

# Weekly Email Blast!

Events January 12-22, 2023

## Thu Jan 12

cise  
Noon Verse-by-Verse 5pm TDR  
Bible Study 6pm Choirs  
7pm Cap. Discussion 7pm Zumba  
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## Fri Jan 13

7:30am Zumba  
11:30am Finance  
2pm Casa Infantil  
7pm Zumba

## Sat Jan 14

8am Oregon Spirit  
Chorus  
9am TDR

## Sun Jan 15

10am Joint Worship  
11am Coffee & Con-  
versation  
4pm Manantial Wor-  
ship  
6pm Panitin Volley-  
ball

## Mon Jan 16

7:30 am Zumba  
5pm Basketball  
7pm Thorsmen  
7pm Zumba

## Tues Jan 17

9am Tuesday Crew  
10am Property com-  
mittee  
6:30pm Festival  
7pm Manantial

## Wed Jan 18

9am Rosemalers  
9am Casa Infantil  
11am LaCasita Exer-

cise

## Thu Jan 19

Noon Verse by Verse  
Study  
7pm Cap. Discussion  
7m Zumba

## Fri Jan 20

7:30am Zumba  
2pm Casa Infantil  
7pm Zumba

## Sat Jan 21

## Sun Jan 22

10am Joint Worship  
11am Coffee & Con-  
versation  
4pm Manantial Wor-  
ship  
6pm Panitin Volley-  
ball

**Annual Meeting  
January 29 follow-  
ing service**



## HATTITUDE HATS FROM THE HATBOXES OF WILLIE RICHARDSON

JANUARY 6 - FEBRUARY 26, 2023 | A.N. BUSH GALLERY  
BUSH BARN ART CENTER & ANNEX | SALEM, OR

**Black women wearing stunning “church hats” to express their respect for God, and their own “Hattitude” reaches back generations. Salem treasure, Willie Richardson, shares her “Crowns” which reflect the “convergence of faith and fashion that keeps the Sabbath both holy and glamorous.”**

**“Our African American ancestors found a spiritual oasis in their head covered. Symbolically, it was a way of escape to a place of peace in the midst of doom and gloom. They created within their heart, a place of abundance and hope. The African American woman that sits under a church hat has a long history of stories of struggles, triumphs, and overcoming.”**

**“The significance of hats in the black church is rooted in Scripture that was written by the Apostle Paul. African American ancestors took them literally, that when you go to attend church, you are to cover your heads, because that’s your way of honoring God.” -**

**W. E. Burge Robinson, Church Hat Historian**

Thank you note:

Thank you, dear people of Holy Cross Lutheran Church! Thank you! Your love and support throughout this past year, your gracious kindness shown to Sonya and me, your words of encouragement, and your faithful worship and prayers have sustained us! We are so especially grateful in this holy Christmastide to have received your very lovely cards, gifts and special tokens of love and esteem have swelled our hearts with gratitude. We love you, too!

*Sonya and Curtis Zieske*

Annual Meeting

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January 29 following a Council led worship service we will meet to review 2022 and plan for 2023. Come and be a part of moving forward with the future of Holy Cross.

### Oregon ELCA Synod Reparations Team

Members of St. Mark, Holy Cross, Faith Lutheran and Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Churches are invited to an important moment of sharing as we discuss the impacts of racism in our community and history. As people of faith, we hear God's call to honor all people: to unveil hidden stories of racism in our local contexts, to understand the past and current harm of racism and to build relationships with communities that have been harmed. Join us in welcoming the visiting Oregon ELCA Synod Reparations Team as they share in a special 90-minute Forum at St. Mark, from 11:30am to 1:00pm on Sunday, January 29th. All are welcome.

**NEEDED:** Coffee Hosts for after service coffee and conversation. If you are interested in helping speak to Gae or Suzanne.

To the friends and family of Holy Cross, a Happy New year and Blessed Epiphany:

January 10, 2023:

You might think with the bustle of the Christmas season past that things might slow down, but that's not the case here at Holy Cross. Your staff and officers are working hard to meet the demands of the next few months. Here is a rundown of what is going on.

1. As you may know we are making some changes in the church office. Our office assistant, Janet Burdick retired at the end of December. With the 2022 Annual Report and the 2023 budget due in your hands in 2 weeks, the rest of the staff, assisted by volunteers, are scrambling to get them completed for our annual meeting. Many thanks to Karen Halvorson and Bryan Struve who have worked diligently over the last week to keep things on track. We will reevaluate all of our staff positions in the next months to make ready for a new pastor and move forward with Better Together.

2. Our joint call committee has been formed and are ready to go to work. The Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Melissa Reed, will convene the first meeting before you read this letter, on January 11. They will begin to compare common needs and expectations, hopefully interviewing a candidate in early February.

3. Better together, our partnership with Christ the Good Shepherd, is alive and well. We will worship together in our sanctuary on January 15 led by Pastor Curtis Zieske. Also, both of our councils will be comparing our Ministry Site Profiles at our January Council meetings on the 17th. We are doing this in the hope that we can be of assistance to the call committee and give them a jump start.

4. Yes, our annual meeting is this month, January 29, immediately following a lay led service of the word. The nomination team under the direction of Bryan Struve has just about completed a slate of officers for you to elect to take office in March. The plan is to abbreviate the service and move directly into the congregational meeting. We will be reviewing the year 2022, electing officers for 2023, passing the 2023 budget, and discussing our joint call with Christ the Good Shepherd.

5. We will not be hosting Family Promise in January, but probably will again in February. This is but one of the many partnerships with whom we share our building. As your building manager, I will be working with the property committee over the next few months to reevaluate and update our building use procedures and meet with each of these partners to explore how to better serve each other.

Well, my limit for the newsletter is one page, so guess I'd best wind it up by encouraging you to participate in the annual meeting and stay informed and involved with the changes in YOUR CHURCH.

In the words of one of my favorite people, "May God Bless You Real Good."  
Serving you, Loran Sell, President