
The Glory Banner

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

February 2016

*Cross of Glory's
Annual Meeting
will be held Sunday,
February 7.*

*We will have one worship service
at 10:00am and our meeting will
follow immediately.*



*February 10
Worship with us at
12:00pm
And 7:00pm*



*So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard
comes through the word of Christ. Romans 10:17*

Hearing the Word

As Lutherans we place a strong emphasis on the power of the written and proclaimed word of God. Pastors are ordained to a ministry of Word and Sacrament. Naturally the word of God is heard and experienced in many different ways from reading and listening to singing and drama and bible study. But for so many of us, Sunday worship is at the center of our church life, a place where we experience God's word in scripture and liturgy, song and sermon. And for worship to be as rich as it can be, hearing is pretty crucial!

While we have certainly put time and energy into our sound system in recent years, a number of you have continued to report that you have trouble hearing in worship. Obviously this is not just a volume issue but is more about clarity. After a discussion with the Council, I would like to put a short term task force together to do some work on this in 2016. I'm interested in two primary questions:

- 1) What can we do to improve the clarity of speech in our main sound system?
- 2) What kind of a new system of hearing assistance devices would best serve our community?

Speaker and microphone technology have continued to improve, I'm told even for sanctuaries as difficult as ours. We are hoping to have an experienced sound engineer or two give us a range of possible improvements. For those who may need extra assistance, our portable hearing assistance devices have reached the end of their service. We could simply replace them with another FM based system. However, there is some interesting technology that is growing in popularity called a hearing loop that would enable us to broadcast directly to something called the

telecoil (or t-coil) in any hearing aids that have them (about 70% do). Portable devices would still be available for those without aids or without t-coils.

Interested? Please let me know if you would be willing to serve on a short-term team to come up with some recommendations for Council.

Thanks!
Pastor Doug

Sunday Bible Readings for February

February 7: Mark 8:29--9:8 ~ Peter's confession, passion prediction, bearing the cross, Transfiguration.

February 10: Mark 9:30-37 ~ Passion prediction, debate about who is the greatest, call to become a servant.

February 14: Mark 10:17-31 ~ Rich man is called to sell all he has and follow Jesus.

February 21: Mark 10:32-52 ~ Passion prediction, Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, heals blind Bartimaeus.

February 28: Mark 12:1-12 ~ Parable of the wicked tenants or
Mark 12:13-17 ~ Paying taxes to Caesar.



FEBRUARY
Sunday Morning
Ministers

Ushers:

9:00 a.m.

Dick Mero Don Custer
Gordy Gunderson

11:00 a.m.

Doug Lenarz Doug Graske
Don Halverson

Communion Servers:

2/07 Judy Lewis
 Deb & John Groettum
 Sue & Bruce Vukelich
2/21 Verle Smith, Britta Maddox
 Sharon Quick

Lay Lectors:

2/07 Kris Simon
2/14 Carol Stejskal
2/21 Lois Broesamle
2/28 Paul Geske

Coffee Servers:

2/07 Dawn Bailey
2/14 OPEN
2/21 Linda Knudsen, Judy Lewis
2/28 Jan Roth, Dave Hengel

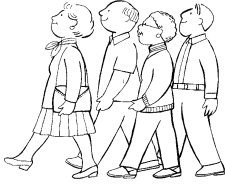
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DEADLINE

Articles for the March, 2016
Glory Banner should to be turned
in to Sue Vukelich by February 9th.



C H U R C H
GARAGE SALE
MEETING

February 22, 2016
2:00pm



50 + and Friends

It's February ~ the month to honor presidents and St. Valentine. On the 17th, we are going to remember the music of John Denver at the Plymouth Playhouse. There's a five piece band and singers with *Country Roads*, *Thank God I'm a Country Boy* and (I hope) *Calypso*. Our lunch is their buffet of baked chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, coleslaw, Jell-O, bread, butter, dessert, coffee and iced tea. We will have some members of the United Methodist Church coming with us. We leave church at 11:00am.

On March 18th the "Luck of the Irish" is with us when we travel to the Paramount Theater in St. Cloud. We will start with lunch at the Texas Roadhouse with your choice of a sirloin steak or barbecued chicken breast. Then we go to the theater where we'll listen to *Ring of Kerry* sing and play the Irish songs and watch the St. Paul dancers do their jigs. We will leave at 10:30am.

April takes us to St. Paul and the Science Museum. The exhibit is *Mummies – Images of the Afterlife*. Lunch is on your own in the cafeteria where they have a choice of sandwiches and soups. We end the day in the multi-story IMAX Theater where we will get to see America's National Parks.

I hope to see many of you with us!

Marian Priest

Women of the ELCA

The Circles will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, February 16th.

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 February *Happenings*.



W/ELCA Bible Study

In February our study is entitled *Servant-shaped Soldiers*. We will read Philippians 1:28—2:18.

In Philippians 1:27-30 Paul outlines the main point of his letter using language the Philippian community would resonate with ~ language of politics and the military ~ such as a Roman general might use with troops before battle.

The word might be better translated "exercise your citizenship." This is addressed to the whole community as a way of life; behave in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, the norm for everything they do.

THANK YOU

Thank you for the lovely cookie tray. It is so nice to be remembered.

Lois Vaala

Thank you for the flowers you gave me. They are still beautiful. I think of all my friends from Cross of Glory every time I look at them.

Marilyn Wong

Thank you for thinking of me this holiday season with the delicious Christmas cookies and visit. I greatly appreciated it.

Lorraine Clinton



Living Baptized
Lenten Midweek Worship 2016
12 Noon and 6:45 PM Weekly
Feb 17 to March 16

Following our informal survey, your Worship, Music, Arts and Fellowship Team has decided to try a noon worship this year in addition to the 6:45 evening service. We are not planning meals this year. Our theme is “Living Baptized” with each week focused on one of our baptismal promises. I am delighted to announce that we will be part of a preaching rotation with four of our Wildfire partner congregations: Faith Lilac Way, First Lutheran, House of Hope and Holy Nativity. Here are the themes and scriptures for each week:

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| To live among God’s faithful people | Acts 2:37-47 |
| To hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s Supper | Luke 24:28-32 |
| To proclaim the good news through word and deed | Luke 24:44-49 |
| To serve all people, following the example of Jesus | John 13:31-35 |
| To strive for justice and peace in all the earth | Micah 6:6-8 |

Make midweek worship a part of your Lent this year!

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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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