

Weekly Email Blast from Holy Cross Lutheran Church December 14, 2022

Please join with fellow Holy Cross members in prayer for Joyce Saul and her family as they grieve the loss of Al Saul who passed on December 6th.

Sunday Worship at 10:00am

Join us for Worship on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18, 2022, at 10:00am with Interim Pastor Curtis Zieske.

If you are feeling ill or unable to attend, you can view a recording at:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiHbmFBDWLG1W-jcI8jRhOQ>.

Christmas Season Worship Services

Christmas Eve—Saturday, December 24th, 4:00pm.

Christmas Day—Sunday, December 25th, 10:00am.

New Year's Day—Sunday, January 1st, 10:00am.

*Dates to Remember: **New Office Hours—Tues., Wed., and Thurs. 9 AM to 12 Noon.***

Wednesday, December 14—Vocal Choir, 6:00pm; Bell Choir 7:00pm.

Thursday, December 15—Bible Study, 12:00 noon.

Sunday, December 18—Fourth Sunday in Advent with Interim Pastor Curtis Zieske, 10:00am.

Tuesday, December 20—Tuesday Crew, 9:00am.

Wednesday, December 21—Vocal Choir, 6:00pm; Bell Choir 7:00pm.

LONGEST NIGHT service at Christ the Good Shepherd, 6:00pm.

Thursday, December 22—**NO** Bible Study.

Saturday, December 24—Christmas Eve Worship led by the choir, 4:00pm.

Sunday, December 25—Christmas Day Service of the Word and Sacrament with Interim Pastor Curtis Zieske, 10:00am.

Tuesday, December 27—Tuesday Crew, 9:00am.

Wednesday, December 28—Vocal Choir, 6:00pm; Bell Choir 7:00pm.

Thursday, December 29—Bible Study, 12:00 noon. Janet's last day before retirement.

Sunday, January 1, 2023—New Year's Day worship—Lessons & Carols with Pastor Curtis Zieske, 10:00am.



GIFTS FOR WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY CHILDEN

Gifts need to be back to the church by no later than
December 18th.

We will then wrap them on Monday, December 19th.
Families will pick them up on Tuesday, December 20th.
Donations can be made toward gifts and the food boxes
for the families by donating directly to Gae Nichols or
Suzanne Stephen.

Congregational Meeting on December 11—Ballot Results

The following four members; Bryan Struve, Doug Odell, Gail Struve, and Karen Halvorson have been elected to serve on the joint call committee with Christ the Good Shepherd. The next two, Kathy Mears followed by Suzanne Stephen will serve as alternates as needed. Please keep the call committee in your prayers.

You're invited to worship at our ELCA sister churches during the holiday season. Upcoming worship services are:

Midweek Advent Service—Wednesday 12/14 at 12:05pm. St. Mark Lutheran Church, 790 Marion St. NE, Salem.

12.21.2022 Longest Night 6:00pm, Featuring Violin & Viola at Christ the Good Shepherd, 4440 State St. NE, Salem.

12.24.2022 Christmas Eve Vespers and Candlelight service, 7:00pm. Christ the Good Shepherd, 4440 State St. NE, Salem.

12.25.2022 Christmas Day Verses, Carols and Cookies 10:00am. Christ the Good Shepherd, 4440 State St. NE, Salem.

Reckoning with Racism

Please consider joining with fellow Salem ELCA members in being part of the Oregon Synod's Reckoning with Racism cohort for 2023 (Jan-Jun). We will meet online with others around the state on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (beginning 1/17) and then meet together in person at St. Mark the following week. We will learn, listen and engage in the work of anti-racism together, and hope those interested will join us. Contact Bryan in the church office for further details.