
The Glory Banner

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

September 2021



God's work.
Our hands.

God's Work Our Hands Weekend Events **Saturday, September 11, 2021**

The Wildfire congregations are working together for God's Work Our Hands on September 11, 2021, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Holy Nativity Lutheran Church (3900 Winnetka Ave N, New Hope, MN 55427). Here's the morning schedule:

Holy Nativity outdoors

9:00AM Breakfast

9:30AM Worship

(Music provided by Cross of Glory's Keith Williams and the Dixieland Band)

10:00-11:00AM Service projects consisting of:

- Food and Fund drive for Every Meal with a sorting station
- Make Birthday cards for Camp Noah
- Letter writing for Bread for the World

(Look for more information inside)



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Cross of Glory is providing the birthday card templates for participants to color. What is Camp Noah? From the LSS web site: "Camp Noah is a day camp program that serves children in communities that have been impacted by disaster. During Camp Noah, a team of certified camp staff accompany campers through a resiliency building curriculum that enables children to process their disaster and trauma experiences. Each camp is customized to the local community and offers children a safe space to tell their stories and build the resiliency skills they need to move forward. Since 1997, Camp Noah has served in 21 states and Puerto Rico. Sometimes in the busy time during recovery from disaster, milestones that are important to children, like birthdays, can be overlooked. Because of this, a birthday party celebrating all children is held at each Camp Noah event.

We appreciate your help in coloring birthday cards for children attending Camp Noah. Please decorate as many cards as you like – the more colorful and creative the better!"

We hope that as many of you as possible can come on out to Holy Nativity to serve together with fellow Lutherans at a fun and meaningful service project involving 8 congregations!

Cross of Glory Rally Sunday, September 12, 2021: If you couldn't make it to the Wildfire event on Saturday, we will have additional birthday cards for you to color following worship. Take some time to either sit and color and visit on Rally Sunday or take a card home and return it the following Sunday.

**Here is more information about Saturday, September 11th:
Holy Nativity Lutheran Church,
3900 Winnetka Avenue N, New Hope**

Wildfire Churches/God's Work, Our Hands

Items to bring for Food and Fund Drive for Every Meal:



Fruits: Pineapple, peaches, mango, pears, applesauce, mandarin oranges, mango, prunes/raisins

Vegetables: Carrots, Corn, mixed veggies, green beans, peas, bamboo shoots, baby corn

Entrees: Chili, chicken noodle soup, pasta sauce, mac and cheese, ravioli, enchilada sauce, chipotle in adobo, diced chiles, diced tomato, tomato paste, Fava beans, curry soup, coconut milk, curry paste, tomato soup

Base/Grain: Rice, spaghetti, macaroni, oatmeal, corn flour, fideo noodle, rice noodle, bean thread noodle

Protein: Tuna, chicken, black bean

Did you know: more than 300,000 children in Minnesota live with food insecurity. When these children don't have access to free and reduced meal programs at school, they don't have access to reliable food and the risk of hunger is very real. **Every Meal** works to fight hunger in our community by filling the gaps in food access that children face during weekends, summers, and extended break.

Additional Information:

It is best if all canned items are under 16oz.

Looking for pop tops

Requesting that items be nut-free

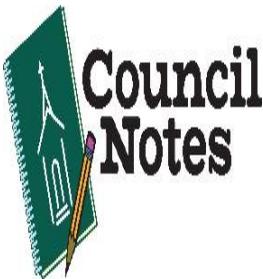
Not accepting expired food. Please make sure the food you are donating will not expire for at least the next six months



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

There are many ways to worship with us here at Cross of Glory. Below are the various ways to take part in our worship life at this time:

- **In-person** – Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am for worship in the sanctuary. We ask that you wear a mask in the church building for your safety and the safety of others.
- **Zoom** - Tune into services in live-time via Zoom on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. For further information about how to connect to Zoom by computer or phone, visit our website.
- **Recorded services** - We'll continue to post weekly videos of recorded services. Visit www.vimeo.com/cogtv for all recorded services.
- **Bulletins** –Bulletins will be available at church on Sundays (for in-person worshippers) and all bulletin information will be available online (for virtual worshippers). If you'd like to receive a bulletin by mail or email, please call the church office at 763-533-8602.



