

CROSS-WORD NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Saints of Holy Cross,

Greetings in the Blessed Name of Our Lord, Jesus Christ! With this being my first newsletter to you all, I want to lay out the framework for how I will utilize these. First, however, let me say that both me and my wife, Hayleigh, are so very thankful and blessed by the warm welcomes you have given us, along with various gifts and prayers! Most especially, thank you for being patient with me as well while I get things set up properly.

Now, in regard to these newsletters, I want to utilize them in a handful of ways. For starters, if notable things occur here at Holy Cross I will use this to inform everyone of the dealings. Second, if there are controversial or obvious events happening in the secular realm, I may choose to address them here. Finally, I intend to generally use this slot of the newsletter to educate us all on Lutheran Christian doctrine, especially important stuff that many of you never hear about. As for what my first topic will be....I will let you find out yourselves...next month! It could be something about the vestments we use as historic Christians, or maybe our view of the Canon of Scripture, etc. Either way, I believe it will be informative!

All in all, I thank Christ Jesus for each of you and I am overjoyed that you hear the voice of our Lord and come to receive His Gifts of Word and Sacrament often. Praise our Lord Jesus that He has called me to be here to serve you in service of the Triune God alone. Continue to share the Gospel to your neighbors and witness as a Christian to all. Amen.

**In Christ Alone,
Pr. Peyton Holland**

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Bible Study following Sunday
service

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday:
Prayer Service 10:00 AM

Tuesday Bible Study:
10:30-11:30 AM

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jour de Fete - August 8 & 9, 2026.**
 Donations are now being accepted for the Jour de Fete collectibles sale. Please bring items to the old basement. We welcome books, holiday decorations, dishes, pots and pans, toys, tools, small appliances, CDs, DVDs, gently used bedding, crafts, knick-knacks, and jewelry.
Please note the following restrictions:
 - **No** clothing
 - **No** large or heavy furniture (easy-to-carry items only)
 - **No** electronics with rechargeable lithium-ion batteries, old computers, phones, printers, or routers
 - **No** encyclopedias
- Flowers for the altar**
 If you would like to provide flowers for the altar, look for available dates on the flower chart located on the wall by the kitchenette above the water fountain. Please print your name and occasion clearly when signing up and place your payment of \$25 in an envelope marked "Flower Fund" in the offering plate.

WELCOME PASTOR HOLLAND



Welcome Pastor Peyton Holland and his wife, Hayleigh, to Holy Cross Lutheran Church!

We are blessed to welcome Pastor Holland and Hayleigh as they begin their ministry with us.

Pastor Holland will be at Holy Cross on

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays during the day and will lead a Prayer Service at 10:00 a.m. on those days. On Wednesdays, he will be at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Festus as part of our shared partnership with them.

We look forward to growing together in faith and welcoming the Hollands into our church family!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **July 25 – Church Council Meeting**
- **July 26 – Voters Meeting**
- **August 8 & 9 – Jour de Fete**

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

July 7 – Vickie Eisenbeis

July 8 – Jeff Zerwig

July 9 – Jim Port

July 19 – Tara Rottler

July 31 – C.J. Kintz

Wedding Anniversaries

July 9 – Dean and Lisa Schlueter (43 years)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Flower Watering Help Needed –

Signup sheet is on the table in the sanctuary if you are willing to help water the flowers in front of the church this summer.

Jour de Fete – Come join us in serving and enjoying fellowship with fellow members of the congregation and our community!

Volunteers are needed for both indoor and outdoor shifts. Please sign up on the sheet located on the table in the sanctuary.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

LCMS Stewardship

Go ... Sell All You Have?

Originally published July 2023

“What must I do to inherit eternal life?” asked the rich young ruler. Jesus said, “You know the commandments.” And he replied, “All these I have kept from my youth.” And Jesus said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me” (Luke 18:18–22). When we hear this story, this question comes to mind: is Jesus speaking to us also, or only to the rich young ruler? In other words, is Jesus telling us to sell all that we have and give it to the poor?

As good Lutherans, we answer, “No!” But why? Why should we not sell all that we have and distribute it to the poor? The simplest explanation is this: if we sold everything we have, our wife and our children would be neglected. In other words, to sell everything we have and give it to the poor would ignore, even abandon, those whom God has placed in our care. Our money, everything we have, is not to be used solely for the church. But that doesn’t excuse us from using our money for the purpose God intends.

Everyone has three stations in life, three spheres in which we live and are to be of service to our neighbors. These stations are the church, the family, and society. We are members of all three of these by birth. We are born into the church by water and the Word of God, and our duties to others in the church arise from our Baptism into the church. We are born into a family, and our duties to others stem from our birth into that family. Finally, we are born into society, which is simply a further extension of our birth into our family. The duties we have toward other members of society come from either our own birth or the birth of others into the same society.

