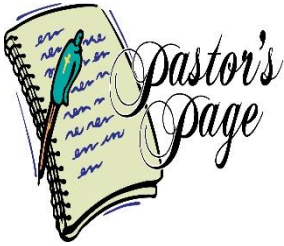

The Glory Banner

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

November 2018



November 21, 2018
Wildfire Thanksgiving Eve
Worship ~ 7:00pm
Pie and Fellowship to Follow
Here at Cross of Glory!



But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture — ‘I believed, and so I spoke’— we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day.

2 Corinthians 4: 13-16

Extending Grace, Increasing Thanksgiving

Another November is already upon us, a season of the year often marked in the church by remembrance, thanksgiving and recommitment. We begin on November 4 with All Saints Sunday where we will again take time to remember those who have gone before us, especially those who have died in the past year. We'll read names, ring bells and light candles, all to remember and celebrate those saints who have shaped our lives. In remembering that great cloud of witnesses, we are reminded of our own callings, how we continue to live out our values in our families and in the wider world.

While we took some time on the theme of stewardship in August, we will return to this theme in the middle of the month as we discuss our gifts and tithes and make commitments for 2019. We'll explore some hopes and dreams for the future and how we might be called to share our gifts in old and new ways on November 11 and 18. We'll have our pledge card in-gathering on the 18th and we'll celebrate all the faithful giving past and present with an omelet breakfast after worship.

On Wednesday, November 21, at 7 PM it is our turn to host the Wildfire Thanksgiving Eve worship service. This will be a fun occasion to be together in worship with many of our Wildfire partners and we'll get to hear combined bells and choirs which

is always a treat. Following worship we'll lead our guests into the fellowship hall where we'll share pie and conversation. In spite of all the challenges from personal to global these days, let us remember all the ways God has blessed us throughout the past year.

November will be a busy month around the church and by its end we'll be already on the cusp of Advent. Take time to be thankful and enjoy the gifts of lovely trees and extra family and friends time throughout the holidays.

Peace,
Pastor Doug



Bible Study Readings for November

11/4	2 Kings 5:1-15a
11/11	Micah [1-5]; 5:2-5a; 6:6-8
11/18	Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20; 37:1-7; then 2:1-4
11/25	Jeremiah 1:4-10; 7:1-11



Christmas Cookies

We will continue the tradition of making cookie trays for our COG members and friends who are home bound, in care centers, or have experienced a life changing event. This project is a part of the Cross of Glory Visitation Ministry. In past years, we have been blessed with donations of cookies from all our parishioners. The cookies have been cheerfully and thankfully received. It has brightened the lives of those who receive them. A Christmas Card addressed to each one personally and is signed "Cross of Glory Lutheran Church Family." A life changing event is acknowledged with prayers for peace.

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 16th!** Festival of Foods will be celebrated that day. That is the day we will plate the cookies. We are asking that all cookie donations be brought to church on that day. We will need help in assembling the trays immediately following the Festival of Foods. We have plated more than 50 trays each year. Many cookies are needed! Further information will be noted in the weekly bulletins, as well as a request for help.

If you have questions, please call Marcy Hartlage, 763-537-9005.



Sunday Morning Ministers

Ushers:

Don Halverson Don Custer
Dick Mero Doug Graske
Cheryl Anderson

Communion Servers:

11/4 Sharon Quick
Carol Stejskal
Linda Knudsen
Deb Groettum
Sue Vukelich
11/11 Dawn Bailey
Ryan & Chad Bailey
11/18 Merle Solie
Gayle Merritt
Sharon Quick

11/25 Linda Knudsen
Judy Lewis
Verle Smith

Lay Lectors:

11/4 Sharon Quick
11/11 Julie Aulwes
11/18 Georgie Proctor
11/25 Jodi Quiner

Newsletter
DEADLINE

Articles for the December 2018 *Glory Banner* should to be turned in to Sue Vukelich by November 13th.