Recap of August 2021 Council Meeting

Progeny School - classes starting soon. Helped the school get protocols for fire escape and active shooter. They will work with Fire and Police at Brooklyn Center.

COVID update - we will be required to continue masking when in the building, physical distancing and sanitizing hands when entering.

New sign has solar lights on it at night.

Approved a \$100 donation for Wildfire Collaborative project on Sept 11 at Holy Nativity Church in New Hope.

Pastor Kisten's last Sunday is Sept 5th. Please wish her well and thank her for her wonderful leadership these last three months.

Pastor Ali will be back from maternity leave on Sunday, Sept 12 along with Isak and baby Kate!
Judy Lewis, Council President



Volunteer Opportunity with our community partner CAPI

From Monique Hernandez, Development and Communications Director for CAPI: "We are in need of volunteers for our fresh produce distributions, specifically Sept. 10, and Oct. 8. We had volunteers lined up and they just informed us that now they are unable to come. Volunteer time is from 12 – 3 pm. The link to sign up is below."

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d45a5ac29a2f5c52-capi1>

CROSS OF GLORY TO TAKE PART IN FAITH & NEIGHBORING PRACTICES LEARNING COMMUNITY

Cross of Glory is excited to share that we were recently selected to take part in a new initiative through the Minneapolis Area Synod that invites select congregations to explore the intersection of faith and neighboring. Beginning in the fall of 2021, Cross of Glory will be joining a two-year learning community alongside four other local ELCA congregations—including some of our Wildfire partner churches — to explore “Faith Practices and Neighboring Practices.” The project is supported by the Lilly Foundation’s Thriving Congregations Initiative, and hopes to foster practices that “deepen the spiritual life of the congregation through more significant engagement with the surrounding community, places where God’s presence precedes our engagement.” Five members of Cross of Glory will serve as congregational leaders in this project, attending monthly gatherings and quarterly retreats with our learning cohort, and inviting the larger congregation to share in these practices together. If you’re interested in learning more or taking part, please reach out to Pastor Ali at atranvik@crossofglory.us.



Middle school and high school aged youth are invited to take part in the joint Wildfire Youth Group starting this fall! On the first Wednesday of the month from 6:45-7:30 pm, youth will gather at a different Wildfire church for a time of fellowship and faith formation. This is a great opportunity to grow in your faith while getting to know other teens at our fellow Wildfire churches. Mark your calendars! The first gathering

is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 6th at Holy Nativity Lutheran Church (3900 Winnetka Ave N, New Hope).**

Bring some friends and join us for outdoor worship, games, and snacks (all Covid-friendly). Reach out to Pastor Ashley at: pastorashley@holynativity.net with any questions.



50 + and Friends

After 32 years, I regret to say we are no longer able to continue our group. A bus costs \$600.00 at the lowest which is about \$22.00 each making trips at least \$60.00 each.

I don't know if the price or the pandemic is responsible for the lack of response, only 19 people said they were interested in trips at this time (only 3 in September and 5 for the October trip). Which means if I keep making reservations, I just have to call again to cancel them.

It's been fun all this time! We have gone on many wonderful trips over the years. Thank you all for your participation.

