

## 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. <u>Adoration</u>: praising God for who He is. <u>Confession</u>: confessing your sins to God, especially those that weigh on your heart. <u>Thanksgiving</u>: thanking God for specific blessings. <u>Supplication</u>: 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 April • Christa Reiter (April 10), Stephanie Schlueter (April 11), Paula Boland (April 15), John Inman (April 15), Frank Rolfe (April 19), Glenn Fluegge (April 28).

For those celebrating wedding anniversaries in April • John & Bonnie Zerwig (April 6), Glenn & Vickie Eisenbeis (April 14).

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.

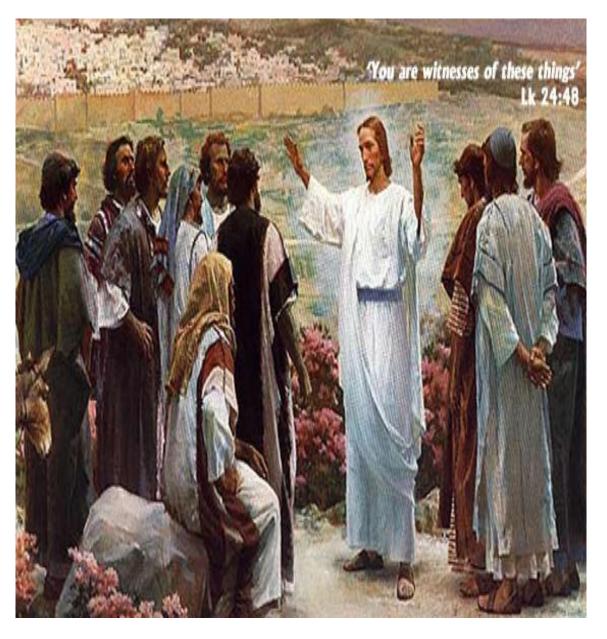
For all prayer requests not listed here.

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.



WE ARE TRANSFORMED IN CHRIST TO SHARE THE HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE.

Third Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024





## THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

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

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God in celebration of Dan and Kelly Sullivan's anniversary.

**Our guest pastor today is Rev. Jim Kirk.** He served as the interim pastor at Holy Cross from 2014—2017.

The Church Council meets this coming Saturday, April 20, and the Quarterly Voters' Meeting takes place next Sunday, April 21, following the service.

Holy Cross donated \$500 to Heavenly Hope, and it was designated for the May 16 food truck. We need volunteers for May 16, 2024, between noon and 2:00 p.m. to help distribute the food. We will receive recognition in their press release. Tim Inman is using a Thrivent Action Team to help support the project. Sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary if you can help out on May 16. Thank you!

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.

Want to give flowers for the altar? The following upcoming Sundays are available: April 21; May 5, 19, 26; June 2, 16 (Father's Day), 30. Please clearly print your name and occasion on the flower chart on the wall by the narthex above the water fountain. Please put <u>\$25</u> in an envelope; mark it: "Flower Fund"; and place it in the offering plate.

## Our Father's Business

SUNDAY April 14	TUESDAY April 16	THURSDAY April 18	SATURDAY April 20	SUNDAY April 21
9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE BIBLE CLASS after the service	10:30 AM TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS	6:30 PM BANQUET FOR LIFE Bloomsdale Knights of Columbus	9:00 AM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING	9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE Holy Communion QUARTERLY VOTERS'
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Your Financial Support of Your Church	4/7/24	Year-to-Date
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$2,777	\$38,878
Actual Offerings—including online offerings (budget)	\$6,863	\$39,977
Ahead/Behind Budget Requirement	\$4,086	\$1,099
% Ahead/Behind	147.1%	2.8%

"You are witnesses of these things." Luke 24:48 • Like the disciples, you too are Jesus' witness. You have the eyewitness accounts of Jesus' resurrection, and they have been given to you by none other than the Holy Spirit Himself through His inspiration of Holy Scripture. The Holy Spirit has opened your understanding, so that you are able to comprehend the Scriptures. You know that Jesus matches the Old Testament prophecies of Christ, and that He fulfilled your salvation. As a witness of Christ's empty tomb, you are able to confess Christ and all that He has done for you. Unlike the soldiers, you can take advantage of the opportunity. Like Mary, you can confess and proclaim the Lord whom you love. You can declare the forgiveness of sins that is found in Jesus, your living Lord. As witnesses of the empty tomb, you are able to share the gospel message with your words and also by how you live. You are able to live as if you have a living Savior—because you do! You are able to live confidently, because Jesus *lives* to guide you, guard you, provide for you, and bless you day by day.