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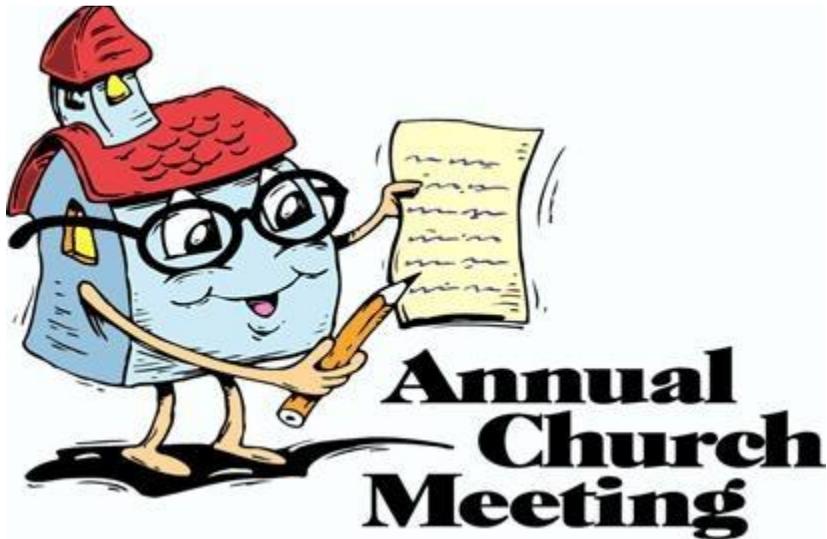
# *The Glory Banner*

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

*February 2019*

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*February 17, 2019*

*Worship Service at 9:30am*

*Our Annual Meeting and a light lunch  
will immediately follow Worship*



Greetings in Christ's name,

It is my joy to come to Cross of Glory and to journey with you during this time of transition. As a congregation, you have a rich history of mission and ministry in the Brooklyn Center area and I look forward to journeying with you in this time of discerning what God is calling you to be and to do in the future.

After over thirty years of serving as a parish pastor in three different settings, I made a decision to retire a bit early and to use any God-given gifts that I may have in interim ministry. For a long time, I have sensed that an interim period is a unique and special time for a congregation. It may not always be what is wanted but it can be very productive and renewing.

People often use the metaphor of a "wilderness wandering" to describe what they are feeling and experiencing during a pastoral vacancy. This may also be true for you. Feelings of grief, uncertainty, adrift, and anxiety are not uncommon. Please know that I am here to listen to you. In group settings or one on one conversations, I hope that you will feel you can be open and honest with what you are feeling at this time. I look forward to hearing your stories of:

1. how the ministry of Cross of Glory has touched your life,
2. what feelings you have at the present time.
3. what are your hopes and dreams for the congregation and how might you help make these happen?

The good news is that no one is alone in this journey. We have God's presence with us and God's promises to sustain us. We have the gift of the Holy Spirit to guide, enlighten, comfort and strengthen us. And we have the gift of each other. I once asked a woman what it meant to her to belong to her congregation. She quickly answered, "It means I never have to face anything alone ever again."

May we be open to God's Spirit to fill us anew and to lead us during this interim time. Please know that you have been in my prayers for some time. I would ask that you pray as often as you can, "Come, Holy Spirit, Come. Fill the hearts of your faithful. Lead us and rekindle in us the fire of your love."

Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Lee*

## ANNUAL REPORT

If you usually write a summary of the year for the Annual Report, please turn it in to Sue Vukelich **as soon as possible**. I need to have the Annual Report typed and assembled by February 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

