

# Holy Cross Lutheran Church Salem Email Blast!

Current and upcoming events

Stop by to utilize your church office. Hours are usually Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am to Noon Subject to church activity.

## Thu Jun 29

10am Zumba  
Noon Bible Study  
7pm Capital  
Discussion  
7pm Zumba

## Fri Jun 30

2pm Casa Infantil

## Sat Jul 1

## Sun Jul 2

10am Jnt Worship  
@ HC  
4pm Manantial

## Mon Jul 3

Casa Infantil  
Vacation week  
11am LaCasita  
exercise  
5pm LaCasita b-ball  
7pm Esperando Un  
Milagro  
7pm Zumba

## Tue Jul 4

HOLIDAY Office  
closed

## Wed Jul 5

7pm Zumba

## Thu Jul 6

10am Zumba  
Noon Bible Study  
7pm Capital  
Discussion  
7pm Zumba

## Fri Jul 7

## Sat Jul 8

## Sun Jul 9

10am Jnt Worship  
@ CGS  
4pm Manantial



## Red Cross Blood Drive @ Christ the Good Shepherd, Thursday July 6th - Noon to 5:30pm

For appointment

Call CGS Office 503-363-3726,  
need minimum of 15



Pastor Sena  
Office hours

Tues @ CGS

Thurs @HC

As a courtesy  
contact office to  
confirm  
availability

HC 503-364-6041

CGS 503-363-  
3726

## Worship Schedule

July 2023

2 — HC

9 — CGS

16 — HC

23 — CGS

30 — HC



Dear Holy Cross Family and Friends.

As I reflect over the past year and ponder the feelings —

LOVE most of all, Holy Cross has been a part of my life for longer than any other church I have been a member. Albeit that is only 2.5, my childhood church in Malta, MT, Associate Member of Atonement in Newport for the 5 years I lived there, that's the .5 as it was overlapped with Holy Cross.

Joy — getting back to full worship involvement post covid with a new pastor

Relief — the effect of Covid in my life were small in comparison to the many losses the world felt

Sadness — LOSS after LOSS in our family. This IS part of the life cycle but this year seemed to be more poignant and draining for me in particular. My friends Joyce and Sheila are moving away and will no longer be strong and active participants in worship and church life at Holy Cross. I wish them well but it places a different perspective on the balance of carrying on with who we are. And of course there are the losses to illness, aging and death.

Increased worry — as more people step away from activity at church the numbers to carry on and make decisions are diminishing and it feels close to a point where some of the pieces will get beyond our capacity to HAVE WORSHIP, meet our mission, maintain our Tuesday Crew building and grounds care and ultimately make decisions.

I have and will continue to be active in the Holy Cross life. However I cannot meet all the needs, everywhere, all the time (and I don't but I am involved in many). For example we purchased some very expensive equipment to make live stream video of our worship services, and I am one of 4 people trained to use the equipment. I cannot on most Sundays run any of it as I am doing tasks in the chancel, singing with choir, playing bells and the list goes on ... Other folks who were involved in training are also busy doing parts of the service or away traveling or home providing family care.

I hope this provides you with some contemplation material for the summer and as we move through the transformation of HC & CGS.

Thank you for listening Karen (Halvorson)