

**Weekly Email Blast from Holy Cross Lutheran Church
December 21, 2022**

Sunday Worship at 10:00am

Join us for Worship on New Year's Day, January 1, 2023, at 10:00am with Pastor Curtis Zieske and a special service of Lessons and Carols.

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

Dates to Remember:

Thursday, December 29—Retirement celebration, 11:30; Bible Study, 12:00 noon.

Sunday, January 1—Worship with Interim Pastor Curtis Zieske. “Lessons and Carols for Christmas”

Tuesday, January 3—Tuesday Crew, 9:00am; Leadership meeting, 12:00 noon.

Wednesday, January 4—Vocal Choir, 6:00pm; Bell Choir 7:00pm.

Thursday, January 5—Bible Study, 12:00 noon.

Sunday, January 8—Worship with Interim Pastor Curtis Zieske, 10:00am.

Tuesday, January 10—Tuesday Crew, 9:00am; Property Committee meeting, 10:00am;

Let's Say Goodbye

We will be celebrating Janet's retirement on Thursday, December 29th at 11:30 before Bible study.

You are all welcome to come and say “goodbye” with a slice of pie with ice cream.



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A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDING BISHOP ELIZABETH EATON

Dear friends in Christ, We have seen many changes throughout the years and throughout the world. Sometimes we've been left yearning for the days when things didn't feel so complicated. Other times, we have seen something new happen and have asked, "Why did this take so long?" The church has been through its own changes as well. Some of these have left us wishing for simpler times while others have us waiting for even more to come about. But, dear church, God still is unchanging. God's love is still the foundation on which the church was built. While we have seen many changes, both in the world and at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the eternal love of God and the good news that dwells with Christ's death and resurrection continue to provide hope for everyone. This is why our mission remains steadfast, whether that is through our traditional mission work in places near and far or from new ventures and visions that encourage us to think of different ways to reach even more people. The writer of Hebrews reminds us: "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God" (13:16). That could not be truer in the work we have been doing in each expression of the church. Your gifts continue to benefit the good work of spreading the good news throughout your communities, your synods and the whole church. We are all answering the call to continue to do good work with the help of your support, whether that is through your resources, your time or your talents. I am grateful for your generous support of each expression of the church. God calls all of us to continue to do the good work, and you continue to answer that call. We also continue to join you in that call and will remain true to looking toward God's unchanging promise. There is still much change and learning that will come before us, but God's steadfast love energizes us for the work God is still doing in the world through this church.

In Christ,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America