



Holy Cross Lutheran Church

A Member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Education Hour: Sunday 9:00 am

Worship Service: Sunday 10:00 am

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Rev. Tyler McMiller, Missionary

Michael Conroy, Vicar

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Jaxon Pigg, Acolyte

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

August 23, 2026

10:00 A.M.

Prayer upon entering the Sanctuary: Our Lord Jesus, you have endured the foolish questions and demands of every generation. Forgive us for trying to judge you and help us likewise to accept all people as our brothers and sisters. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Welcome to Holy Cross! We are happy to have you worshipping with us this morning. We pray that your worship will glorify God and edify you. May your life's work truly glorify the God of our salvation. God bless your worship. Come again soon.

Vacation: Pastor Stefanic will be on vacation this week. He will be back in the office on Sunday, August 30. He will be driving the children to the Senior High Retreat on Saturday, August 29. If in need of pastoral assistance, please contact an Elder or leave a voicemail on the church phone.

Our Worship on the Twelfth Sunday After Trinity:
The Liturgy: LSB Divine Service Three, p. 184ff
Hymn of Invocation: LSB #902 *Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now*
Hymn of the Day: LSB #820 *My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker*
Closing Hymn: LSB #797 *Praise the Almighty*
Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 29:17-24
Epistle Reading: Romans 10:9-17
The Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

How We Praised the Lord Last Week in The Parish:
Worship Attendance: 66; a year ago, 61
Communed: 47; a year ago, 46
Sunday School:..... 16; a year ago, 8
Table Talks: 11; a year ago, 7

At Work and Worship This Week in The Parish:
Saturday: Senior High Retreat @ Good Shepherd, Collinsville
Sunday: Sunday School/Table Talks 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

** Please sign in the record book in your pew.



Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week in The Parish:

August 24 – Kate Mosbacher
25 – Oliver Roth
25 – Tim and Christi Keller (A)
26 – Larry Mueller

Spiritual Discipline (August): Read One Old Testament
Chapter and One New Testament Chapter Daily

Hymn of the Month (August): LSB #730 *What is the World to Me*

In Our Prayers: Harold Keller; Johanna Dougherty; Henry Koch; Mark Ottoson; Larry Matzenbacher; Kathy Baker; Joe Whelan; Ella Guebert. ***Rich In Years Members:*** Virginia Strong; Roger Johnson; Anita Mueller; Laverne Hinrichs; Wilma Heller; Marlene Deterding; Roger Toenjes; Bonita Kent.

friends and family of members: Jeff Baker; Zaiyah Rain; Jonah Cooksey; Jo Ann Candler; Andrea Kuehner; Dave Moore; Floyd Higgerson; Rosemary Schultheis; Riley Foster; Ashley Schrader; Randy Wetzler; Evelyn Marquardt; Allison Ford; Zachary Glenn; Carolyn Henry; Janine Drury;

Members, family, and friends in the military: John Michael Glossip; Brett Biernbaum; Luke Crider; Gage Baldwin; Madelyn Brown; Stephen Beaulieu; Cameron Hill; Cameron Jackson; Chase Jackson.

Vicar: Michael Conroy

With Child: Sarah Stefanic, Lindsay Phillips

Serving on Sunday August 30:

Head Usher: Jim Seboldt

Ushers: Tim Dougherty, Bella Corona,
Matt Keller, Tad Henry

Acolyte: Cailyn Wilson

Counters: Bill & Sue Kunkel

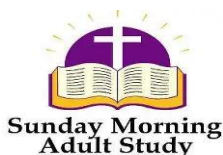


Table Talks: Join us each Sunday morning at 9am for a Bible Study on the book of Exodus. Today our study is centered on chapter 19.

Summer Sunday School: In this study, we will explore the account of the "The Floating Axe Head" from 2 Kings 6:1-7. This miraculous event illustrates God's power and care for his people as God works through Elisha to help a man in need.

Communion Registration: Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday. If you wish to register your intention to partake, please fill out a registration card and place it in a basket on the bulletin table in the back or in the front of church. Cards may be found by the bulletins on the usher table.

Holy Cross Women's Bible Study and LWML

September 2, 2026

10 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the church parsonage

Our topic of study will be God's Heart-Changing "NO" on pages 22 in the Spring 2026 *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*.

