



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, Paul and Barb Jones, Sharon Estes, Wanda Bollinger, Doug Arnold, Doris Bayuk, Nick Krege, Caryl Phillips.

For healing and continued recovery • Paul Jones (moved to Riverview), Paula Dustman (broken leg), Jasmine (sister of Ben, Rachel Schremp's friend, undergoing tests following a seizure), Pansy Meyer (back pain), Tammy Keir (Mike Keir's sister, recovering from stomach surgery), Bill Staffen (Bonnie Keir's brother, recovering from kidney surgery), Dustin Hutson (recovering from a brain bleed), Olivia (Betty Schremp's great-niece, recovering from a concussion), Emmalyn Ganey (Cathy Dew's granddaughter, ill), 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 Reiter (September 5), Paula Dustman (September 9), Millicent Manasco (September 14), Connie Skaggs (September 15), Terry Bollinger (September 30).

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

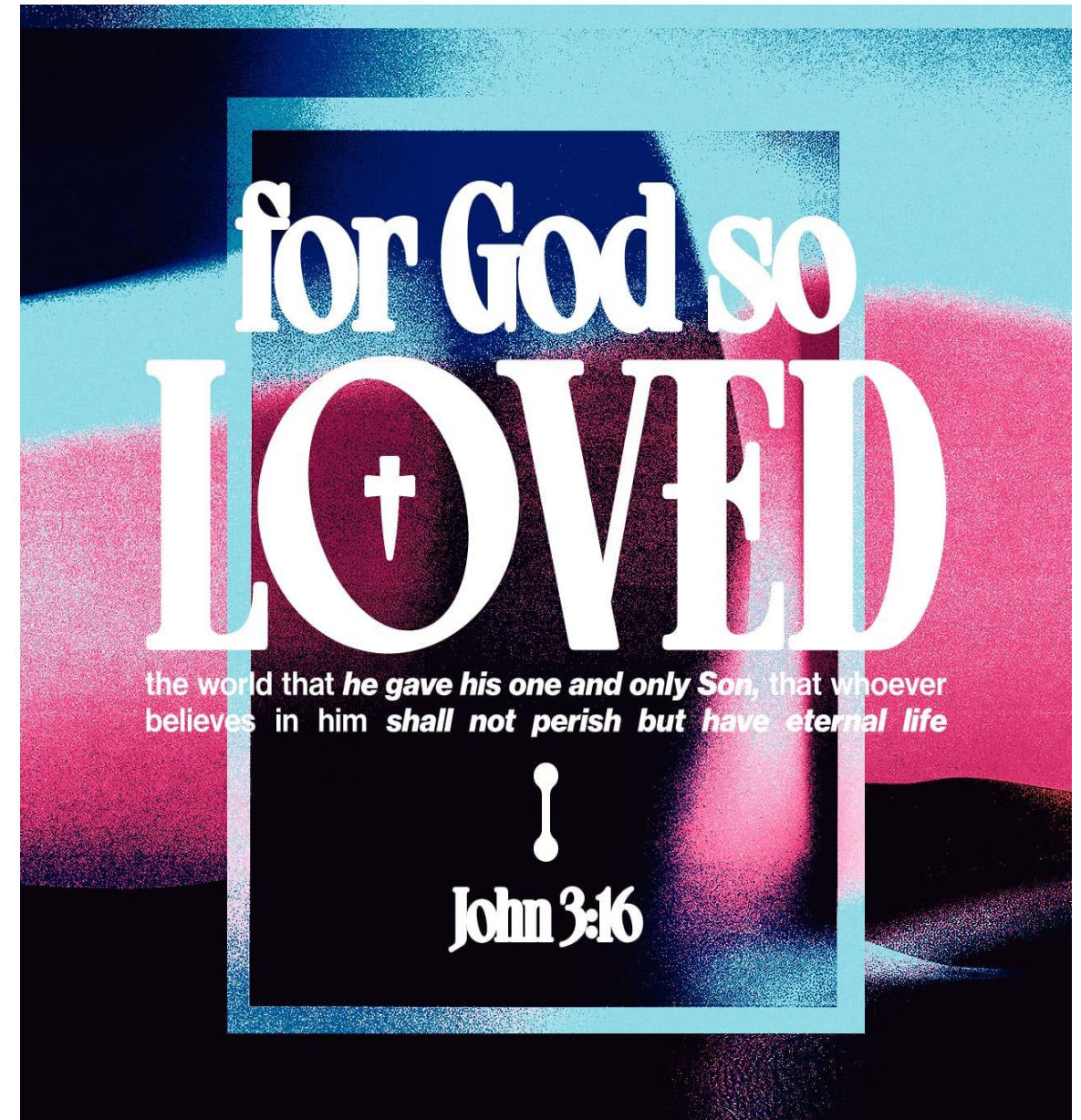
If you desire a prayer request to be printed in the bulletin, please let Pastor Craig or the church office know by email or phone by noon on Wednesday. Other prayer requests may still be prayed for during the church service by writing the request on the attendance card, folding your card in half, and 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.

