



Weekly Email Blast!

Dear Holy Cross partner in ministry,

Weeks may have passed since you last walked in the doors of our church and worshiped, face-to-face, with your community of faith. To be sure, being the body of Christ looks and feels differently than it ever has before.

Despite all of this, we are called to be church — together. The ministry of Holy Cross and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) looks different now, but it has not stopped. Nor have the needs of our communities and the world. Our church and its leaders continue to minister to its members, to those who are hurting and searching for peace, and to those in need.

The congregations and ministries of this church rely on your weekly offerings and gifts. Without in-person worship services for many weeks or even months, the financial impact could be devastating.

Please continue to give to your congregation and give regularly. Your congregation and its leaders continue to minister to your community of faith. This ministry relies on your weekly offerings. If you have any questions as to how you can continue your pledge or regular offering through online giving, automatic monthly giving or mail please contact the church office at 503-364-6041.

Reflect on the words of Peter: “Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received” (1 Peter 4:10). Now is a time when we need one another. Now is a time to live and act as faithful people of God.

Be of good courage, dear church, and remember that Christ is with us now and always.

In Christ, your Holy Cross Finance Team and The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Every Thursday at 5 pm Pastor Patricia will host a Zoom Bible study/conversation – “What is God Saying Today?”

We will use the Zoom platform and the lectionary for the Sunday coming up – I find that at <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>

Zoom Instructions for Participants:

Sometime before 5 pm on Thursdays

You will need a computer, tablet, or smartphone with speaker or headphones. You will have the opportunity to check your audio immediately upon joining a meeting.

Here is the link to our meeting – it’s the same every Thursday – I recommend logging into Zoom and signing in (it is free to register) and then entering the meeting ID in the box provided.

Zoom Meeting ID: 782-5295-9541782 5295 9541 Password: 9ZvcXn

You have an opportunity to test your audio at this point by clicking on “Test Computer Audio.” Once you are satisfied that your audio works, click on “Join audio by computer.”

Participant controls are in the lower left corner of the Zoom screen:

Using the icons in the lower left corner of the Zoom screen, you can:

- Mute/Unmute your microphone (far left)
- Turn on/off camera (“Start/Stop Video”)
- Somewhere on your Zoom screen you will also see a choice to toggle between “speaker” and “gallery – I recommend Gallery!

Friends, prayers are requested for the family of Robert Douglas Clark, who died on April 21, 2020, peacefully, yet unexpectedly, at his care facility. Robert was born on Sept 13, 1931, which made him 88 at the time of his death. His wife, Lori, is handling the details in concert with their family. Arrangements will be private during these days of pandemic, though there is hope for a get together as a church family to remember Robert at a later date. Please feel free to offer your condolences to his family, Lorelei Clark, 6418 Castle Lake Ct N, Keizer, OR 97303

Prayers are also requested this morning for the family of Evaline (Jo) Peterson, who died on April 15, 2020, peacefully, at her care facility. Evaline was 96 having been born on December 7, 1923. Her daughter Judy is handling private arrangements, which are so appropriate in these days of pandemic.

Judy asked me to tell you that 'Mom always said her greatest achievement was always putting her kids first'.

Judy's address is 2810 Fort Hill NW, Salem, OR 97304