## LENTEN *Schedule*

**Ash Wednesday ~ March 6, 2019**  
**Worship at 12:00pm and 7:00pm**

**Wednesdays during Lent ~**  
**March 13 ~ April 10**  
**Worship at 12:00pm with Lunch following**



February 2019

## Sunday Morning Ministers

### Ushers:

Dick Mero Cheryl Anderson  
Don Custer Don Halverson  
Doug Graske

### Communion Servers:

2/03 Kris Simon, Jodi Quiner  
Judy Lewis, Dawn Bailey  
Ryan & Chad Bailey

2/10 Dan & Julie Aulwes  
Verle Smithy

2/17 Lois Tollefsrud  
Gayle Merritt  
Linda Knudsen

2/24 Sharon Quick  
Carol Stejskal  
Gale Geske

### Lay Lectors:

2/03 Jodi Quiner  
2/10 Paul Geske  
2/17 Gayle Merritt  
2/24 Dan Aulwes

Newsletter  
**DEADLINE**

Articles for the March 2019  
*Glory Banner* should to be turned  
in to Sue Vukelich by **February  
12<sup>th</sup>**.



### Bible Study Readings for February

2/03 Luke 4:21-30  
2/10 Luke 5:1-11  
2/17 Luke 6:17-26  
2/24 Luke 6:27-38



## SENIORS ON THE GO

### **50 + and Friends**

February starts this year on a downer. Because we have too few people to pay for the bus, the trip to the Science Museum will have to be canceled.

Because of our Wednesday Lent services, I changed the program. On Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, we will go to Day Tripper's Theater to see "Spirit Level," a play with newlyweds and a guardian angel living together in a haunted cottage. It's a combination of "Heaven Can Wait" and "It's a Wonderful Life." The menu for lunch is chicken, pork loin, polish sausage and sauerkraut with potatoes, corn and salad.

Wednesday, April 24, is the new date for the Old Log Theater to see "Tenderly," the story of Rosemary Clooney's life. There is lots of great music to be heard. Our choices for lunch are chicken, short rib, pork chop, tilapia or pasta with marinara sauce.

I'm sticking to plays that don't involve a lot of walking since many of us have a problem with distances.

Wednesday, May 15, we are going to the Ives Auditorium at the Masonic Museum. The play is "Red Herring." Three love stories, a murder mystery, and a nuclear espionage converge in this comedy about marriage and other explosive devices. Our buffet lunch is creamy chicken, salad, roasted red potatoes, carrots and desserts. Be sure to get your dessert first!

I hope we can get at least 30 to attend these plays so we don't have to cancel anymore.

*Marian Priest*

## **Cross of Glory Women of the ELCA**

All women of Cross of Glory are warmly invited to visit or join a circle. We have three circles: Community Needs, Glory and Mission. We all meet the third Tuesday of the month.

We will be meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Community Needs Circle meets at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall; the Glory Circle meets at 12:00 in the Fellowship Hall; and the Mission Circle meets at 12:30pm in a member's home. All circles have a Bible study, fellowship, coffee and treats. There will be the Bible study leaders and hostesses in the next *Happenings*.

### **Circle Bible Study**

In February we will be in session 2 in the study of the book of John.

Our theme verse is: *Those who drink of the water that I will give them all will never be thirsty.* John 4:14a

The fourth Gospel uses conversations between Jesus and various characters as vehicles to draw us to deeper faith. This study's twin strategies of "connecting the dots" and coloring within the lines" will help us explore the Gospel's unique perspective. In the session we meet Nicodemus, the Samaritan women, two people seeking healing and a hungry crowd. Through their encounters with Jesus, we reflect on how Jesus meets us in our spiritual hunger and thirst.

Service Project



Our Service Project will be **Saturday, March 2nd**. We will be helping the **CEAP No Hassles Food Shelf**. We will not be bringing food. The teens can shop for groceries at CEAP. The need is for personal care items: shower soap, toothpaste, etc. and cleaning supplies. The teens must keep their room and bathroom clean.

There will be a poster put up at a later date with a list of some of the needed items. It will also be in the February *Happenings*. Bring something that you or your teen could use.



I want to thank everyone for all the prayers, well-wishes and cards sent my way during my down time. This congregation makes one feel like part of a loving family!  
*Marian Priest*

Thank you for your kindness and prayers during the many years of Bernice's illness and recent passing.

I was glad to see so many of you at the funeral and appreciate the support you have shown to our family over the years. This church family truly has been a blessing.  
*Richard Peterson and Family*

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**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](http://www.vimeo.com/cogtv)

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