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TO SHARE THE HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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Welcome to Holy Cross! We're glad you're here!

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God in memory of Coleman Schwent.

Our guest pastor today is Pastor Russ Bowder while Pastor Reiter is serving at Immanuel, Crystal City.

“Portals of Prayer” books for October—December are available in the narthex.

Schedule Change: Pastor's day off this week will be Monday. He will also be out of the office Tuesday and Wednesday of this week to attend the theological symposium at the seminary in St. Louis. He will be in the office on Thursday and Friday.

There is no midweek Bible class this week. The study on the Gospel of Matthew will resume next Tuesday, September 26, at 10:30 a.m.

Next Sunday: Our annual outdoor service and church picnic will be held next Sunday, September 24, at the parking lot of the Outreach Center. The service begins at 10:30 a.m. followed by the picnic. Main dishes: grilled burgers and brats. Bring side dishes and desserts to share. Also bring a non-perishable item for the local food bank as well as lawn chairs. Sign up on the narthex bulletin board if you're planning to attend. Tabitha the comfort dog will be visiting! There will be NO 9:00 service next Sunday.

Volunteers to water the outside flowers at church will be needed in October. The following days are open: Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Sign up on the sheet on the back table in the sanctuary. Thank you!

Our Father's Business

SUNDAY September 17	TUESDAY September 19	NEXT SUNDAY September 24
9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE Holy Communion BIBLE CLASS after the service	NO Bible Class Pastor is at the seminary on Tuesday and Wednesday for the symposium. He will be in the office on Thursday and Friday.	10:30 AM OUTDOOR SERVICE & PICNIC Outreach Center parking lot NO 9:00 service

Your Financial Support of Your Church	9/10/23	Year-to-Date
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$2,953	\$109,261
Actual Offerings—including online offerings (budget)	\$3,530	\$100,539
Ahead/Behind Budget Requirement	\$577	-\$8,722
% Ahead/Behind	19.5%	-8.0%

Consider serving on one of the leadership teams at Holy Cross! The Nominating Committee is seeking nominees for elected officers for 2024. Church Council positions include president, vice president, treasurer, financial secretary, and recording secretary. Nominees are also requested for the Board of Elders, Board of Trustees, and Board of Evangelism. If you are interested in serving on the Church Council or on one of the Boards listed, please talk to Randy Ruzicka, Dan Sullivan, Cathy Dew, or Pastor by September 17.

Are you musical? Can you carry a tune? Whether yes or no, handbells are for you! Pastor and Christa Reiter have purchased a set of handbells and are surveying members of Holy Cross and Immanuel, Festus, to form a joint handbell choir. If you are interested, please sign up at the table in the back of the sanctuary, or contact Pastor or Christa with any questions.

Would you like to give flowers for the altar? Upcoming dates available: November 12, 19. Advent poinsettias: December 3 (Christmas Festival), 10, 17, 24. Please clearly print your name and occasion on the flower chart on the wall by the narthex above the water fountain. On an envelope, write “Flower Fund”; put \$20 inside; and place it in the offering plate.