
The Glory Banner

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church (ELCA)

a Wildfire Congregation

February 2023

Lent 2023

Stories of Call: A Season of Prayerful Listening

As we continue to listen for God's call here at Cross of Glory, we look to stories of call in scripture--and to prayer practices that invite us to engage with them. Each Sunday in Lenten worship, we'll explore a different call story from the Bible. During a portion of our worship service, there will be various prayer stations set up throughout the sanctuary that you'll be invited to visit as the Spirit leads (we'll also have an online version available for folks worshipping online, and a stationary version available for folks worshipping onsite who prefer to remain seated). We pray that through engaging various practices of prayer, that we might open our ears, our eyes, and our hearts to the God who is speaking to us--here and now!

WORSHIP WITH US!

Onsite – Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am for worship in the sanctuary.

Online – Tune in to 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 www.crossofglory.us.

Recorded services - We record weekly worship so that you can worship from anywhere, anytime. Visit our home page, or Service Library page, at www.crossofglory.us for service recordings!

Bulletins – Bulletins are mailed to those who have requested mailings. Please contact the church office at 763-533-8602 or office@crossofglory.us if you'd like to be added to/removed from this weekly mailing list. Electronic bulletins are posted to our website weekly as well.

We give thanks that the Spirit continues to guide, inspire, and enliven us in our worship, however you choose to take part!

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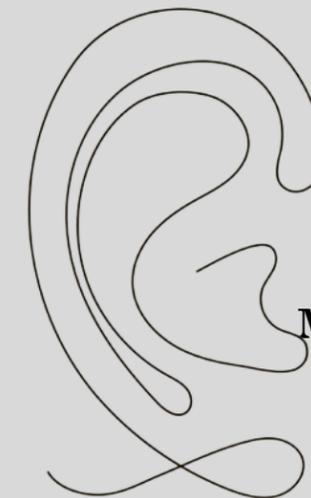
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Lenten Worship Sundays at 9:30 am

Feb 26 - God Calls Moses

March 5 - God Calls Esther

March 12 - God Calls Samuel

March 19 - God Calls Mary

March 26 - God Calls Paul



PASTORAL CARE

Pastor Ali is available for pastoral care, conversation, and prayer. You can reach her by phone and email throughout the week. Her designated hours for pastoral care and conversation (onsite or online) are Tuesdays from 10:30-1:30 and Wednesdays from 2-5, and home/care facility visitation hours are Thursdays from 3-5. Please reach out to schedule a time to connect!

HOME COMMUNION

If you are unable to commune onsite at Cross of Glory, we would love to come visit you and bring you communion. Please reach out to schedule a time.

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Ash Wednesday - February 22**

12-2 pm: Individual Imposition of Ashes

Stop by the sanctuary anytime during this window to receive ashes and a brief blessing with Pastor Ali

7 pm - Ash Wednesday Worship

All are welcome to take part in worship as we begin the Lenten season, offered onsite + online



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Listening for God's Call--Together!

During Lent, the Vision + Vocation Team will be inviting the Cross of Glory community to join us in listening for God's call. Keep an eye out in the coming weeks for more information about how to sign up for an upcoming discernment dialogue in small groups.

Call: A Lutheran Perspective

Join us this month for "Table Talks," a monthly education hour when we explore faith in everyday life. This month, we'll gather after worship on **Feb 26th** to hear from Mark Tranvik, Professor of Lutheran History and Theology at Luther Seminary, who will be teaching a class on "Call: A Lutheran Perspective," and helping us further unpack our Lenten theme.