Please bring a Bible and your *Quarterly*.

Note: Mite offerings for mission projects will be collected each month we meet. All women of the congregation and their guests are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Extra copies of the Bible study are always available.



Our next Friday morning Bible Study will be **September 4 @ 10 a.m.** Join us for a study through Romans. We are not meeting this week.



Meeting September 2 7:30 pm



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**Board of
CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION**

Meeting September 8 7:15 pm



Meeting September 20 11:15 am



2026 Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Aug 24-28: Pastor on vacation
Aug 29: Senior High Retreat @ Good Shepherd, Collinsville
Aug 31: Wurstmart Committee 6:30 pm
Sep 2: Wm Bible Study 10:00 am & 7:00 pm
Sep 2: Elders' Meeting 7:00 pm
Sep 4: Romans Morning Bible Study 10:00 am
Sep 6: Rally Sunday with Sloppy Joe Cook off
Sep 8: SS Teachers & Bd of Christian Ed Meeting 7:15 pm
Sep 11: Romans Morning Bible Study 10:00 am
Sep 11-12: LWML SID 43rd Biennial Convention
Sep 12: Rural Chester Family Farm Day
Sep 12: Immanuel Lutheran Church Block Party
Sep 13: Rich in Years Sunday
Sep 16: Confirmation Class
Sep 18: Apple butter peeling day 9:00 am
Sep 19: Apple butter cooking day 7:00 am
Sep 20: Council Meeting 11:15 am
Sep 23: Confirmation Class
Sep 24: SID Older Adult Bus Tour 8:30 am
Sep 25: Friday morning Bible Study 10:00 am
Sep 30: Confirmation Class
Oct 2: Romans Morning Bible Study 10:00 am
Oct 4: LWML Sunday
Oct 6: Board of Community Outreach 7:00 pm
Oct 7: Wm Bible Study 10:00 am & 7:00 pm
Oct 7: Elders' Meeting 7:00 pm
Oct 9: Romans Morning Bible Study 10:00 am
Oct 13: Council Meeting 7:00 pm
Oct 16: Romans Morning Bible Study 10:00 am
Oct 17: Church Workday for Wurstmart 8:00 am
Oct 19: Voters' Meeting 7:00 pm
Oct 23: Romans Morning Bible Study 10:00 am
Oct 25: HC Wurstmart
Oct 30: Romans Morning Bible Study 10:00 am

September Voices will be ready next Sunday.



Order of The Service or The Communion

The Epistle (Christmas)

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

What is the meaning of the word Epistle?

An Epistle is a letter. The first Scripture of the Day is called The Epistle, because it is usually taken from the Letters of the New Testament.

What is The Epistle?

The Epistle is the Word which the Holy Spirit addresses to believers through the Apostle, and in which are set forth the faith and life with should characterize them. In the Epistle for Christmas, Paul tells us what the birth of Christ means to us, and describes the manner of life which should follow from our knowledge of this great fact.

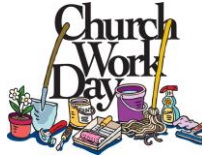
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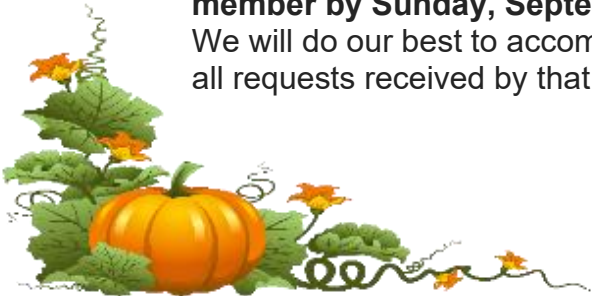
Our **80th Annual Wurstmarkt**
will be held on
Sunday, October 25, 2026.



Wurstmarkt Workday
Is scheduled for
Saturday, October 17, 2026.
Beginning at **8:00 a.m.**

Wurstmarkt Committee Meeting
August 31 at 6:30 pm

If you are unable to work, *have a preferred job assignment or need a specific shift*, notify a committee member by Sunday, September 13.
We will do our best to accommodate all requests received by that time.





Sloppy Jo Cookoff

September 6

11:30 am



If you would like to participate in sharing your recipe,
please let Suzanne know.

