
The Glory Banner

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

September 2018



Please join us Sunday Mornings!

Worship ~ 9:30am

Coffee Fellowship ~ 10:30am

Adult Forum ~ 10:45am



⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Acts 2: 43-47

They Spent Much Time Together

Change is rarely simple. As you know, Worship, Music and Arts team and the Council have been grappling with a plan for Sunday mornings in the year ahead. Lots of conversations have been held, many of you shared your thoughts on your experience of the single service this summer, pros and cons were considered, and a decision was made. As many of you know, we're going to continue with one worship service at 9:30 blending the worship styles of our previous two services. I'm proud of the prayerful consideration made by the WMA team and the Council.

Naturally this is disappointing to some of you. While the majority of the surveys were positive about our summer experiment, some expressed frustration with the changes or indicated that the new time presented challenges. Your leadership, both lay and staff, certainly understood these concerns and considered them.

But of course, there are also costs to keeping the two services and benefits to a single service. In the verses above from Luke's description of that post-Pentecost early church, there was a clear link between the wonders of God's grace and the depth of life in community. Witnessing the grace poured out in the ministry of those early apostles inspired the community to enter more deeply into relationship with God and one another. Hierarchies were torn down, priorities were changed, mutual caring and community building became the lynchpins of what it meant to be followers of Jesus.

I believe this new schedule affords us some opportunities to enter into deeper relationships with one another. While we all sacrifice a bit when it comes to service times and liturgical and musical preferences, we gain more diversity and community and we're

stretched a bit in our experiences of worship. We're better able to welcome all that come through our doors and we can expand our Sunday morning offerings beyond worship.

I hope you have noticed that there are more children around Cross of Glory these days. We're discerning the best way to begin some nursery and Sunday school offerings once again. In addition to the various programs during the week, we'll offer adult forums all year at least twice a month while other Sundays preserve time for meetings and established small groups. We're building on the interest in occasional daytime offerings for our retired members and considering what else would be a blessing to this community.

As we begin this new program year, consider again how God might be calling you to share your gifts and passions with your friends and neighbors. Pray for the ministries of Cross of Glory and for the world with all its abundance and brokenness. Remind each other of how much you are loved and may awe come upon you as those believers of old at the wonders of God's love and mercy.

Peace,
Pastor Doug



Bible Study Readings for September

- 9/02 Luke 12:13-34**
- 9/09 Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17**
- 9/16 Genesis 12:1-9**
- 9/23 Genesis 39:1-23**
- 9/30 Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29**



“God’s Work. Our Hands.”

Gather with friends from the Wildfire congregations for our annual ELCA service day! This year, Holy Nativity (3900 Winnetka Ave N, New Hope) will host a KidPack Packing Event on **Saturday, September 8th**! The Sheridan Story will bring their mobile pack equipment and food, so we can fill the KidPack meal bags to be distributed at Forest, Lakeview, and Meadow Lake Elementary Schools. We’ll begin at **9:00am** with a potluck breakfast (please bring either an egg bake, muffins, or fruit to share). Packing will wind down by approximately 12:00pm. Even little ones can drop food items into bags along the assembly line with adult supervision! All are welcome to this Nationwide ELCA weekend of service with God, for the sake of the community!



Save the Date!

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

11:00am Hymn Sing

12:00 Noon ~ Lunch and Fellowship



Sunday Morning Ministers

Ushers:

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

Communion Servers:

9/02 Paul & Gale Geske
Linda Knudsen
Dawn Bailey
Chad & Ryan Bailey

9/09 Linda Knudsen
Sharon Quick, Judy Lewis

9/16 Merle Solie
Gayle Merritt
Carol Stejskal

9/23 Bruce & Sue Vukelich
Judy Lewis

9/30 Deb Groettum
Linda Knudsen
Sharon Quick

Lay Lectors:

9/02 Kris Simon
9/09 Carol Stejskal
9/16 Lois Broesamle
9/23 Paul Geske
9/30 Gale Geske

**NewsLetter
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Articles for the October 2018
Glory Banner should to be turned in
to Sue Vukelich by September 11th.



SENIORS ON THE GO

50 + and Friends

September already! For 33 years I headed back to school. Now, I look forward to the fun things I can do in the coming months!