Lenten Midweek Prayer

In the midst of all the other weekly rhythms that vie for our time and attention, we invite you to join the Cross of Glory community for a time of prayerful silence and stillness. Every Wednesday during Lent from 12-12:20, join us on Zoom either by video or phone call for a time of Lenten prayer, as we continue to listen for God's voice. A recording of midweek prayer will also be available on our website to follow and take part anytime during the week.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:30am Worship (onsite and online) 10:30am Coffee Fellowship 11:00am Table Talks 11:30am Faith Healing Congregation	30 6:30pm Divelard Rehearsal	31 9:30am Bible Study (onsite and online)	1 5:15pm Community Meal (online) 6:00pm Community Tutoring (onsite & online) 6:00pm Hand Bell Rehearsal 7:00pm confirmation 7:00pm Worship Team Rehearsal	2	3 7:00pm 7th Day Adventist congregation	4 10:00am 7th Day Adventist congregation
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There is no WELCA Bible study in February. We will resume in church Bible study on March 15, 2023, weather permitting.

In Home February 2023 Bible Study:

Winter/Spring 2023 Bible study, "The Ten Commandments" by The Rev. Christa von Zychlin

Join *Gather* magazine and revive your soul in 2023 with a four-session study of the 10 commandments. ELCA pastor and Bible study author Christa von Zychlin will help us see how these commandments are more than they may appear at first glance. For example, Martin Luther taught that the commandment, "Do not kill," means not only refraining from murder, but actively promoting the health and life of others. Get ready to explore old and new interpretations of God's laws, using Luther's Small and Large Catechism and more!

(February 2023) Session two: Rhythms and respect (Commandments 3 & 4)

Some might say the Old Testament commands Remember the Sabbath and Honor Your Folks seem outdated and quaint. After all, didn't Jesus routinely break the Sabbath? Didn't Jesus (on occasion) talk back to his mother? Yet these commandments are far from outdated. Find out how these commands offer a source of peace and inspiration in today's often hectic and generationally segregated society and church.

(March 2023) Session three: Sanctity of life and love (Commandments 5 & 6)

In our third session, we will review some of the major murders of the Bible. We'll also delve into the scriptural witness to the spirituality of sex and the covenant of marriage.

The WELCA board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 21, 2023 at 1:00 pm. Weather permitting.



We are so excited to be sending our kids to Camp Wapo this summer!— use the QR code or go to <http://lwlbc.com/cog-bc> to register today!

Kids that have finished 1st-3rd grade attend a weekend camp called Seeds. They attend June 23-25.

Kids that have completed 4th -8th grade attend Camp Wapo week long camp that is June 25-30. Scholarships are available contact Pastor Ali for details!



Kids Sunday - We continue to invite kids of all ages to join us on the first Sundays of the month. On first Sundays during part of the worship service, kids are invited to take part in "Godly Play" with our children's ministry leaders--a time of imaginative and question-filled storytelling. And as always, kids are invited to play musical instruments on the last song in worship!

Sunday February 5th— Stories about God's love and a heart craft

Confirmation - Confirmation continues to meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 pm (come early for pizza!).

During service childcare— Our confirmation students and adult leaders will be providing childcare for children of all ages on Feb. 19th during service.



