
The Glory Banner

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

July 2015



Cross of Glory Lutheran Church's Community Garage Sale

Pre-Sale

Wednesday, July 8th 4pm-8pm

\$3.00 Admission for Pre-Sale Only!

Best Choice Shopping!

Thursday, July 9th ~ 9am – 6pm

Friday, July 10th ~ 9am – 5pm

Saturday, July 11th ~ 9am – 1pm



²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3: 26-28

Public Witness

The events of Charleston have been a stark reminder of how much work we still have to do around race, class and culture in America. There is still great division, so many structures still perpetuate white privilege, we are still fearful of difference. But as the church we are called to witness to new possibilities, to healing and reconciliation, to God doing a new thing in our midst every day. We are not in bondage to brokenness.

I believe God has given us extraordinary opportunities to witness to a different way here at Cross of Glory. Every day, we work and worship together across lines of race, class and culture. We're still at the very beginning of our journey, we're starting to learn about one another and build trust. We're working on being more intentional and considering tools to help us on the way. In addition to the growing numbers of people of color in our programs and congregation, for the first time we have embarked on a meaningful, intense, shared ministry, our summer youth program. Tonight, the third night of the program, there were about 35 teenagers from the four congregations that share this building plus adult leaders from every congregation. **35 Teenagers and adult youth leaders from all four!** This is truly remarkable. Our Safari Search program also has 50 or more kids two days a week from these congregations and the larger community.

In July we have another opportunity to celebrate our unity in Christ, our outdoor worship and picnic. It's a little earlier in the summer and later in the morning in an effort to engage all these communities. We're going to make this a

truly shared worship experience with our youth singing, our Safari Search kids singing and worship bands from each community sharing the worship leadership. Please mark your calendars and join us for a powerful celebration:

**Outdoor Worship and Picnic
Sunday, July 19, 11:00 AM
Faith Healing, Dominion Praise
Iglesia Restoracion, Cross of Glory**



Bible Readings for July

July 5 ~ Psalm 146

July 12 ~ Proverbs 1:1-7; 3:1-8

July 19 ~ Proverbs 8:1-11, 22-36

July 26 ~ Ecclesiastes 1:1-11; 3:1-17



**Your Worship, Music and Arts (WMA) Ministry Team
has been busy!
Here is a report on two *new initiatives under way*:**

Worship Flowers Changes

The WMA Ministry Team has chosen to change the procedures we are using regarding altar flowers. Because of rising costs and shrinking flower sizes we have chosen to periodically purchase large flowering plants and keep them for a longer period. Our goal is to improve the look of the chancel for worship but it does change church procedures a bit:

- 1) The flower fund will be continued but will now be used to purchase flowers for shut-ins as needed. If you wish to donate to the fund and have a memorial, remembrance or congratulations placed in the bulletin you may do so just like before but there will be no plant to take home. Pat Proctor has graciously offered to maintain a chart much like before.
- 2) If you wish to purchase and bring actual flowers for special events or remembrances, you are invited to do so and they will be placed on stands in the front of the church and you may take them home afterwards or leave them for delivery to shut-ins. Please get them to the church the end of the week or just bring them a half hour or so early on Sunday.

We hope you enjoy the larger plants in front of the sanctuary!



Art is Coming!

Who's Art? WMA has been thinking a lot about visual arts lately, both in worship and in our building. We have some exciting changes planned for the fall including:

- 1) More intentional use of visual arts in worship---images on the screen, sanctuary decoration, dance and more. Sometimes we Lutherans can get pretty wordy and we'd like to do a better job of engaging more of the senses.
- 2) An Art Show that kicks off on Rally Sunday in the narthex, welcome area and fellowship hall. The hope is that we could get into a regular rhythm of shows at least a couple times a year. More information to follow!
- 3) A process of renewal for all the art around the building. This will be coordinated with an educational program to consider the purpose or mission of church art in general and what messages we wish to send in our public spaces at Cross of Glory. Some existing art will come down and either be relocated, stored for future use or moved on to a new home. There will be opportunities for financial donations/memorials for the purchase of new pieces.



Coffee Servers:

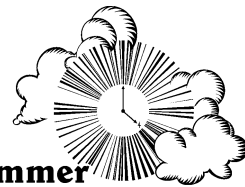
- 7/05 No Coffee – Garage Sale
- 7/12 Need Volunteers
- 7/19 Marian Priest
Lois Dumonceaux
Georgie Proctor
- 7/26 Marcy & Gil Hartlage

Sunday Morning Ministers

Ushers:

8:30 a.m.

