
The Glory Banner

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

April 2016



*April 11 & 25 ~
Women's Cancer Support Group*

April 13 ~ 50 + and Friends

April 19 ~ W/ELCA Circles

April 20 ~ Senior Scams

April 30 ~ W/ELCA Spring Luncheon



He has told you, O Mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8

Vocation and Call

By now most of you know that my vocational life has taken an unexpected twist. For the next few months I will be reducing my time at Cross of Glory and taking over as Interim Director of a non-profit in Chicago with which I have had a twenty year relationship, Interfaith Worker Justice (IWJ.org). A member asked me if this felt like a call. That's exactly what it feels like. I have always felt this call to do justice as a powerful part of my vocation. Already in my last year of college I felt torn between two calls, two vocations, ordained ministry and justice work in the labor movement. Throughout my working life these components have been woven together in a variety of ways. This IWJ interim is just another opportunity to answer God's unique call.

Some of you have asked more about what IWJ does and what I will be doing. I'm happy to talk more about this but let me share a brief description of what I know. Interfaith Worker Justice was started by the former director of Bread for the World, Kim Bobo, twenty years ago this year. It grew from a deep concern that working people and their unions were under attack in a variety of ways and that most faith traditions shared important values about the dignity of work and the rights of working people. In its earliest days, IWJ worked to educate, mobilize and organize the faith community on issues of worker Justice, often in partnership with unions and other worker organizations. This remains a core part of our mission as an organization and we have more than 30 local and regional affiliates doing this work.

Over the past ten years or so, new organizations called worker centers have been emerging all over the country. Worker centers are grassroots organizations responding to all kinds of issues affecting especially low-wage workers including wage theft, misclassification, health and safety violations, scheduling and countless more. I think they are one of the most exciting developments in the labor movement in many years. Again, IWJ has more than 30 local and regional worker center affiliates.

As Interim Executive Director I will have a number of responsibilities that my background in the church and the labor movement will enhance. I'm hoping to stabilize and support our staff in a time of considerable transition. I need to hire

several key staff. I will be leading a Transition Team tasked with evaluating the current assets and structure of the organization with representatives from our affiliates, staff and board. I will support the search committee as they launch a national search for a new director. Finally, I will try to maintain key relationships with our foundation, faith and labor founders as well as our network of large donors. I have some wonderful staff and board members to work with and will certainly not be doing any of this alone!

I would anticipate this position lasting 3 to 4 months. As I mentioned, I am NOT a candidate for the permanent position and will return to full time at Cross of Glory once this is over. I will be here most weekends and will continue to lead our wonderful staff at Cross of Glory. Christian will be adding some hours and be more available weekday mornings while both Mark and Christian and our strong lay leadership team will help keep things moving forward along the way. I will be focusing especially on worship, preaching and pastoral care during this interim. I ask for your prayers and I will no doubt be sharing some stories along the way.

Peace,
Pastor Doug



Sunday Bible Readings for April

April 3: Acts 1:1-4 ~ “You Shall Be My Witness in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

April 10: Acts 3:1-10 ~ Healing at the Beautiful Gate: “I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you, in the name of Jesus rise and walk.”

April 17: Acts 17:1-9 ~ Founding the church at Thessalonica.

April 24: Acts 18:1-4 ~ Founding the church at Corinth.



Sunday Morning Ministers

Ushers:

9:00 a.m.

Chuck Isenberg Jerry Rowley
Dick Mero Don Custer

11:00 a.m.

Gordy Johnsrud Don Halverson

Communion Servers:

4/10 John & Deb Groettum
 Judy Lewis, Sharon Quick
 Arlene Kosek

4/17 Dan & Julie Aulwes

Lay Lectors:

4/03 Bruce Vukelich
4/10 Kris Williams
4/17 Bev Hovde
4/24 Julie Aulwes

**NewsLetter
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Articles for the May, 2016
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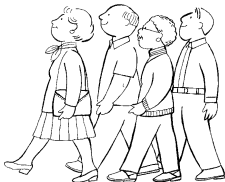


Senior Scams

On Wednesday, April 20th Jack Talbot of AARP will be at Cross of Glory. He will go over the scams that we seniors need to be aware of. Some come by phone, some by mail. Jack Talbot was a police officer for 34 years and has worked with scams since 1973.

The program will be at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. There is no cost since it is sponsored by AARP.

Come and learn how to avoid these clever people who want your money and your identity.



50 + and Friends

I think Spring has finally sprung! We are going to the Science Museum on April 13th. We'll see the display on Mummies from all over the world. Then lunch on your own in the cafeteria where you can choose a

salad, soup or sandwich. Last, we go to the IMAX Theater to see a film on the National Parks of the USA. We'll leave church at 10:15am.

On May 11th Mary Ann Papke and Maureen Armstrong will entertain us on our grand piano with a variety of music and highjinks. Then we will head for the Fellowship Hall for a lunch catered by Carol Knutson. She's making a cherry chicken salad, a veggie salad, fruit trays and desserts for us. We'll start the festivities at 11:00am.

We have a date for the concert on Nicollet Island. We are going on July 11th. After the concert we'll continue tradition with pizza buffet at Pizza Ranch.

I also have 30 tickets for a St. Paul Saints ball game on Sunday, August 14th. The seats are just past first base and the first three rows from the entrance level so we don't have far to go up or down. The game starts at 5:00pm so it shouldn't be too dark when it's over.

Watch the bulletin board for sign-up sheets and plan to join us!

Marian Priest

lives and depend on God. We will REVIEW the entire letter to the Philippians and recall what they have learned.

Women of the ELCA

The Circles will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, April 19th.

Community Needs Circle meets at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall; the Glory Circle meets at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall; and the Mission Circle meets in a member's home at 12:30pm. We will have the Hostess and Bible study leaders listed in the April *Happenings*.



W/ELCA Bible Study

In April we will complete our study of Philippians and concentrate on chapter 4:4-23. Our goals will be to DISCOVER more about Paul and the Philippians partnership in the Gospel. We will EXPLORE ways Paul encourages Christians to live their



Save the Date!

The Women of the ELCA will have a Spring Salad Luncheon on **Saturday, April 30th at 11:30am**. Please save this date! Punch will be served at 11:30am, followed by a devotion and then a wonderful luncheon.

Donna has booked a duet ~ Bob Clark and Mary Kopep who will entertain us on the piano and sing. They will give us a variety of music, including a sing-a-long.

All women are members of W/ELCA, joining a circle is not necessary, just an added extra bonus. A sign-up poster to indicate a dish you would like to share will be put up near the Welcome Center.

Thank You's

Thank you to my COG friends that have sent prayers and get well cards. I will try hard to be able to stay home for a long time. Our church family is the best to send cards and prayers when in need of healing. Believe me, it really means so much to know that you care. I truly have appreciated every prayer and all the cards. God bless you all.

Bev Hovde

Thanks for the prayers and cards during my most recent surgery. Enough is enough already!

Doug Grabau

Thank you Cross of Glory friends for your prayers, cards and warm wishes for my recent recovery from my fall. Marcia thanks all for birthday wishes also!

Chet Janasz

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Worship at Cross of Glory on Sundays
9:00 a.m. ~ Traditional Worship
10:00 a.m. ~ Coffee Fellowship
10:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School/Safari Search
11:00 a.m. ~ Crosswalk Contemporary Worship
To watch worship services: www.coqtv.info

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