
The Glory Banner

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church (ELCA)

A Wildfire Congregation

August 2022



Murals depicting the Harrison neighborhood in north Minneapolis are one of the creations of the arts ministry of Redeemer Lutheran Church (photo courtesy of Redeemer). Source: Faith & Leadership, "Building community through arts ministry" by Joy Skjegstad.

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it."
-1 Corinthians 12:1, 24-26



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 office hours for pastoral care and conversation (virtual or in-person) 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 in person-at Cross of Glory, we would love to come visit you and bring you communion. Please reach out if you'd like to schedule a time.

Sunday, Sept 11th is going to be a big day at Cross of Glory. It's not only Rally Sunday, but also the ELCA's annual God's Work Our Hands Sunday. This year, Barbara Sahr is organizing a morning full of ways to do God's work with our hands. First, there will be a congregation-crafted and -led worship service. We'll be looking for people to take part in all sorts of parts--from drawing art for the cover of the bulletin to leading a children's sermon, singing with the worship team or choir to carrying in the cross, we need you to help with the liturgy, "the work of the people." Then, after worship, there will be a ministry fair (to register your team/committee/ministry, email Barbara by Sept 1), a chance to learn about the various ministries in our church community and how you can get involved. After that, we'll have a potluck lunch, so bring a dish to share. During lunch, you'll be invited to write/decorate cards, which will be delivered to neighbors in our community, including our homebound members. Keep an eye out for more information and sign-ups coming soon. If you are interested in helping organize, let Barbara know ASAP!

Email: barbara.henke14@gmail.com.

COG CARE MINISTRY

This spring, Cross of Glory members revived the care and visitation team, after a hiatus during the pandemic. Visitors are now regularly checking in with many of our homebound members, those living in senior care facilities, and those who are hospitalized. Visits can include anything from grocery shopping assistance to home communion, prayer to an ice cream outing! If you're interested in receiving a visit, or being part of our care and visitation team, let Rachel in the office know!



2022 AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9:30am Worship In-Person or Virtually 10:30am Fellowship (in person or Zoom online) 11:30am Faith Healing Congregation	1 6:30pm Dixieland Rehearsal	2 9:30am Bible Study (Zoom online/phone or in person)	3 6:00pm Hand Bell Rehearsal	4 6:00pm Hand Bell Rehearsal	5 6:00pm Hand Bell Rehearsal	6 7th Day Adventist - Restart 7
7 9:30am Worship In-Person or Virtually 10:30am Fellowship (in person or Zoom online) 10:50am Worship/Music/Arts/Fellowship Committee Meeting 11:30am Faith Healing Congregation	8 12:00am Sanctuary Piano Tuning/Maintenance 6:30pm Dixieland Rehearsal	9 9:30am Bible Study (Zoom online/phone or in person)	10 6:00pm Hand Bell Rehearsal 7:00pm Worship Team Rehearsal	11 6:00pm Hand Bell Rehearsal 7:00pm Worship Team Rehearsal	12 6:00pm Hand Bell Rehearsal 7:00pm Worship Team Rehearsal	13 7th Day Adventist - Restart 7 5:00pm Faith Healing Choir Practice
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Community Tutoring

We will begin our third year of tutoring this September! As always, the more the merrier--so if you're interested in helping out with tutoring, please don't hesitate to reach out to me (Isak) at itrانvik@gmail.com.

But just in case that exclamation point in the first paragraph didn't convince you that tutoring is fun, I thought I'd add a little more about our ongoing project.

First and foremost, we call our humble effort a "project" because we're not, nor do we intend to become, a fixed or finished program. Rather, we're a group of folks--some formally connected to Cross of Glory, many not--who want to support neighbors in whatever way we are able. One avenue to do so, we found, is connecting adults who enjoy working with kids to local students (many of whom attend Progeny Academy, located in our church building) asking for extra help with homework. It's a project, then, because it's always going to be under construction--and we think of our work as building something with our neighbors as needed.

This means that weekly sessions can look like many different things. Sometimes it entails helping out with the dreaded (!) math homework. Other times it involves just eating pizza while checking in. Still other times you might end up reading a book with a student for thirty minutes. And, of course, sometimes a student doesn't show up--meaning tutoring consists of being present even if nobody is there to notice.

We always emphasize that while academic help is useful, we're primarily interested in being present for students. That means content knowledge is not required! That said, we have a few former teachers around to help answer any content-related questions that might arise.

We tentatively plan to meet on Wednesday evenings from 5:45-6:45 p.m. this Fall. We usually eat pizza around 5:40 or so and then tutor from 6-6:45.