All that we have and all that we are ought to be pressed into service for the church, the family and society. If we were to sell all we have and give only to one, the other two would be neglected, and we would falter in fulfilling our duties.

So, consider your life and all that you have in light of these three stations. You pay taxes to support and help those in society. You save for college for your children, and provide food, clothing and shelter for the members of your family. But the station that is usually thought of last is the church. Since the needs of the family and society are more immediate, the church is often given what is left over. This is not how it should be. Rather, we are to give of our first fruits, from off the top, the best, even as Abel gave the best of his flock.

This requires forethought. It means that you sit down and make a plan of what you will give from the beginning. It means sticking to it even when it seems that there are other more immediate and pressing things.

And this is all the more necessary now as we enter into periods of time where giving is low due to high unemployment or where restrictions on meeting in church limit opportunities to give. If we love God and His gifts of forgiveness given through the Means of Grace, which we receive at church and only at church, then we will support it, just as we love our country and our family. For all that we have and all that we are is given to us by our gracious God. He spared no expense for us and our salvation. He gave up His Son to death so that our sins are forgiven, and we will live. What’s more, He provides for all that we need for this body and life. And our lives in this world, among these three spheres of church, family and society are to mirror the generosity of the one who gave us life in all three at birth.

Don’t let the church, your divine family, be an afterthought or even ignored. It is nurturing you, bringing you up in salvation through Word and Sacrament.



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- 7:15 a.m. Oratio
- 8:00 a.m. Sharper Iron
- 9:00 a.m. The Coffee Hour
- 9:30 a.m. Sacred Music
- 10:00 a.m. Daily Chapel
LCMS International Center
- 10:30 a.m. Sacred Music
- 11:00 a.m. Thy Strong Word
- 12:00 p.m. Sacred Music
- 3:00 p.m. Issues, Etc.
- 5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 5:30 p.m. Sacred Music

Saturday (Central Time)

- 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 7:30 a.m. Lamplighter Theatre®
- 8:00 a.m. St. Paul's Bible Study
Rebroadcast
- 9:00 a.m. Wrestling with the Basics
- 9:30 a.m. Liberty Action Alert *from LCRL*
- 10:00 a.m. Concord Matters
- 11:00 a.m. Sacred Music
- 4:00 p.m. Worship Service
- 5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 5:30 p.m. Sacred Music

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- 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 7:30 a.m. Worship Anew
- 8:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. St. Paul's Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:00 p.m. Liberty Action Alert *from LCRL*
- 12:30 p.m. The Lutheran Hour®
- 1:00 p.m. Worship Anew
- 1:30 p.m. Sacred Music
- 4:00 p.m. Worship Service
- 5:00 p.m. The Lutheran Hour®
- 5:30 p.m. Sacred Music

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- Friends for Life — *LCMS Life Ministry*
- God's Mission Here — *LCMS National Mission*
- LCMS Worship Institute — *LCMS Office of Worship*
- The Lutheran Witness Podcast — *LCMS Communications*
- Mission Field: USA - Church Planting — *LCMS National Mission*
- Specialized Pastoral Ministry: Bring the Love of Christ
- St. Paul's Bible Study — *St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Des Peres, MO*
- 2019 & 2022 Youth Gathering Sessions — *LCMS Youth Ministry*

KFUO The Lutheran Hour Sermon Schedule

**June 28,
2026**

“Journey Through Ambition”

Guest Speaker: Pastor Ryan Tinetti

You don't have to worry about making a name for yourself. In Christ, God has already given you His.

Matthew 25:21

**July 5,
2026**

“Bloom Where You're Planted”

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Blessing, in a Biblical sense, means God's favor in any circumstance, no exceptions, because there is no place or circumstance in which God does not belong.

Genesis 39:21

**July 12,
2026**

“Knight, Death, and the Devil”

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus has triumphed over all the powers of death and hell and He has pledged Himself to be your protector and the armor that you wear.

Ephesians 6:12

**July 19,
2026**

“From Groans to Glory”

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Glenn Nielsen

A day will come when the grief will end, the groans will be silenced. Jesus will return and the dead in Christ will arise with bodies glorified.

Romans 8: 21-27

**July 26,
2026**

“Worth the Wait”

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The certainty that Jesus offers is not theoretical or experimental. It's the certainty of a promise, of a secure relationship.

Matthew 13:44

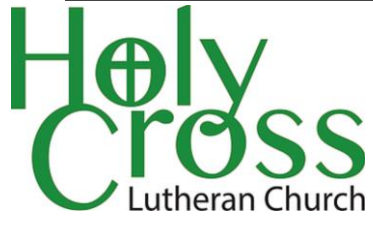
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