



Opening New Doors

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

Fall 2016 Study Theme, Sermon Series, & Stewardship Emphasis

Cross of Glory's 60th Anniversary marks a tremendous time of opportunity in the lives of its members, our neighbors and friends, and in the life of this congregation. Our God is a God of open doors – join us to discover what new doors God might be opening in your life, and in the life of this Body of Believers! We'll enjoy a church-wide small group book study based on the John Ortberg book, All the Places To Go – How Will You Know, a sermon series on Opening New Doors, a series of Adult Forum special guest speakers, and a stewardship emphasis based on finding God's direction for your life and our church. Here's the schedule:

September 11th –

- Combined 10 AM Worship Service at Brooklyn Center Centennial Amphitheater – Kickoff Event for Opening New Doors Fall Emphasis
- Sermon Focus – Overview of the upcoming sermon series, and introduction to the “Opening New Doors” theme

September 18th –

- Sermon Focus – “The Open Door”
- Adult Forum – Opening Our Understanding of Other Cultures
- 1st Sunday of Small Group Study

September 25th –

- Sermon Focus – “Door #1 or Door #2?”
- Adult Forum – Opening Our Understanding of the Liberian Culture
- 2nd Sunday of Small Group Study

October 2nd –

- Sermon Focus – “How to Cross a Threshold”
- Adult Forum – Opening Our Understanding of Generational Differences, plus WELCA/COG 60th Anniversary Celebration cake
- 3rd Sunday of Small Group Study

October 9th –

- Sermon Focus – “The Doors We Open for Others”
- Adult Forum – Opening Our Understanding of the Impact of Media & Technology
- 4th Sunday of Small Group Study

October 16th –

- Sermon Focus – “The Jonah Complex”
- Adult Forum – Opening Our Understanding of Religious Diversity
- 5th Sunday of Small Group Study

October 22nd (Saturday) –

- Small Group Study Groups Joint Service Project

October 23rd –

- Sermon Focus – “Thank God for Closed Doors”
- Adult Forum – Opening Our Understanding of Equity & Justice
- 6th Sunday of Small Group Study

October 30th –

- 10 AM Combined Worship Service
- Sermon Focus – Wrap-up of Opening New Doors theme
- Introduction to Fall Stewardship emphasis
- Followed by Potluck lunch celebration

November 6th –

- Fall Stewardship emphasis Response Sunday

How Can You Participate?

- Sign up at the kiosk in the Welcome Area to be part of a small group book study – several day/time/location choices available
- Read the book All the Places to Go – How Will You Know by John Ortberg (copies available at the kiosk, or purchase your own)
- Attend worship services to learn more about how God can Open New Doors in your life, and the life of this congregation
- PRAY! Pray that this special theme will ignite a fresh new Spirit in the lives of all who participate, and within our congregation