



In Our Prayers This Week



Throughout the week, please keep these people in your daily prayers. As a model for prayer, consider going through the **A.C.T.S. of prayer**. **Adoration**: praising God for who He is. **Confession**: confessing your sins to God, especially those that weigh on your heart. **Thanksgiving**: thanking God for specific blessings. **Supplication**: asking God for help.

For those who are homebound • Val Rakey, Barb Jones, Sharon Estes, Wanda Bollinger, Doug Arnold, Doris Bayuk, Nick Kregge, Caryl Phillips, Pansy Meyer.

For healing and continued recovery • Pete Rust (Archer Mills' grandfather, cancer), C.J. Kintz (recovering from surgery), Nevaeh Schlueter (recovering from open heart surgery), Kelly Sullivan (recovering from knee surgery), Meaghin Schremp (recovering at home), Bill Staffen (Bonnie Keir's brother, cancer), Dustin Hutson (recovering from a brain bleed), Pastor Jim Kirk (treatment for myeloma), Mike Fitzsimmons (chronic prostatitis, pelvic pain), Sue Schweiss (Cathy Dew's sister, back problems), Race and Clarissa (Connie Schwent's niece's children).

For those celebrating birthdays in September • Bonnie Keir (September 1), Wayne Phillips (September 2), Pat Wibbenmeyer (September 4), Pastor Craig Reiter (September 5), Paula Dustman (September 9), Archer Mills' father (September 11), Millicent Manasco (September 14), Connie Skaggs (September 15), Dan Sullivan (September 23), Archer Mills' Grandma Jones (September 25), Terry Bollinger (September 30).

For those celebrating wedding anniversaries in September • Frank & Annette Rolfe (Sept. 15), Dan & Rose Kastrup (Sept. 18), Randy & Linda Ruzicka (Sept. 28).

For those who mourn.

For local, state, and national elected officials • that they uphold goodness and work humbly for those they serve.

For our community • that more people believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

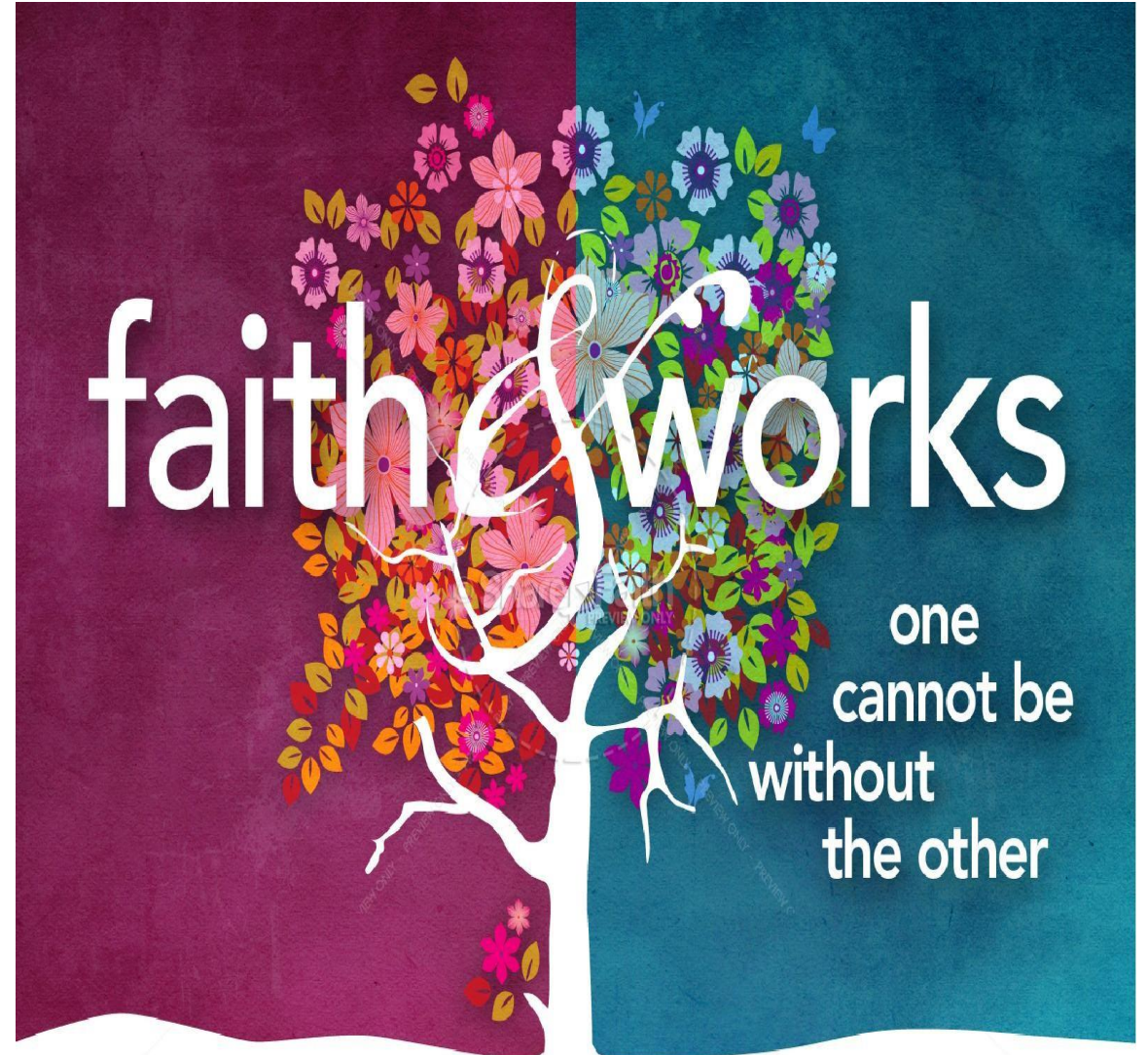
For our circuit congregations.