Charles Isenberg	Dale Haase
Jerry Rowley	Dick Mero
Don Custer	



**Summer
Office Hours**

Communion Servers:

- 7/05 Myrna Kragness
Britta Maddox, Arlene Kosek
Lois Tollefsrud, Judy Olson
- 7/19 Kris Simon, Verle Smith
Judy Lewis

The church office will be closed on Fridays from Memorial Day through Labor Day. The office will be open 8-4 Monday through Thursday as usual. In case of pastoral emergency, Pastor Doug should be contacted directly on his cell phone at 612-310-5752.

Lay Lectors:

- 7/05 Bev Hovde
- 7/12 Julie Aulwes
- 7/19 Georgie Proctor
- 7/26 Jodi Quiner

**Newsletter
DEADLINE**

Articles for the August, 2015 *Glory Banner* should to be turned in to Sue Vukelich by July 14th.



50 + and Friends

July brings warm summer weather and on the 15th we are going to a cool place for our day out. The Nicollet Island Pavilion is the place to hear the Minneapolis Pops Orchestra play a great variety of music. There will be coffee and a treat when we get there and time to see what the river is doing. After the music there are usually door prizes for some lucky people. We'll come back to Brooklyn Park's Broadway Pizza for their buffet lunch. Remember ~ the pavilion is cool so you may want a sweater or light jacket. We leave church at 8:30am.

On August 5th we are going to the Minnesota Arboretum where we'll ride the tram to see the large sculptures built entirely of Legos. There will be time for shopping and we'll have a box lunch with a choice of ham or beef sandwich or a chicken salad wrap, chips, apple and cookie. We leave at 9:45am.

September brings a 1 ½ hour tour of Lafayette Bay on the Streetcar Minnehaha boat. If you have a suggestion for a place to eat, let me know.

On October 4 and 5 we are going to Black Bear Casino for a short overnight. We have 20 places reserved so sign up to let us know if you plan to come.

Marian Priest



Our summer meetings will take place on July 13th, August 10th and September 14th (the 2nd Monday of each month).

Our meetings will be held in the Library from 11:30am to 1:00pm. Questions or concerns, please call Marcia Janasz at 763-391-6321.



On Tuesday, July 21st at 9:45am we will meet either in the library or a corner of the fellowship Hall.

All women are welcome!

Our Group Bible study is like our individual circle group studies. We have Bible study, treats, coffee and fellowship.

If you are not a member of a circle this would be a good time to come and see what we are all about!

In July our study is entitled "Give Like the Widow." The theme verse is **Luke 21:1-4**: *He looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on."*

Healing Oils of the Bible Study

Women of the ELCA will host at Faith-Lilac Way Lutheran Church at 5530 42nd Avenue N in Robbinsdale.

It will begin with a Continental Breakfast at 8:30am. The Bible study will be from 9:00am to 12:00pm led by Marie Wiegert. The cost of the Bible study is \$10.00. A copy of the book "Healing Oils of the Bible" is \$20.00. This book must be paid for by July 24. A copy of the book will be provided to use at the Bible study.

For more information, contact Jan Schmidt at 763-757-5977 or gschmidt3@aol.com An informational sheet will be on the W/ELCA bulletin board.

Salad Luncheon ~ 2015

A Big thank you to the men and women who worked at the Spring Salad luncheon. They set the tables, made the coffee and kept the pots filled, put everything back in order and did the dishes. It is much appreciated and without your help our luncheon wouldn't have run so smoothly!



Our heartfelt thanks to Lois Tollefsrud for her visit, the beautiful plant and the meaningful devotions and prayers. Richard is in the long process of recovering from rotator cuff repair and I, of course, continue in my struggles with cancer and other health concerns. Your prayers and well wishes are very much appreciated.

Richard and Bernice Peterson

Dear Friends at Cross of Glory,

I would like to thank all three pastors for their support during this last year with all of the challenges that I have had to face. My Cross of Glory family has continued to support me with their many prayers and cards. A special thank you to Lois Tollefsrud for her visits and beautiful plants she brought. As I keep saying, 'God has not let me down yet.'

Al Knudsen

We would like to thank Cross of Glory for all the prayers and concern for our family in the last few months. First for Raelene after she had her car accident. She is doing great and back to work. Then for our great-grandchild, Anna, as she battles leukemia. We thank Pastor Doug, Lois Tollefsrud, the prayer chain for their concern, and the CEAP Quilters. Thanks be to God for all the love we have felt.

Neil and Ardis Fairchild

Dear Cross of Glory family,

Many thanks for the outpouring of love for Eddie's celebration of life. A special thank you to Pastor Mork for the service, the women that served the wonderful luncheon, to Kris Simon for the beautiful songs that were sung and to Sue for making up the programs.

I thank my God upon every remembrance of you!

Helen and the Brothen Family

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Summer Worship at Cross of Glory on Sundays

8:30 a.m. ~ Traditional Worship

9:30 a.m. ~ Coffee Fellowship

10:30 a.m. ~ Crosswalk Contemporary Worship

To watch worship services: www.cogtv.info

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