
The Glory Banner

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

October 2019



October 27, 2019

We rejoice with three young people of Cross of Glory who will affirm their baptism on October 27th. We ask God's blessing on them at this important time of their life. This is also Reformation Sunday. There will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall following worship. Please join with the confirmands and their families in this time of celebration.

***Chad Arve Bailey
Michael Joseph Balzer
Ryan William Bailey***



Friends in Christ,

Please know that the interim process continues to move forward. The Transition Team has completed the Ministry Site Profile. This 13-page document is largely a description of the congregation, what the congregation is looking for in a future pastor and reflections on the mission and ministry of the congregation. The church council at their September meeting voted to approve the Ministry Site Profile and it has been sent to the ELCA churchwide office in Chicago.

On Sunday, November 10, following the worship service, Bishop Ann Svennungsen will be at Cross of Glory to review the profile with the congregation. Everyone is encouraged to be a part of this forum which will be held in the church sanctuary. Copies of the Ministry Site Profile will be available to the congregation a few weeks before this gathering

After Bishop Ann's visit, Cross of Glory's Call Committee (seven members to be appointed by the church council) will receive names of possible candidates from the synod office. It will then be task of the call committee to determine which candidates they wish to interview. After a first interview, some candidates will most likely be invited back for a second interview. When the Call Committee has discerned which candidate the Holy Spirit is leading them to select, this person's name and profile will be brought to the church council for approval and then on to the entire congregation for a vote.

What can each congregational member be doing during this time?

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1. Please be praying. The selection of a new pastor is an important decision and one that certainly calls for the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit. Pray for the Call Committee and their work. Ask God to bring forth candidates that would be the right fit for the congregation at this time. I can't stress enough how important your prayers are during this time. Invite God into this decision!
2. Reflect on the mission of Cross of Glory. What do you feel God is calling this congregation and you as an individual to be doing for God and others at this time?
3. Remember the gifts that you have. It is so easy to get caught up in what is lacking or how things aren't the way they used to be. Instead, identify the gifts that you DO have at Cross of Glory. Ask, "What gifts do we have at this time to share with others in the congregation, in our surrounding community and to the world?"
4. Trust God! Know that whatever the future brings, God will be present, journeying with you and will never ever leave you or forsake you. (Isaiah 41:10)

God bless you,
Pastor Lee



Confirmation instruction is available at Cross of Glory. The class meets on Sunday mornings from 8:30am ~ 9:15am in Pastor Lee's office. At the present time there is one student. If you know of others, please contact them as all are welcome to attend this instruction time!



Many thanks to Kirsten Edstrom for making Sunday school available at Cross of Glory on Sunday mornings. Please call Kirsten if you are interested in having your child in Sunday school.



Prayer Practices Forum

Come gather together in the sanctuary on Wednesday, October 23, 1:00pm – 2:00pm as Pastor Lee shares another prayer practice. Previously, we looked at Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina (holy reading of the scriptures). In this gathering, we will look at and experience the prayer practice of *The Examen*. All are welcome to share in this time of spiritual growth.

Your mission support is making an impact! Congregations contributed \$1.7 billion in offerings during 2018 to support God's mission and ministry through the three expressions of the ELCA: Congregation-Synod-Churchwide.

Your mission support is making an impact through the ELCA. ELCA World Hunger is supporting 34 gender justice projects in 25 countries, which include women's literacy and girls' education projects. 76 Youth in Global Mission (YAGM) were sent into a year of global service. Disability Ministries dedicated \$250,000 for 25 mental health ministry grants.

Your mission support is making an impact through the Minneapolis Area Synod. In this second quarter 2019, congregation offerings amounted \$662,995 or 22.3% of the synod budget of \$2,969,000. Thank you!

Through your generous support, the Minneapolis Area Synod strives to live into a vision where all may experience gracious invitation into life-giving Christian community and live in just and healthy neighborhoods.

Thank You!

Lynda Nordholm, Assistant for Mission



**Sunday Morning
Ministers**

Ushers:

Dick Mero Cheryl Anderson
Don Halverson John Rowley
Gordy Johnsrud

Communion Servers:

10/6 Judy Olson Arlene Kosek
 Kris Simon Dawn Bailey
 Chad Bailey Ryan Bailey

10/13 Sharon Quick
 Gayle Merritt
 Verle Smith

10/20 Lois Tollefsrud
 Jodi Quiner
 Judy Olson

10/27 Dawn Bailey
 Ryan Bailey
 Chad Bailey

Lay Lectors:

10/6 Kris Williams
10/13 Kris Simon
10/20 Marian Priest
10/27 Lois Tollefsrud

Greeters

10/6 Harvey Johnson
 Marie King

10/13 Norma Gilbertson
 Harriet Halverson

10/20 Joe, Lori & Michael Balzer

10/27 Josephine Cook
 Brenda Edstrom



**Starting September 29,
2019 church office hours will
be 9:00am ~ 3:00pm Monday
through Thursday.**



SENIORS ON THE GO

50 + and Friends

Only three months left in the year and we have four fun outings planned!

Saturday, October 19th, the bus will take us to the Fridley station of the North Star Train. We will take the train to Big Lake and the bus will meet us and take us to *Russel's on the Lake* for lunch. We have the choice of a burger or pulled pork sandwich, both with the salad bar. We will ride the bus back to church.

On Wednesday, November 6th, we are off to the Paramount Theater in St. Cloud to see Shoji Tabuki's Christmas show direct from Branson. Shoji plays his violin and his daughter sings. It's

a great, colorful show. Before the show we will go to the Texas Roadhouse for a lunch of either a sirloin steak or a barbecue chicken breast.

We can't miss our annual trip to West Immanuel Lutheran Church in the cornfields near Nye Wisconsin on November 9th. The lutefisk is great. (I eat the meatballs!)

We end the year on Friday, December 20th at the Ives Theater in the Mason's Museum. We will have a lunch of winter salad, rotisserie chicken, glazed carrots, cheesy potatoes, rolls, coffee, tea and dessert. Then upstairs to *A Magical Medora Christmas*. Music, seasonal magic and humor. Sign up soon as we have only 30 places.

It's time to think about next year's program. If you want to help, come to church on Wednesday, October 9th at 10:00am and we will see what we can put together.

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. Community Needs Circle meets at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall (**NOTE NEW TIME!**); the Glory Circle meets at 12:00pm 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*.



October is the second session of our three-month study of Poetry in the Old Testament. The theme verses are:

Lamentations 2:10-22; 5:9-22; Psalm 77; Psalm 25:12-22 and Psalm 126.

Our three-month study is entitled ***No Hard Feelings***. In October we will think and talk about the ***Ache of Grief***. Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann seeks to draw parallel lines between our present time and that of the people of ancient Israel, a community nearly overcome by their disorientation about identity, call and place. (Sound familiar?)

Something to think about . . .

It is not always easy to be patient, but God can be trusted. Wait patiently for Him.

Jackie



Sharon Quick, our W/ELCA co-chair has submitted her resignation. She has other obligations. A big thank you to Sharon for all the work she has done for all our activities. She will be missed. We do need a replacement for Sharon. We have a board meeting January ~ April and August ~ November. We meet the fourth Monday of each month at 1:30pm. Give this some thought and prayer. We really need another co-chair. If you feel called to help co-chair W/ELCA, please give Carol Stejskal a call at 763-420-1076.



Christmas Tea

We will be having a Christmas Tea. The date and time have not been decided. There will be an update in the *Happenings* and an insert in the Sunday Bulletin.

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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/coqtv

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