



## *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 Krege, Caryl Phillips, Pansy Meyer.

**For healing and continued recovery** • Dave Doenges (bladder cancer), Kelly Sullivan (recovering from knee surgery), Meaghin Schremp (undergoing chemotherapy for cancer), 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 May** • Annette Rolfe (May 3), Pansy Meyer (May 15), Linda Ruzicka (May 18), Vicky Surman (May 21), Maryann Roth (May 23), Lance Meyer (May 27).

**For those celebrating wedding anniversaries in May** • Ben & LaJune Rottler (May 26).

**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.

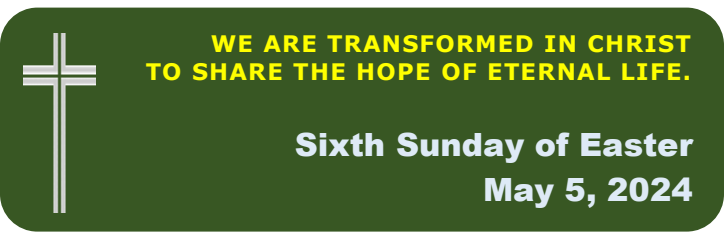
**For our circuit congregations.**

**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.





**Sixth Sunday of Easter** **May 5, 2024**

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

**As We Gather** • A treasured children's song, *I Love to Tell the Story*, has a refrain that follows each of the stanzas penned by poet Arabella Katherine Hankey, repeating the simple words: "I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory, To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love." The original Greek language in which John wrote his Gospel uses the word "love" either as a noun or a verb some nine times in the section of Jesus' words heard in the Gospel for today. Jesus wants His disciples and us to know the abiding power of His love. It is that love that compels us to love one another—and the "others" beyond our circles of family, friends, and other close relationships. We are blessed in hearing the "old, old story of Jesus and His love" anew today. May we be blessed in telling it out in love as well!

**Our guest pastor today is Rev. Russ Bowder, retired pastor from Jefferson City.** Pastor Craig is at Immanuel, Festus, today to help with their confirmation service.

**The minutes from the April Voters' Meeting are available in the members' mailboxes.** Extra copies are on the desk in the back of the sanctuary.

**Joint Elders' Meeting at Immanuel, Festus, tomorrow at 6:30 p.m.**

**Daycare Committee Meeting on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.**

**A copy of the Immanuel—Festus May newsletter is on the desk in the back of the sanctuary.** It is also available to view or print at [www.ilcfestus.org/newsletter](http://www.ilcfestus.org/newsletter).

**We have Mondays and Saturdays open for volunteers to water the outside flowers in the front of church in May.** Each volunteer will water one day a week for the entire month. **Watering in May: Sundays: Betty Schremp. Mondays: open. Tuesdays: Betty Schremp. Wednesdays: Vicky Surman. Thursdays: Mike Fitzsimmons. Fridays: Bonnie Zerwig. Saturdays: open.** If you are willing and able to help, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

## Our Father's Business

| SUNDAY<br>May 5   | MONDAY<br>May 6  | TUESDAY<br>May 7  | NEXT SUNDAY<br>May 12   |
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| <b>9:00 AM<br/>WORSHIP<br/>SERVICE</b><br>Holy Communion<br><br><b>BIBLE CLASS</b><br>after the service | <b>6:30 PM<br/>JOINT ELDERS'<br/>MEETING AT<br/>IMMANUEL,<br/>FESTUS</b> | <b>10:30 AM<br/>BIBLE CLASS</b><br><br><b>7:00 PM<br/>DAYCARE<br/>COMMITTEE<br/>MEETING</b> | <b>9:00 AM<br/>WORSHIP<br/>SERVICE</b><br>Holy Communion<br>Mother's Day<br><br><b>BIBLE CLASS</b><br>after the service |

| Your Financial Support of Your Church                       | 4/28/24         | Year-to-Date       |
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| <b>Weekly Budget Requirement</b>                            | <b>\$2,777</b>  | <b>\$47,209</b>    |
| <b>Actual Offerings—including online offerings (budget)</b> | <b>\$1,440</b>  | <b>\$46,650.78</b> |
| <b>Ahead/Behind Budget Requirement</b>                      | <b>-\$1,337</b> | <b>-\$558.22</b>   |
| <b>% Ahead/Behind</b>                                       | <b>-48.1%</b>   | <b>-1.2%</b>       |

**If you are helping with the Heavenly Hope Food Truck on May 16, please note that this takes place at the Elks Club, not at church.** We need volunteers for **Thursday, May 16, 2024, from noon and 2:00 p.m. at the Elks Lodge** to help distribute the food. Sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary if you can help out on May 16. Thank you!

**Want to give flowers for the altar? The following upcoming Sundays are available: May 26; June 2, June 16 (Father's Day), June 30; all Sundays in July; all Sundays in August.** 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.

**Interested in learning more about the Lutheran faith and membership at Holy Cross? Consider signing up for Adult Instruction Class!** During the season of Easter (March 31—May 19), times are available to meet with Pastor to walk through the chief parts of the Christian faith and what it means to be a member at Holy Cross. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary if interested, and Pastor will reach out to coordinate a time(s) to meet.