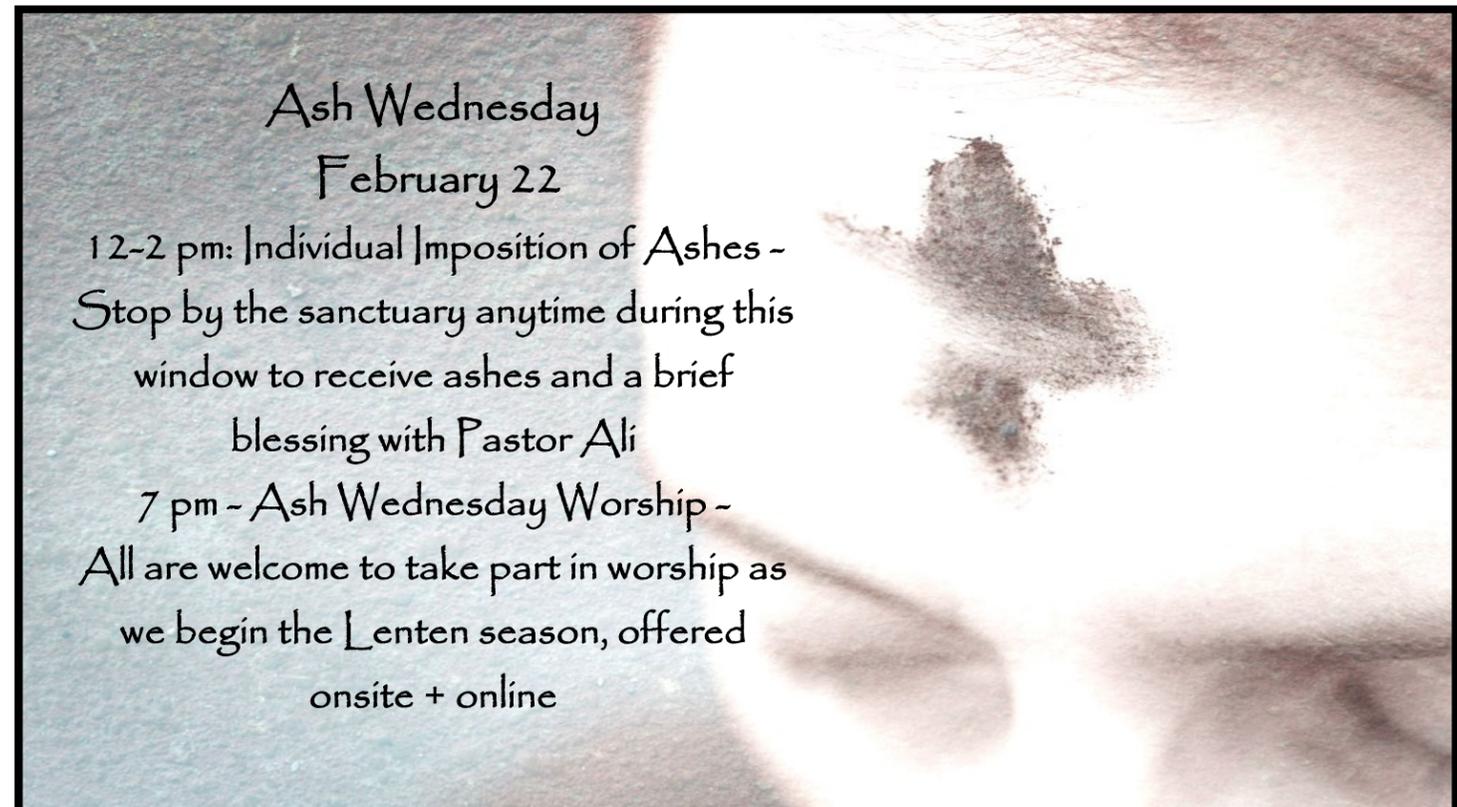
We are excited to announce the directories are printed and ready for pick up! You can also view the directory online as well! If you have yet to turn in a photo, no worries, you can send a photo you would like in the directory to the church office via email to office@crossofglory.us and we will update it— your photo will be in the next set of printed copies.

If you would like printed a copy of the directory:

Email or stop by the office during office hours (M-W 10-2) or pick up your directory before or after church service.

To access the directory online:

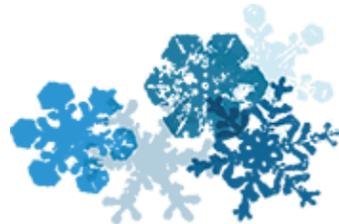
- visit crossofglory.us
- click on the "connect" tab at the top.
- Click on the church directory update image (same image as above)
 - a new page will open that says cross of Glory Lutheran church please enter the password to log in.



