
LHS vs. LHSS at BUSCH The Lutheran Cougars baseball team competes against the Lutheran South Lancers at Busch Stadium on May 4. Game time is 1:15PM. Tickets are \$35/person (\$70 value) and include a jumbo hot dog and soda. LHS is competing with Lutheran South to sell more tickets to its community! Contact the LHS Athletics office to purchase tickets.

MISSIONS AND STEWARDSHIP BOARDS:

MOTQ donations will 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.

3 yr olds and potty trained to entering 5th grade



Family Dinner 5:00-6:00 pm
VBS 6:00-8 pm

Registration is open!

Register by May 24 and get a FREE themed t-shirt

To register, volunteer or donate, visit hcross.com/vbs

Immanuel Lutheran Wentzville IS HIRING

JOB POSITIONS

- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
- HUMAN RESOURCE PROFESSIONAL
- RECEPTIONIST

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE IF INTERESTED
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41ST BIENNIAL CONVENTION
Omaha, Nebraska
June 26-29, 2025

Online registration for the 2025 LWML Convention opens March 1!



PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL

Toddlers through high school members are invited to process into the Palm Sunday morning (April 13) services holding palm branches.

Please gather in the Welcome Center 5 minutes before the service.

Older students will guide the younger ones into the Sanctuary and back to their parents.