

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 20

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

Fri Jul 21

5pm TDR

Sat Jul 22

9am TDR

Sun Jul 23

10am Worship @
CGS
4pm Manantial

Mon Jul 24

11am LaCasita
exercise
5pm LaCasita b-ball
7pm Esperando Un
Milagro
7pm Zumba

Tue Jul 25

10am Zumba
11:30am TDR
7pm Zumba
7pm Mantial

Wed Jul 26

7pm Zumba

Thu Jul 27

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

Fri Jul 28

Sat Jul 29

10am Family
Promise Training
Noon Greer Baby
Shower

Sun Jul 30

10am Worship @
CGS
4pm Manantial

Tuesday Aug 1

Celebrate National Night Out @ CGS Parking lot

5:30pm to participate in
activities with CGS &
Community Partners

Volunteers to help needed
in the morning to set up
some of the games and
bicycle course for the kids.



Pastor Sena Office hrs

Tues @ CGS

Thurs @HC

As a courtesy contact
office to confirm
availability

HC 503-364-6041

CGS 503-363-3726

Worship Schedule

7/23 — CGS

7/30 — HC

8/6 — CGS

8/13 — HC



FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

LEARN BEST PRACTICES WITH A
FAMILY PROMISE REFRESHER

We are hosting our Family Promise guests at Holy Cross starting August 27. There are some changes that we all need to know. 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.



July 29 there is a baby shower to welcome our newest Holy Cross Member Baby Boy Greer. He is expected mid August. Parents are Christina and Shawn Greer Party is 12 noon on Saturday July 29 @ 2035 32nd Ave NE (diagonally across Sunnyview from the back parking lot entrance). Park in the parking lot by La Casita it is a quick walk across and 1 block East (right).



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.

The Train is Leaving the Station. Are You on Board?

We have a new power source. Soon to be ordained, Pastor Sena Norton, is pulling the train out of the station and the Councils of Christ the Good Shepherd and Holy Cross are in the lead cars. Is your car attached to the train or sitting on a siding waiting for an invitation to join? If so, here is your invitation. The Councils, staff and leadership of both congregations have worked hard for the past couple years to get to this point, Better Together. We have laid the track and hitched our cars to the train, but all of our work is for naught if we are alone on the track.

You may be saying, "I don't want to get on the train until I know where it's going." I ask, "Where do you want it to go?" It's very difficult to help determine its destination from the siding, so grab hold and let's work together to decide where we are headed.

You may ask, "How do I hitch up?" I have 3 answers for that question:

1. Pray, worship and fellowship together. What does that look like?

Pray for the church's direction, pray for your leadership and pray for your fellow Christians from both congregations and beyond.

Worship at both sites and join in the conversations during coffee hour.

2. Learn more about each other and how Christ can be a part of our lives together.

Take advantage of the existing Bible Studies, read [Christ in the Home](#) and the Email Blast (Did you know that the Blast has a link to Christ the Good Shepherd's newsletter?)

Christ the Good Shepherd is hosting Neighborhood Night Out on August 1.

There are new learning opportunities on the horizon.

Pastor Sena will soon be leading adult forums after services on a variety of topics.

Family Promise is holding a training session for volunteers on July 29 from 10 to 11:30 am at Holy Cross. (Our next rotation starts August 27.)

3. Use your energy to fuel and help pull the train. Everybody can do something and we have something for everybody. Here are a few ideas and contacts:

Be a food or overnight host for Family Promise. Doug Odell 503-856-5151

Join Faith in Action or help with school supplies and other outreach projects.

Suzanne Stephen 503-910-1183

Volunteer to host or bring snacks for coffee hour. Suzanne Stephen 503-910-1183

Assists with ushering or be a greeter. Jack Ruscoe 503-365-9641

Train for and assist with Lay Eucharistic Ministry (visiting and communing in-home members.) Gae Nichols 503-871-8175

Share your music talents. Karen Halvorson 503-428-4651

Bells: Gayle Struve 503-390-6869

Read scripture, serve communion or assist in worship. Kathy Mears 503-580-5286

Join Tuesday crew or do volunteer maintenance. Loran Sell 503-508-0587

When asked to volunteer, don't say "No." Say "I'll think and pray about it." Then do so!

We'd love to hear your ideas on how to "pull your weight" on Christ's train. Staff and leadership of Holy Cross. 503-364-6041.

In closing, I'd like to say first, Thank you for your continued support. Holy Cross has a history of supporting their leadership, and my term has enjoyed this support. Thank You. Second, many of your leaders, who have brought us to this place of Better Together, are nearing the end of our terms. Please don't let the train lose its steam! Coming this fall some of you will be asked to step into one of the lead cars. It will be up to you and others like you to determine the speed and direction of the train. Please give it your prayerful consideration. Let's keep the "Better Together" train rolling! **All aboard!**

Serving you in Christ, President, Loran Sell

Click link for>> CGS News [July 2023 Newsletter.pdf](#)
(mcusercontent.com)

We have our list for the 2023-24 school year at Washington Elementary. Contact Gae or Suzanne to give to the students only the following 7 items:



Glue Sticks

#2 Ticonderoga Pencils

24 Count Crayons

Wide Rule Composition Books

Wide Rule Notebook

Primary Journal for Grades K-2

Backpacks