



To our Parish family,

We wanted to update the parish and thank you all for the outpouring of care and love you have extended to us the last few weeks. We cannot tell you how much we appreciate your prayers and kind words in all the cards and notes you have sent. It has been a very tough road we have traveled indeed and we have a lot of emotions we are trying to juggle. While we want to share this news with you, we are hesitant because we continue to ask for privacy and space to adjust to the upcoming treatment Carolyn will need to go through in the days, weeks, and months ahead. Please do not call, email, or text, as we are unable to respond at this time and we don't want to offend or upset anyone.

Three weeks ago, Carolyn was experiencing pain in her abdomen area and was having a very difficult time. She was taken to the emergency room and admitted to the hospital as we sought answers for her pain. After several examinations and tests, the doctors discovered an obstruction in her intestines and recommended surgery. The surgery was successful and they were able to take out the obstruction and two other areas of concern. The doctors and lab results were able to determine Carolyn had stage 4 colon cancer and would need further treatment. While this is distressing news and nothing we ever expected, Carolyn and I are strong in our faith and are making preparations for her upcoming treatment regimen. Carolyn will be going through chemotherapy in the coming weeks and months and will be monitored during that time. At this time, we have no further information we can share, as we do not have the answers.

What can you do for us? Your cards and notes of encouragement are more appreciated than you know, please keep them coming. We have a large family and they are taking care of our food needs. While we would never ask for anything because we know how much God has blessed us, yet we also know, we will be asked, what can you do for us because ECA is such a loving parish? At this time, please contact the Sr. Warden, Robin Keith or Foster Peterson, pastoral care, for our needs. Thank you again for all you have done and continue to do for us, we love you all so very much.

In Christ,

Carolyn & Horace Higgins

*"Our mission is to bear witness to God's love and invite, encourage and prepare God's people to share that grace with others."*