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Chips, bread & drinks provided.

Cast your vote & join the fun.

Kickball game afterwards.

Whether you play or cheer on the players,
it will be a joyful time shared by all.
(maybe a little laughter too)

****Disclaimer: Not responsible for injuries or aching muscles**



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Sunday School September Mission Project
Collecting Monetary Items
for

LCMS Disaster Response & Training



HELP
THE VICTIMS
OF DISASTERS



September 13

Rich in Years Sunday

Holy Cross will be celebrating the “Richness” of eight of our church family members. On Sunday, September 13 we will be having a special celebration to honor the following members.

Marlene Deterding

Wilma Heller

LaVerne Hinrichs

Roger Johnson

Bonita Kent

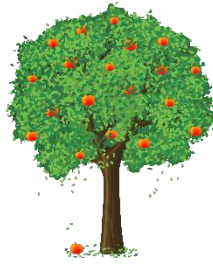
Anita Mueller

Ginny Strong

Roger Toenjes

The celebration will include a special service with a potluck meal. The Board is providing the meat and drinks. Members are welcome to bring sides and desserts to share. A couple fun activities and warm fellowship will follow. Please mark your calendars and invite your friends and family to come join in our celebration!





Apple Butter Days

Apple butter days are coming in September.
There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for anyone
who would like to help.



Sept 18 will be apple peeling day
Bring a pan and paring knife and join us any time after 9:00.
We usually are finished with the job before noon.



Apples will be cooked on Sept 19 beginning at 7:00 am.
Canning the apple butter will start early afternoon.

We have all the jars we need.
Thank you to everyone who donated them.

Apple butter committee: Wayne & Therese Johanning
Bill & Sue Kunkel

Rooted & Grounded in Love

"You, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." Ephesians 3: 17b-19



LWML SOUTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT

43rd BIENNIAL CONVENTION

September 11 – 12, 2026

Metro East Lutheran High School

6305 Center Grove Road
Edwardsville, IL 62025

Saturday Keynote Speaker –

Deaconess Rosie Adle
Co-Author of *LadyLike*
Associate Director of Deaconess
Formation at Concordia
Theological Seminary
Featured Friday-
Rev. Paul Ernewein,
Forged by Fire Ministry

Convention Statement: *By faith, we acknowledge that the grace & love of Christ Jesus for us is the epitome of our salvation. Being rooted and grounded in His love toward us, we may share His great love through our lives toward others, that together we may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

Convention Goals- That by the work of the Holy Spirit, attendees will be

- ✚ Grounded in Christ's love for them
- ✚ Filled with the joy of being rooted in Christ Jesus, their Savior
- ✚ Blessed to go forth & share His fullness & love with others



Ingathering for MELHS
Monetary collection, or
Amazon or Sam's gift cards

Friday, Sept 11: Registration 6:30 p.m.

Activity from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept 12: Registration 7:00-8:20 a.m.

Opening Worship 8:30 a.m.

For more information, go to www.sidlwml.org

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH INVITES YOU TO A FREE COMMUNITY **BLOCK PARTY**

**11 AM – 3 PM SATURDAY, 522 S. CHURCH
SEPT. 12, 2026 WATERLOO, IL**

**Inflatables - Food - Snowcones - Popcorn
Cotton Candy - Quilt Bingo - Carnival
Games - Balloon Artist - Music**





Is being planned for Sarah Stefanic.
More information will be in the September Voice.



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Eve's Restoration Ministries Seeking Property for New Residential Program

Eve's Restoration Ministries is actively searching for a three-bedroom home or a commercial building in the St. Clair or Monroe County area of southern Illinois.

The property will be used to establish Eve's Restoration Home, a residential facility designed to support mothers working toward reunification with their children currently in foster care.

The ministry plans to launch this initiative as a pilot program in the summer of 2027.

Those with available properties for rent or purchase—or anyone wishing to learn more—are encouraged to contact Tony Douglas at 314.717.4471 or evesrestorationhome@gmail.com

Eve's Restoration Home, a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), is dedicated to providing parenting resources and Christ-centered spiritual care in a safe residential setting.

Its mission is to empower mothers to rebuild their lives and reunite their families.

[Eve's Restoration Ministries is a 501c3 Non-Profit Organization](#)