Worship

- February 5—
Greeters: Arlene Kosek, Barb Thomson
Reader: Laura McClanahan
Communion: Sharon Quick, Judy Lewis, Gayle Merritt
- February 12—
Greeters: Judy Olson and Judy Lewis
Reader: Steve Ferley
- February 19—
Greeters: Carol Stejskal and Kathy Swendiman
Reader: Carol Stejskal
Communion: Carol Stejskal, Arlene Kosek, Kathy Swendiman
- February 26—
Greeter: Joe and Lori Balzer
Reader: Joe Balzer
- March 5—
Greeters: Angela Dahl, DeLores Olson
Reader: Mike McClanahan
Communion: Kris Simon, Judy Lewis, and Marcy Hartlage

Quarterly Giving Statements
Year end Giving Statements will be available February 12th. If you are needing them sooner, please contact the church office to have them sent.



CoG Community News

Wednesday Community Meals - On Wednesdays starting at 5:15, all are welcome to join the tutoring community and share a meal together in Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study - Bible Study gathers on Tuesdays at 9:30 am, onsite & online, as we look at the texts for the upcoming Sunday. Note: the WELCA Bible Study will not meet this month.

Table Talks - Join us on Feb 26th to hear from Mark Tranvik of Luther Seminary teach about "Call: A Lutheran Perspective." We'll plan to gather in the library.

Civil Rights Trip - House of Hope Lutheran in New Hope, one of our fellow Wildfire churches, is leading a trip to Alabama July 31-Aug 6 to explore the legacy of the Civil Rights movement. Members of Wildfire congregations are invited to take part. For more info, please contact Pastor Ali ASAP.

New Members - Welcome to those who have recently begun taking part in our life together at Cross of Glory! If you're interested in learning more about life together at COG or joining as new members, please let Pastor Ali know by Feb 20 so that we can arrange a spring new member class!

Food Shelf - CAPI is always looking for hands to help and their BC food shelf. Shifts are available Mon-Thurs. Sign up at capiusa.org.

Minneapolis Housing Town Hall - On Feb 10, 2023 from 3pm-4:30pm, CAPI is hosting a town hall to discuss the future of affordable housing. For more information visit capiusa.org.

Ministry Tool Kit - On Feb 11, the Minneapolis Area Synod is hosting its annual "Tool Kit," a morning of workshops intended to equip and empower churches for the work we do on the ground. This year's sessions include Becoming Faithful Neighbors, Congregations & Mental Health, Yikes I'm on Church Council, and Making Your Congregation Greener, among others. Tool Kit takes place at First Lutheran in Columbia Heights. Open to all. RSVP at <https://mpls-synod.org/for-congregations/t>



Council Notes

Welcome to our newest council members voted in at the annual meeting on January 22, 2023. With all CoG council members, we look forward to your guidance and dedication to serve.

Officers

- President: Judy Lewis 2nd year/2nd term
- Vice President: Steve Ferley 2nd year/1st term
- Secretary: Erik Haugland 2nd year/2nd term
- Treasurer: Mike Edstrom 2nd year/1st term

At-large Council Members

- Laura McClanahan: 2nd year/2nd term
- Gayle Merritt: 2nd year/1st term
- Dennis Olson: 2nd year/2nd term
- Kathy Swendiman: 1st year/1st term
- Gordy Johnsrud: 1st year/ 1st term

Thank You!

Thank you for your service to our term-ending council members: **Michael Balzer and Lori Balzer**

We appreciate your dedication to Cross of Glory and its ministry.



Cross of Glory family and friends,
Many thanks to Pastor Ali for her visit to our home concerning Chet's passing and arrangements for service. Thanks also Carol, WELCA, Mark, Kris, and many others for caring hands in Chet's celebration of life. It was most meaningful for myself and family. Thanks be to God for all!
Marcia Janasz and family

2023 Giving Envelopes

Giving envelopes are here at church ready for pick up for all that have returned a pledge card. Please arrange a pick up M-W 10-2 or call the office to have them mailed. If you would like envelopes and didn't return a pledge card, please contact the church office.

Offering Envelopes