Please let me know if this is something you might be interested in! And if so, please let me know if you'd feel more comfortable with certain age groups, subjects, etc.
Isak

A Note from Progeny Academy

Progeny Academy (ISD #4263) is a tuition free public school that opened in the fall of 2019. We will be serving students in grades K-8 who reside in Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Part, Minneapolis and surrounding communities. We focus on providing academically rigorous learning that centers on authentic, hands-on and inquiry based learning. Additionally, students partake in social emotional learning opportunities whereby developing the personal attributes to become well rounded life-long learners. Highlights of our program include rigorous and individualized academic and social emotional programming, dedicated and passionate staff, small class sizes, daily physical education, free evening tutoring, one to one technology, transportation, and breakfast and lunch. We are so excited to be residing right here at Cross of Glory and to serve the community. We are now actively enrolling for the 2022-2023 school year. If you are interested to learn more please contact Ms. Lilly Nelson, School Enrollment Coordinator at 763-325-9150. Please also visit us online at progenyacademy.org.



Worship


August 7—
 Greeters: Barb Thomson and Luella Hinnenkamp
 Reader: Julie Aulwes
 Communion: Lois Tollefsrud, Dawn Bailey, and Linda Knudsen
 Usher (along with head ushers): Dan Aulwes

August 14—
 Greeters: Carol Stejskal and Kathy Swendiman
 Reader: Carol Stejskal
 Usher (along with head ushers): Gordy Johnsrud

August 21—
 Greeters: Harriet Halverson and Marie King
 Reader: Gayle Merritt
 Usher (along with head ushers): Steve Ferley

August 28—
 Greeters: Steve Ferley and Judy Lewis
 Reader: Steve Ferley
 Usher (along with head ushers): Gayle Merritt

September 4—
 Greeters: Audrey Retrum and Delores Olson
 Reader: Dan Aulwes
 Communion: Verle Smith, Sue and Bruce Vukelich



Council Notes

Church Council did not gather in July. We look forward to gathering next month and will share a report to follow.

Summer Block Party

We had such a great time gathering with neighbors on Saturday, July 23rd for SummerFest. Even a torrential downpour couldn't stop the fun (thanks, very large Fellowship Hall!). Thanks to our neighbors at CAPI and Resurrection Anglican for co-hosting, and to everyone who took part! Below are just a few snapshots from the day...

COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR

A huge thanks to our neighbors at CAPI for organizing such a great community resource fair. Organizations that took part included CAPI, Progeny Academy, North Memorial Health (thanks Erik Haugland!), MIRAC - MN Immigrant Rights Action Committee, MN Freedom Fund, People Incorporated, Children's Dental Services, Veeman Integrated Wellness, The Free Book Buggie, Three Rivers Park District, Hennepin County Government, Asian Media Access, and Health on the Go Brooklyn Park.



FOOD

We were excited to welcome back KMC Eggrolls, a food truck that fed us last October at FallFest. We couldn't stop thinking about those eggrolls, so we were thrilled to have them back this year. Eggrolls were accompanied by ice cream provided by Resurrection Anglican, and cotton candy by Cross of Glory (masterfully served by Kim Jacobson).



DANCING

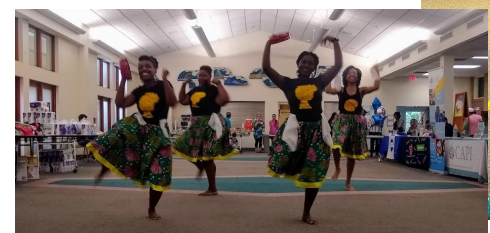
We had a blast with Afrocontigo, part of the African Contemporary Dance studio, who performed-- and then invited everyone else to dance too!



MUTUAL AID



Continuing the work that began in April 2021 in the wake of Daunte Wright's death, SummerFest included a mutual aid supply distribution. Thanks to all who donated books (a special thanks to Earl Simon and the Lion's Club), hygiene items, and school supplies.



KIDS ACTIVITIES

Thanks to Rachel Marquardt for organizing and leading kids activities, which included face painting, making suncatchers (to catch the sun that would come out later in the day), and a bounce house.



Cross of Glory Activities by COVID-19 Risk Level

HENNEPIN COUNTY RISK PER CDC →	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Masking	Optional	Optional	Required
Distancing	Optional	Optional	Required
Meals	YES – per Aug 2022 Meals Guidelines	YES – per Aug 2022 Meals Guidelines	Pause (with exception of funeral luncheons arranged during Low/Medium periods)
Musical Ensembles	YES-no restrictions	YES – per Aug 2022 Musical Ensembles policy	Pause
Communion	YES – per Aug 2022 Communion Guidelines	YES – per Aug 2022 Communion Guidelines	YES – per Aug 2022 Communion Guidelines
Sharing the Peace	Greet others at your own comfort level	Greet others at your own comfort level	Distanced gesture of peace
Children's Activities	Masks are optional	Masks are optional	Masks are required



The Covid taskforce continues working hard to keep us safe and healthy here at Cross of Glory! We thank them for their diligence as we continue to move through this pandemic.

Please see the updated chart to the right for activities within our building. Should you have any questions, feel free to reach out to one of the Covid taskforce members. They will be happy to answer any of your questions.