Fall Clean-Up
Saturday, November 10th
at 9:00am

**Please come and help if
you are able with cleaning up
the around the outside of
church!**



SENIORS ON THE GO

50 + and Friends

November is known for “Turkey Day,” really a day for us to realize how thankful we are for all the blessings we have.

Instead of turkey, we are taking our annual trip on November 10th to West Immanuel Lutheran Church near Nye, Wisconsin for Lutefisk! For those who don’t eat lutefisk, there are wonderful meatballs. To go along with these, there are potatoes, rutabagas, lefsa, cranberries and pie for dessert. On the way home, we will stop at Pine Tree Apple Orchard where we can buy apples, and everything made of apples.

We’ll start our Christmas season at the Ives Auditorium, a part of the Masonic Heritage Center, with Celtic music by “Simple Gifts.” They will sing a mixture of Celtic and Christmas music. We will have a lunch of rotisserie chicken, garlic smashed potatoes, vegetable djour, cold salad, rolls and dessert.

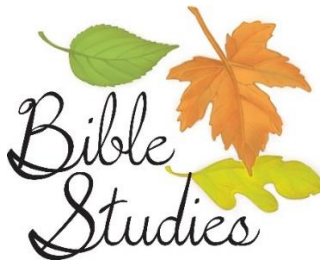
On November 29-30 a group of us are going to Duluth to see the Bentleyville Lights in Bayfront Festival Park. There’s a Cookie House with free cookies, popcorn, marshmallows to roast and music to listen to.

We are working on next years plans, so watch for schedules to come out!

Marian Priest

Cross of Glory Women of the ELCA

Circles meet on **Tuesday, November 20, 2018**. All women of Cross of Glory are warmly invited to visit or join a circle. Each circle has a Bible study, special interests and a coffee social time. The hostess and Bible study leader will be in the November *Happenings*. The Community Needs Circle meets at 9:30am at church in the Fellowship Hall. Glory Circle meets at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall and the Mission Circle meets at 12:30pm in a member's home. The Hostess and Bible study leader will be in the November *Happenings*.



Fall 2018

In November we will conclude our three-month study on repentance. In September we focused on our relationship with others. In October and November, we will be exploring our relationship as the church to the world.

Focus Verse

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9



Christmas Tea

Saturday, December 8, 2018

Punch ~ 11:30am with Lunch at 12:00pm

Our catered Christmas Tea will be on Saturday, December 8. We will serve punch at 11:30am followed by lunch at 12:00pm. After lunch, we will be entertained by Amy and Adam ~ a husband and wife who will sing, play the keyboard and other instruments.

There will be a sign-up poster near the Welcome Center. Please sign your name and indicate any guests you invited. This is very important, so Carol will know how much food to prepare.

As we have done at previous teas, there will be an opportunity to participate in the Thank Offerings. There will be a basket by the sign in table.

At our Christmas Tea you will meet your Prayer Partner. If you haven't had a Prayer Partner before, this will be the opportunity to have one. On each table there will be a basket with slips of paper to fill out with your name, address, birthday date and any other significant dates. Some prayer partners send cards during the year. This is not necessary ~ prayer is the important thing.



We wish to welcome our new W/ELCA Secretary, Linnea Ulrich. We want to thank Bernadine Smith for her term as our secretary. You both are appreciated for your work!



Community Needs Circle will continue to sponsor the Giving Tree for CEAP's Toy's for Joy program again this year. There will be ornaments with gift suggestions on the tree for ages infant to 16 years old. There will be a tree up in November and a box to place your gifts in.

If you know a family that could use help with Christmas presents for their children, encourage them to register at CEAP.



At the September Board meeting it was decided to have a Service Project. If you have any suggestions, please contact a board member with your ideas. We thought the first part of March would be a good time. We will have more information and a firm date in the December or January *Happenings*.

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Change Service Requested

Worship at Cross of Glory on Sundays
9:30 a.m. ~ Worship
10:30 a.m. ~ Coffee Fellowship
10:45 a.m. ~ Small Group Studies
To watch worship services: www.vimeo.com/cogtv

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