
The Glory Banner

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church (ELCA), a Wildfire Congregation

March 2018



*Wednesdays during Lent ~
March 7, March 14 and March 21
Worship at 12:00pm with Lunch following*

*March 25 ~ Palm/Passion Sunday
Traditional Worship at 9:00am and
Contemporary Worship at 11:00am*

*March 29 ~ Maundy Thursday
Worship at 7:00pm*

*March 30 ~ Good Friday
Worship at 12:00pm and 7:00pm*

*April 1 ~ Easter Sunday
Traditional Worship at 9:00am and
Contemporary Worship at 11:00am*



After he has washed their feet, had put on his robe, and returned to the table, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord---and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

John 13: 12-15

Serving One Another

Last Sunday’s scripture, John 11’s story of the raising of Lazarus, also brought Jesus and the disciples back to Judea, to the heart of his opposition. Thomas recognizes the danger, others likely do as well, but Jesus is clear that he must go. There is great intentionality in the gospel of John, it’s clear Jesus knows what he’s doing and embarks on this path in the full light of day, seeing (as so many in John do not) what lies ahead for him. It’s a journey to suffering and death, to pouring himself out for others, to serving those he loves on an unimaginable scale.

As we make our way through Lent, we witness throughout these stories in John all the ways Jesus is serving others, healing others, inviting others to see God’s love in new ways. As we move toward Holy Week, we often remember in our celebration of Maundy Thursday both Jesus’ institution of the Lord’s Supper and the footwashing. Tied together, Jesus’ humility in washing his disciples feet is but a pale shadow of what he will do as body is broken, blood outpoured. Lest they miss it, he makes it clear they are to follow his example and serve one another. There is no hierarchy in the Kingdom of God, the greatest are called to serve the least.

These moments where Jesus speaks plainly, calling the disciples to observe and follow, are important. We know Jesus path was unique, his work accomplished salvation for all time and we cannot walk that path. But time after time he was clear that this path of service, of love and care for neighbor, was our call too. Sometimes the journey of Lent, the Lenten disciplines, make it seem like it is primarily a journey inward into our

personal relationship with God. While there is indeed an inward, reflective component to Lent as we answer the call to take stock of our lives. But if we are measuring how faithfully we walk the path of discipleship, that is also a journey out, into deeper engagement with neighbor.

Our Lenten midweek services this year are based on a worship planning resource published by the National Civil Rights Museum in Nashville as part of the remembrance of the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1968. To grapple with the legacy of Dr. King and to consider where we've been and where we need to go in the struggle for Civil Rights is to follow Jesus' example, to wash one another's feet. Or, to put it another way, to grapple seriously with the legacy of Jesus means our Lenten journey is also a journey toward greater justice for all of God's beloved people.

Peace,
Pastor Doug



Bible Study Readings for March

- 3/04 John 18:12-27: Jesus' trial before Annas, Peter's denial.**
- 3/11 John 18:28-40: My Kingdom is not from this world.**
- 3/18 John 19:1-16a: Jesus is condemned, they have no king but Caesar.**
- 3/25 John 19:16b-22: Sign above the cross proclaims the crucified king.**



Sunday Morning Ministers

Ushers:

9:00 a.m.

Dick Mero Dave Hengel
Masayuki Ionue Don Custer
Cheryl Anderson Ryan Bailey
Chad Bailey

11:00 a.m.

Dan Aulwes Don Halverson

Communion Servers:

3/04 Dan & Julie Aulwes
Judy Olson, Judy Lewis
Paul & Gale Geske

3/11 Bruce & Sue Vukelich
Lois Tollefsrud

3/18 Linda Knudsen
Arlene Kosek, Merle Solie

3/25 Judy Lewis
Sharon Quick
Verle Smith

Lay Lectors:

3/04 Dan Aulwes
3/11 Bruce Vukelich
3/18 Kris Williams
3/25 Bev Hovde

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

Articles for the April 2018
Glory Banner should to be turned
in to Sue Vukelich by March 13th.



50 + and Friends

March has lions, lambs, and leprechauns ~ sometimes snow. We are taking the month off as I canceled the trip to Mill City Museum and the Black Forest Inn. There were too few people to make it affordable.

On Wednesday, April 25, our first stop is SVJ Creative Designs where they make birdbaths, eagles, bear, Vikings, dogs, cats and umpteen other statues to put in the yard. We will see how they mold and paint these works. Next, we'll go to Chickadee Cottage for lunch. Our last stop is Lark Toys where we can see toys galore, ride the hand-carved carousel, and have an ice cream cone.

Friday, May 11, is our annual trip to St. Cloud. We will have lunch at the Texas Roadhouse and will have their delicious sirloin steak or barbecued chicken breast, baked potato and salad. Then on to the beautiful Paramount Theater to hear

the Kingston Trio sing our old favorites.

We are still considering the October 3-5 Ely trip and November 29-30 Bentlyville light trip. Let me know if you are interested in either or both.

Marian Priest

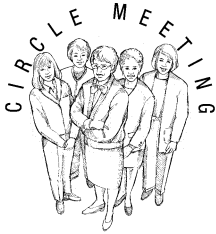


With a grateful heart, thank you all for the thoughtful cards, calls and your prayers. To Lois Tollefsrud, thank you for your visits, cookies, and flowers. All were most appreciated!

Jan Roth

Thank you for all of the cards, phone calls and prayers sent after my surgery. We are very appreciative for all of the visits with Pastor Doug and his encouraging words. We are truly blessed to be part of the Cross of Glory Family!

Roger Betlach



Cross of Glory Women of the ELCA

The Circles will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, March 20th. All women are cordially invited to attend a circle. We have Bible study, coffee, treats and lots of good fellowship!

The Mission Circle will continue to meet in a member's home at 12:30pm. The Community Needs and Glory Circle meet in the Narthex at 9:30am and 12:00pm. We will have the Bible study leader and hostess in the March *Happenings*.

In March we will have part three of Mark Alan Powell's specific text in Mark and Luke. We will study Luke 10:30-37 ~ The Good Samaritan. We will reflect on different interpretations of the text.



The Cross of Glory Women of the ELCA need a secretary. Bernadine Smith is having significant vision problems and can no longer do the minutes at our meetings.

The Board meets on the fourth Monday at 1:30pm January through April and August through November. You take the minutes, write them up and give them to Sue to put in the *Happenings*. Sue will also make copies for you to bring to the board meeting. You may attend a board meeting before making your decision.

If you would like to volunteer, call Carol Stejskal, 763-420-1076 or Sharon Quick, 763-566-1224. You may also talk to Jackie Fryhling or Barb Thomson.



W/ELCA Spring Luncheon

At our January board meeting we decided to have a Spring Luncheon. Keep **Saturday, May 4th**, open to attend! We will have more details in the March *Happenings* and the April *Glory Banner*.

Something to think about . . .

God hears more than our words. He listens to our heart.

Jackie

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Change Service Requested



Worship at Cross of Glory on Sundays
9:00 a.m. ~ Traditional Worship
10:00 a.m. ~ Coffee Fellowship
11:00 a.m. ~ Crosswalk Contemporary Worship
To watch worship services: www.cogtv.info

Cross of Glory Office Hours:
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