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LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE TWINS

The Twins will be hosting their annual Lutheran Night at Target Field on August 2nd at 6:30 pm. You can get the big Lutheran party by getting tickets <https://fevo.me/lutherannight2022>.



Thanks to all who joined us for our meal on July 13!



Have a favorite dish you love to cook (or love to buy from the grocery store!). This month's community meal, hosted by the Faith & Neighboring Practices cohort and open to all church members, neighbors, and friends, is a potluck. We'll gather on Wednesday, August 17 at 5:30 pm in the outdoor courtyard (weather permitting). If you haven't had the chance to come yet this summer, we encourage you to do so --these meals are an opportunity to catch up with neighbors you may already know and maybe to get to know some you don't, to listen to each other and to share stories, but most simply, to just eat together! Looking forward to seeing you there, Abby Kelley, Nathan Paulson, Isak Tranvik, Mike McClanahan, Pastor Ali

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WORSHIP WITH US!

In-person – Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am for worship in the sanctuary.
Zoom – 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 continued 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!



GATHER BIBLE STUDY will meet...**July 20th** at 1pm in the church Fellowship Hall. Bring your own drink, snack and a friend. All women are welcome. Copies of the Bible Study will be available if needed. We will use a microphone.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY : Crafted in Christ--a summer of rest and renewal, is written by Rev Katie Hines-Shah. The three session Bible Study uses the concept of quilting to explore rest, renewal and Christian community. The Old and New Testament readings will be discussed as the patterns we follow and how the pieces of our lives and communities are bound together in Christ. She suggests we can create a quilt project as a reminder of our time together this summer. Another suggestion she gives would be to bring a quilt, picture or story about quilting to share.

JULY Session 3: "Ties that bind" explore how our lives and Christian communities come together into a cohesive whole, including people of all shapes and sizes, abilities and talents.

The **WELCA Fall Service Project** will be collecting school supplies for the Progeny Academy. There will be a bin by the poster for your donation which will begin July 24 and end August 21st. Please note the list of needed items by the poster.

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VBS - The joint Wildfire Vacation Bible School is happening August 1-4 from 5-8 pm at Elim Lutheran Church in Robbinsdale. This year's theme: Superheroes (of the Bible)!

First Sundays - On the first Sunday of each month, COG offers a special time for kids during part of worship. From singing songs to baking communion bread, planting a garden to storytelling, crafts to games, we look forward to worshipping with you, and for our time together on first Sundays. **NOTE:** If you're an adult leader who is willing to help out with these activities regularly or on occasion, please contact Rachel in the office (office@crossofglory.us).



Thanks from our Wapo Campers - Thanks again for your support and prayers as Cross of Glory kids headed to Camp Wapo last month. They had a blast!



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Fresh Food Fridays at CAPI - Every 2nd and 4th Friday CAPI distributes free fresh produce from its parking lot. If you're able to lend a hand, sign up at www.capiusa.org. July dates are the 8th and 22nd, and distribution runs from 1-3 pm.

Senior Luncheons - There's a free senior luncheon every Tuesday at noon at the Crossings at Brookwood. Lunch is followed by fellowship and game time. Tours of the facility are also available. To RSVP for a "Chat & Chowder" luncheon this month, call Diane at 763-561-7405.

Free Covid Testing and Vaccines - The Phyllis Wheatley Community Center in north Minneapolis hosts free community Covid-19 testing on MWF from 4-8 pm, and free vaccine clinics on the first Sat of the month from 10-2. More info can be found at <https://www.phylliswheatley.org/>.

Brooklyn Center Farmer's Market - Head over to the parking lot of Brooklyn United Methodist Church (7200 Brooklyn Blvd) for the weekly farmer's market, hosted on Thursdays from 2-7pm.

Community Health Fair - Health resources will be offered at the community health fair on Saturday, August 13 from 1 pm to 5 pm at Centennial Park in Brooklyn Center. To learn more, visit www.ci.brooklyn-center.mn.us/.

Centennial Park Summer Music Series - On Tuesday nights at 7 pm throughout the summer, Centennial Park in Brooklyn Center is hosting a concert series at its amphitheater. July dates include the 9th, 16th, and 23rd. Visit www.ci.brooklyn-center.mn.us/ for more info.



We have a need for a Head Usher to cover one Sunday a month. Head Ushers ensure that all usher tasks are completed, including counting attendance, securing offerings, lighting candles, cleaning up sanctuary after service, and more. If you are interested or want more details, please contact Gayle Merritt or Dan Aulwes.



Thank you to everyone for your prayers and cards when my brother Heath passed away. Also thanks to Pastor Ali for the beautiful Prayer Service and to those who attended. Your sympathy was much appreciated, Thank You, John Thomson



Julie and Dan Aulwes would like to thank Cross of Glory members for their sympathy and support following the passing of Julie's Dad. Your kindness is very appreciated.

Peace, Julie