Marian Priest



COVID-19 UPDATES

We are following CDC guidelines and MDH recommendations regarding COVID-19 protocols. With the rise of the delta variant, COVID rates have continued to rise in Hennepin County and in our cities. With the shared health of our entire community in mind, the following are in effect:

- **Masks:** We are asking everyone to wear a mask while in the church building, covering your mouth and nose. This includes those who have been vaccinated. If you do not have a mask, they are available at the church.
- **Hand Sanitizing:** Please sanitize your hands whenever you enter the building.
- **Physical Distance:** We will continue physical distancing before, during services, and afterwards while in the church building. We ask you to refrain from handshaking, hugging, or other actions that cause you to not physically distance from others.
- **Communion:** Communion will be celebrated in-place in the pews the first Sunday of the month.
- **Offering:** Offering plates will continue to be available in the narthex outside the sanctuary, and you may also send or drop off your gifts to the church or contribute online or electronically.

We continue to encourage the Cross of Glory community to be vaccinated if possible. If you need information or assistance, please contact the church office, Task Force members, or visit <https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/index.jsp>

Thank you for your ongoing grace, creativity, patience, and care as we seek to faithfully share life together.

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FALL 2021 BIBLE STUDY: The gift of the spirit

Celtic Christians likened the Holy Spirit not to a dove, but to a goose. In these three sessions of the fall *Gather* Bible study, the Rev. Sara Olson-Smith associate pastor at St Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa, will lead us on our own divine Wild Goose chase. We'll track the Holy Spirit's actions throughout the Bible and throughout our lives. We'll explore how the Spirit moves God's people into adventures and lives we would never dare risk on our own.

SEPTEMBER ~ Session 1: SPIRIT OF GOD: Revealer and resource

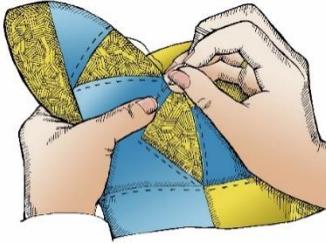
The Holy Spirit might be the most misunderstood or mysterious member of the Trinity, but the Spirit of scripture is not shy. Together we'll uncover the bold, truth-telling Spirit active in our lives. After a quick review of the mystery of the Trinity, we'll read parts of Jesus' farewell discourse, and hear how the Spirit continues to reveal the truth of Jesus to us and to the world. We'll discuss how the gift of the Holy Spirit is a resource for God's people, giving us power we need to do God's work.

I watched the video for Session one Rev. Sara Olson-Smith has on the Gather web site. She was exciting and so full of the awesomeness of the Holy Spirit that our study should not be boring. (gathermagazine.org in the upper right corner find RESOURCES, click on the title SARA OLSON-SMITH leads Gather September Bible Study)

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT by Jackie

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

(from September 2018 *Happenings*)



CEAP Quilters

The CEAP Quilters will return to church on Monday, September 13, and work from 9:00am to 12:00pm. We hope to have many of our quilters return!

We will plan to have the quilts on the pews on Sunday, November 21st and have CEAP pick them up on Monday, November 22nd if everything works out. We do not quilt in December and return to gathering to quilt in January.

Ruth Lundquist

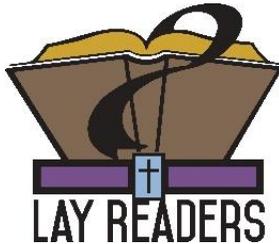


I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, letters, phone calls, their well wishes, and blessings while I have been on this cancer journey. I have received good news from the doctors, and now just have to wait and see what happens next. Thank you.

Gail Anderson

SEPTEMBER

Sunday Morning Ministers



September 5: Dawn Bailey
September 12: Lois Tollefsrud
September 19: Gayle Merritt
September 26: Kim Jacobson



September 5: Delores Olson, Judy Olson
September 12: Ron and Lois Tollefsrud
September 19: Tom Simon, Linda Knudsen
September 26: Linda Knudsen, Judy Lewis



If you have an article or information you would like included in the October newsletter, please email it to Sue at svukelich@crossofglory.us by September 23rd.

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Worship with us in-person Sunday mornings at 9:30 am

Worship with us on Zoom by phone or online Sunday mornings at 9:30 am

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