

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 Jul 6

10am Zumba
7pm Capital
Discussion
7pm Zumba

Fri Jul 7

Sat Jul 8

9am TDR

Sun Jul 9

10am Jnt Worship
@ CGS
4pm Manantial

Mon Jul 10

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

Tue Jul 11

7pm Zumba

Wed Jul 12

7pm Zumba

Thu Jul 13

10am Zumba
Noon Bible Study

5pm TDR

7pm Capital

Discussion

7pm Zumba

Fri Jul 14

Sat Jul 15

Sun Jul 16

10am Jnt Worship
@ HC
4pm Manantial

Pastor Sena Office hrs

Tues @ CGS

Thurs @HC

As a courtesy contact
office to confirm
availability

HC 503-364-6041

CGS 503-363-3726

Click link for>> CGS
News

[July 2023 Newsletter.pdf](#)
([mcusercontent.com](#))

Are you a person who enjoys a treat now and then, especially on Sunday morning after church. If you are willing to share some of your favorites, either home baked or store bought please contact Suzanne. She will prepare the coffee but a change in shopper/preparer would be nice on occasion.



Tuesday

August 1

5:30pm

@CGS Parking
Lot

Celebrate

National Night Out

CGS &
Community
Partners in 4
Corners

Worship Schedule

July 2023

9 — CGS

16 — HC

23 — CGS

30 — HC



FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

LEARN BEST PRACTICES WITH A
FAMILY PROMISE REFRESHER

As we move to our week of hosting our Family Promise guests at Holy Cross there are some changes that we all need to know. So training will be happening on Saturday July 29, 2023 from 10am-11:30am. Come to hear about best practices for being good hosts and details about background checking.



We have our list for the 2023-24 school year at Washington Elementary. Contact Gae or Suzanne to give to the students



Glue Sticks

#2 Ticonderoga Pencils

24 Count Crayons

Wide Rule Composition Books

Wide Rule Notebook

Primary Journal for Grades K-2





News from the Pews

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Pastor's Press

Sunny July Greetings and Blessings from our Creator –

As I am writing this I am thinking “where did June go” and how exciting it will be to move into July as well. By now we have been worshiping on our rotation schedule a few weeks and average attendance has been north of 70 each Sunday. Good for prime vacation time and sunny days to keep people out in God’s Creation and not sitting in a pew. I have been settling into my new schedule as well – balancing office hours between each church campus and attending to the many recent pastoral care needs of both our communities. There will be a more detailed Transition Update later in the newsletter. I would like to express my gratitude to everyone for the welcome as your called pastor and for the continued work each of us will navigate as we move forward together through this discernment season.

As you might recall - from my first official dual worship service sermon – we will be working off the power of THREE during this season of exploration. Meaning specifically that I will encourage you to try new things, engage in new processes, experience new/different situations at least THREE TIMES before making up your mind or expressing your opinions about it. For example, if you aren’t keen on having multi-media supported worship services – attend THREE of them before sharing your important input. It is amazing how changes can quickly make us feel uncomfortable and yet when we allow ourselves the space and time to try something again.....and again.....and again we can narrow down what is truly important for us, or what makes us feel uncomfortable and whether or not we can go with it or if this is something you just can’t get around. All that process is important – for individuals as well as for our more collective and collaborative community.

Leadership – from the pulpit and the pews – will be working to keep everyone engaged and well informed about the processes taking place and the headway being made. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions and share suggestions for solutions or willingness to champion the cause you feel passionate about. We will move forward together and with Jesus as our walking partner – we are bound to find the pathway joyful and full of discovery! Peace be with you my siblings in Christ.

Blessings, Pastor Sena.

Transition Update

- On Boarding in new role at both church sites has been completed. Office hours established and scheduled. Transition to new pastoral cell phone will be complete by 7/9 – new number will be distributed through church communications.
- In coordination with the Oregon Synod and Bishop Laurie – ordination date set – Sept 24th @ 1pm – St Mark Lutheran Church. Ordination Coordination Team volunteers needed – please contact Council Leadership if interested.
- Initial meeting with Worship & Music Committee completed. Plan for summer worship is finalized. CGS needs Worship/Music committee members. Researching organ musicians to play at least 1 time per month. Music director/leader is preferred to help.
- Sat with both exec councils and full councils for June leadership cycle.
- Working with worship service sign up processes/engagement – evaluating where we can link together and where we need to maintain site specific preferences.
- Pastoral care visits and “directory outreach calls” have begun – target completion date end of the summer.
- Bible Study Group – opened to both congregations. Outreach/Faith in Action seeking ways to work together. National Night-Out, Aug 1st hosted at CGS – engaging both congregations and community partners.
- A congregational survey will take place this summer – be on look out.
- Engagement with ecumenical ministry groups in Salem. Plans made for mainline ecumenical church services in 2023 – 2024.
- Late August pulpit supply by Luther House (Ore State campus ministry) Pastor Hallie Perkins