
The Glory Banner

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

August 2016



Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

Fall 2016

September 11th ~

Combined Worship Service at 10:00am

Brooklyn Center Centennial Amphitheater

Kickoff Event for

Opening New Doors Fall Emphasis

(see page 9 for more details)



*Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'*²

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. Genesis 12: 1-5a

Now the Lord said ... Go

What an incredible disruption! Seventy-five years old and God calls Abram and Sarai and sends them off on foot across a vast wilderness to a new land. As if all the other changes aren't enough, God even changes their names as this story progresses.

All the traditions of the book---Jews, Christians and Muslims---share this story. This call by God out of one life and into a new one is formative for all of us. Call stories remind us that to follow God is to no longer live only for ourselves or by the power of only our own wills and imaginations. Instead we are called to be part of something that is bigger than we are, that is beyond us. Call stories are invitations to imagine that someone else, perhaps both God and neighbor, care deeply about how we live and need certain things from us.

This is a tumultuous time in our world. I find myself thinking and worrying about many things. We are being called to make major decisions as communities

and as a country about the paths we will take. The world continues to change rapidly. As we enter these next months, I invite you to remember that we are children of a God who is very comfortable with change. We love a God who calls us, who invites us down new paths, who has always called us out of places of comfort into places of justice and mercy. Let's find ways to be more deeply present for each other in these days and listen together more deeply for the many calls God will be placing on us.

God's Peace,

Doug



Sunday Bible Readings for August

August 7 ~ Job 42:7-17

August 14 ~ Luke 11:2-4

August 21 ~ Luke 11:2-4

August 28 ~ Luke 11:2-4



Lay Lectors:

- 8/07 Lois Tollefsrud
- 8/14 Georgie Proctor
- 8/21 Merle Solie
- 8/28 Britta Maddox

Sunday Morning Ministers

Ushers:

9:00 a.m.

Gordy Gunderson
Dick Mero
Don Custer

11:00 a.m.

Doug Lenarz
Doug Graske
Don Halverson

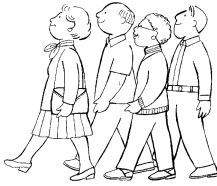
Communion Servers:

- 8/07 Linda Knudsen
Merle Solie
Dan & Julie Aulwes

- 8/21 Sharon Quick
Bruce & Sue Vukelich

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

Articles for the September, 2016 *Glory Banner* should to be turned in to Sue Vukelich by August 9th.



50 + and Friends

Here it is August ~ the end of summer ~ and we are going to watch St. Paul's "Boys of Summer." The Saints are a fun team to watch not only for their ballgame, but for all the fun and games between innings. We're going on Sunday, August 14th. Please note: **CHANGE OF TIME!** We're leaving at **3:30pm** so we will have plenty of time to get to our seats and watch some of the warm-up activities.

On Wednesday, September 14th we head south to Austin. We will start with coffee and then a tour of the Hormel home. Next we go to the new Spam Museum where we'll learn the history of Hawaii's favorite meat. Our lunch is at The Old Mill where we have a choice of grilled chicken or chicken salad. We end the day with a step-on guide for a tour of the city.

Monday, September 19th is when 16 of us will leave for a five-day trip to Deadwood, South Dakota.

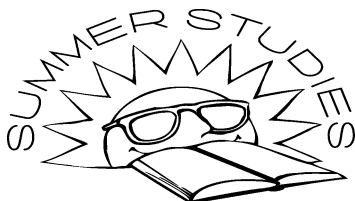
We'll check out Wall Drug and Mount Rushmore, stay at Royal River Casino and Deadwood Gulch Resort with time to try your luck at the tables and machines.

Plan to join us ~ sign up on the sheets on the bulletin board.

Marian Priest



The Cancer Support Group has met once a month during the summer. We will next meet on Monday, August 8th. We resume our regular schedule in September on the 2nd and 4th Mondays in the library at 11:30am. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Marcia Janasz at 763-391-6321.



THE HEART OF THE MATTER~ RECONCILIATION AS NEW CREATIONS

Angela Shannon has written a three session study on learning to deal with conflict through the ministry of reconciliation. Angela is a pastor of King of Glory Lutheran Church in Dallas, Texas.