For our church family • that we are transformed in Christ to share the hope of eternal life.

For missionaries.

For all prayer requests not listed here.

If you desire a prayer request to be printed in the bulletin, please let Pastor Craig or the church office know by email or phone by noon on Wednesday. Other prayer requests may still be prayed for during the church service by writing the request on the attendance card, folding your card in half, and giving it to an usher or placing it in the offering plate. Additionally, if you would like a prayer request removed, please talk to Pastor Craig, or contact the church office. Please note that if no update is given after a month, the prayer request will be removed from the list.



James 2:15-18



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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 8, 2024

Welcome to Holy Cross! We're glad you're here!
Guests and visitors, we invite you to worship with us again soon!

As We Gather • The Readings for today tell us that God will change people's circumstances. Our opening sentences from Isaiah lists those who are blind, deaf, lame, and mute. Instead of advising them simply to pray, Isaiah promises that God will take action, like water in the desert. Among the ways God will help is through His people; according to the advice to James, we, who have been given the gift of faith, are called to be fair in court, to try to keep the entire Law of God, and to see that the people around us are clothed and fed. Jesus casts out demons and heals a deaf man in the Gospel. He is doing no less when we become His caring instruments. Today we let the Word come into us, so that we might be part of God's healing answer to prayer.

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Michael Fitzsimmons in memory of his father, Jerry, who went to his eternal home 10 years ago on September 7, 2014.

Baptized today: Lottie Faye Hutson, daughter of Dustin and Krista Hutson. May her baptism be a constant assurance that she is a child of the Heavenly Father, with many privileges and benefits, including a place reserved for her in heaven.

The Joint Elders' Meeting scheduled for tomorrow has been cancelled this month.

NO Bible Class on Tuesday. The Circuit Meeting will be held.

Plan to attend our Worship Service and Picnic on Sunday, September 29. The service begins at 10:30 a.m. followed by the church picnic lunch. The church will provide hamburgers, brats, and hotdogs. Please bring a side dish to share (salads, fruits, desserts, chips, etc.). We also need volunteers for setting up, taking down, and games. Sign-up sheets are posted on the narthex bulletin board.

Our Father's Business

SUNDAY September 8	MONDAY September 9	TUESDAY September 10	NEXT SUNDAY September 15
9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE Holy Communion BIBLE CLASS after the service	NO Joint Elders' Meeting It has been cancelled this month.	NO Bible Class CIRCUIT MEETING	9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE Holy Communion BIBLE CLASS after the service

Your Financial Support of Your Church	9/1/24	Year-to-Date
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$2,777.00	\$94,418.00
Actual Offerings—including online offerings (budget)	\$2,595.00	\$91,456.82
Ahead/Behind Budget Requirement	-\$182.00	-\$2,961.18
% Ahead/Behind	-6.6%	-3.1%

A Note from Pastor • Dear Church Family: A few weeks ago, I shared that I have received a call from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, to serve as an admissions officer. This means I now have two calls: one to Holy Cross (and through our shared ministry, with Immanuel) and the other to the seminary. Please keep me and my family, Holy Cross, Immanuel, and the seminary in your prayers as I prayerfully deliberate between the two calls and discern where the Lord would have me serve. Your counsel and encouragement are welcomed and appreciated during this process. Thank you and God's peace be with you!
 —Pastor Craig

Upcoming dates available for flowers for the altar: next Sunday—September 15, September 22, September 29 (church picnic), November 3, November 10, November 17, December 1, December 8, December 22 (Advent poinsettias). October has been filled. Thank you! Please clearly print your name and occasion on the flower chart on the wall by the narthex above the water fountain. Please put **\$25** in an envelope; mark it: "Flower Fund"; and place it in the offering plate.