Wednesday, September 5th at 10:00am is our meeting to fill out our registration forms and send our payments for the trip to Fortune Bay Casino and the "Wild" Northwest in October. If you have a card for Fortune Bay Casino, be sure to bring it with you.

On Wednesday, September 26th we are going to the Old Log Theater to see "Bee Hive" ~ the story of six women who come of age in this decade. We will hear

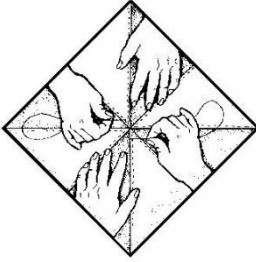
songs like "It's My Party", "Son of a Preacher Man" and "Proud Mary." Our menu choices for lunch are Braised Boneless Short Rib, Seared Pork Chop, Dill Roasted Tilapia, and Angel Hair Pasta with Garden Marinara. Be sure to check your choice on the sign-up sheet.

Wednesday, October 24th we will head for Harriet Island and a Paddleford River boat. We'll go downriver and through the locks while having a lunch of Barbecued Chicken, Pulled Pork, potato salad, cornbread, fruit and cookies.

Please watch the dates when payments are due. Often, I must pay for tickets a month ahead of time and the bus always two weeks ahead. If you need to cancel, let me know as soon as you can so you aren't counted and paid for when you aren't coming.

Come and join us and bring your friends!

Marian Priest



CEAP Quilters

The CEAP Quilters will return to work on September 10th at 9:00am. From September 2017 to May 2018, we made 466 quilts and 658 items of children's clothing and other items. We gave 6,586 volunteer hours.

We have 50 members and some members work at home. On Monday mornings, 30 to 40 women will be working from 9:00am to 12:00pm. They will be sorting, cutting, tying, sewing and serging, and having fun. Stop in to say hello and look us over. You may want to join us!

Thank you, Cross of Glory members. We are happy to have a place to make quilts and clothing for CEAP!



Thank you, Cross of Glory Quilters for the invitation to join you for your annual luncheon! The salads, fruits and varied desserts were delicious. Special thanks to Ruth Lunquist and Ardis Fairchild for your friendship.

The Women's Cancer Support Group meet the second Monday of each month in the Martin Luther Room at Cross of Glory from 11:30am through 1:00pm. (Bring a snack as needed over the noon hour.)

We welcome all Cancer patients going through treatments, remission, or have been cancer free for several years. Please come and share your faith journey with everyone, you will be a blessing to all in the group. Scripture is read, and God is present within our group.

If you have any questions, please call Marcia Janasz at 763-391-6321.

Cross of Glory Women of the ELCA

Circles meet on **Tuesday, September 18, 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 September *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.



Fall 2018

Turn, turn, turn: *A time for faithful repentance*

This fall's Bible study focuses on the theme of repentance. What does it mean to repent, and why is repentance important in the life of Christian faith? Over the next three months we will ponder how repentance shapes our relationship with God (September), our relationships with others (October) and how we as church relate with the world (November).

Focus Verse

Return to the Lord, your God, for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.

(Joel 2:13b)



**Women of the ELCA Gathering
October 5-6, 2018
Christ Lutheran Church in Blaine
641 89th Avenue NE, Blaine**

Mark our calendars now for the Fall Gathering for the Women of the ELCA Minneapolis Area Synod for October 5-6, 2018. We are meeting at Christ Lutheran Church. Bishop Ann Svennungsen will be our Bible study leader. Invited guest speaker is Becky Shurson who represents the churchwide board and will give us an update from the board. Worship will be lead by Pastor Sarah Anderson and Kris O'Brien, director of worship and music.

On Friday, October 5th, we will conduct our business meeting. Please send a representative from your women's group.

On Saturday, October 6th, we will spend time together in worship, workshops, Bible study, lunch, and with displays and vendors. We are planning a wonderful day of fun.

Our theme is "Growing in Faith" based on Mark 4:30-32, the parable of the mustard seed. (Taken from the Spring edition of *Tapestry*)

Something to think about . . .

God's love does not keep us from trials but sees us through them.

Jackie

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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

Cross of Glory Office Hours:
**Monday through Thursday, 8:00am ~ 12:00pm (note reduced hours
through at least late July)**
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