The Circles will meet together on August 16th in the Library at 9:45am. We will have a group Bible study. Come and see what we are all about: Bible study, coffee, treats, and a lot of good conversation!

Theme Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:17-19

"...God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us."

Understanding that God has reconciled us in Christ means taking responsibility for our roles as peacemakers.

You do not need to be a member of a Circle to attend!



COLORING AND PRAYER

Coloring enthusiasts enjoy page 48 of the August *Gather*.



COMING UP

The Fall 2016 Bible Study is titled When God's not fair-coming to terms with a merciful God. It is written by Meghan Johnston Aelabouni who helps us explore biblical images of a God who acts beyond our conception of what's "fair."



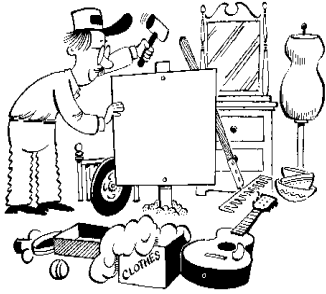
Opening New Doors

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Fall 2016 Study Theme,
Sermon Series, &
Stewardship Emphasis

Cross of Glory's 60th Anniversary marks a tremendous time of opportunity in the lives of its members, our neighbors and friends, and in the life of this congregation. Our God is a God of open doors – join us to discover what new doors God might be opening in your life, and in the life of this Body of Believers! We'll enjoy

- A church-wide small group book study based on the John Ortberg book, All the Places To Go – How Will You Know
- A sermon series on Opening New Doors coordinated with the book
- A stewardship emphasis based on finding God's direction for your life and our church
- A Sunday morning adult education series with guest leaders talking about the "New Doors" all around us.

We'll start on Rally Sunday, September 11th with a 10 AM Worship Service at Brooklyn Center Centennial Amphitheater and conclude October 30th with another 10 AM Service followed by a lunch together. More details will follow soon---watch for them and sign-up!



2016 Garage Sale Report

We have completed our 27th Annual Garage Sale. It was very successful just like our previous years have been. Here is a comparison of the last four years regarding our profit after expenses and the number of individuals that paid to come and shop on Wednesday evening.

Year	Wednesday shoppers	Profit after expenses
2013	247	\$17,289.02
2014	244	\$16,197.59
2015	261	\$17,557.40
2016	231	\$17,057.00

I would like to thank everyone that helped work either setting up, sorting and pricing the items, working the sale or helping clean up after the sale. Your help was greatly appreciated. It is never too early to start putting aside your items for next year's sale.

Linda Knudsen

Garage Sale Chair

THANK YOU

The Harvey Johnson Family wishes to thank all who participated in many ways for the personal concern of our Pat. Those Pastoral visits, personal visits, and deliveries of flowers, along with all those edible goodies (shared by many) were very much appreciated. It is times like these that a loving church family becomes very special. Thank you all!

Harvey Johnson

I would like to thank you Pastor Doug and my friends at Cross of Glory for all the kindness shown and prayers during the time I had visited Mayo Clinic in Rochester. It is all very much appreciated. Bless all of you.

Masayuki Inoue (Teng)

I would like to give a HUGE thank you to Dawson and Shaun; two of the Youth that came to my house as part of their Mission Trip fundraiser. The boys came to install 65 landscape edging pavers. They did a fantastic job, and it was very enjoyable to spend a couple hours with them. They did a job that would have taken me a lot longer to complete and I would have been very sore afterwards. They said that this was an easy job for them.

I want to wish the entire Youth Group a safe and fun trip to the Dominican Republic in August

Ruth McAlindon

Thank you to the youth worked so hard digging up sod for my new patio. I appreciate all the work they did for me and what a time saver for me! Enjoy your trip!

Patti Koenig

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Worship at Cross of Glory on Sundays
9:00 a.m. ~ Traditional Worship
10:00 a.m. ~ Coffee Fellowship
11:00 a.m. ~ Crosswalk Contemporary Worship
To watch worship services: www.cogtv.info

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