
The Glory Banner

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

June 2015



R.E.A.L.

Youth Ministry

A summer long, weekly youth ministry collaboration of Cross of Glory, Faith Healing Ministries, Dominion Praise Ministries and Iglesia de Restauracion.

June 10-September 2

Wednesdays 5:30-8:00

R.E.A.L. Youth Ministry Values

R=Relationships with God and each other

E=Expressions of God's light in the world

A=Authenticity we practice with each other

L=Love God, our neighbors and ourselves



Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

Genesis 1:26

A Green Summer

As Minnesotans, most of us cherish these verdant days. The leaves are out, grass is that intense shade of green and the fields are covered with young crops just up. But these days, being "green" is not necessarily a reference to color. Both in the church and in the wider society there is a growing awareness of environmental degradation and a growing interest in creation care. Created in the image of God, we understand ourselves to be called to care for all creation, to be stewards of all God has created, including ourselves and our neighbors.

While someday I would hope we have a Creation Care Team at Cross of Glory, in the meantime there are many things already underway by Council, leaders and staff. Here are just a few of the Creation Care initiatives you should watch for in the coming months and some ways you can be involved:

- 1) **New Lighting:** One of the first recommendations in our building review by EnerChange is to look into retrofitting sanctuary, outdoor and other high use lights with low-energy LED's. In some cases there are even zero or low interest grants available for capital outlay that are repaid with energy savings.
- 2) **Less Paper:** Now that we are accustomed to projected liturgies and hymn words, look for smaller bulletins (the large print version won't change). We will also be creating opportunities to receive only electronic versions of letters and other publications for those who prefer it.
- 3) **New Recycling Containers:** WE NEED YOU to help us get new recycling containers! Hennepin County has a grant program but we need to apply soon. If you would be willing to help, please let Pastor Doug know

ASAP. We now have single stream recycling and there are lots of ways we can reduce our trash.

- 4) A Community Garden?: Cross of Glory has been chosen for a Hennepin County grant program called Health@Communities of Faith. We are eligible for up to \$8,000 to address issues related to exercise and healthy food in diverse communities. We will be gathering a team in June to hone our proposal (development of a community garden) and lead this initiative. Please let Pastor Doug know if you would like to be part of the team!

There are major Creation Care initiatives happening throughout the ELCA. Last month during our Minneapolis Synod Assembly a new loan program for congregations was introduced that will assist with initial expenditures. Perhaps this summer would be a nice time to study the ELCA Social Statement, "Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope and Justice" as a way to dig deeper into this important aspect of our faith. Watch for opportunities ahead!

Peace,
Pastor Doug



Bible Readings for June

June 7 ~ Psalm 113 (Praise)

June 14 ~ Psalm 69:1-16 (Lament)

June 21 ~ Psalm 27:1-6 (Trust)

June 28 ~ Psalm 40:1-10 (Thanksgiving)



**Cross of Glory Lutheran Church's
Community Garage Sale**

Important dates to mark on your calendar:

Saturday, May 30th

9:00am – Setup for the Garage Sale

Many hands make easy work!

Receiving June 1 ~ 22

Monday ~ Tuesday ~ Thursday ~ Friday

9:00 a.m. ~ 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday

June 3 ~ June 10 ~ June 17

9:00 a.m. ~ 7:00 p.m.

Saturday

June 6 ~ June 13 ~ June 20

9:00 a.m. ~ 1:00 p.m.

Volunteers are needed during the preparation time prior to the sale. The Garage Sale is a great activity that involves many of our church members and their families and friends. It is a social time for everyone with coffee breaks and treats for all. You do not need to work every day during the prep time. We realize that many of our members are still working full-time jobs.

If you can work one day a week for a few hours or one evening, it will be greatly appreciated. It takes 25-30 people working about 30 hours a week during the preparation time to get ready for the sale. All volunteers work according to their own schedules. If you are able to come and help after the normal hours of 9:00am to 4:00pm, give us a call and we will be happy to meet you at church.

Additional workers will be needed during the sale dates to work as cashiers, baggers, security, clean-up, etc.

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

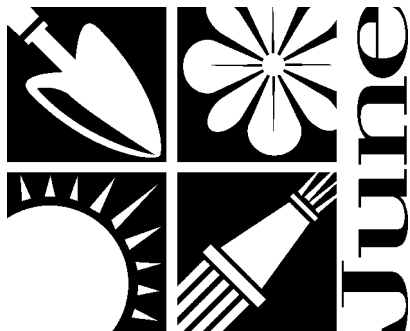
Saturday, July 11th ~ 9am – 1pm

Clean up after the sale will begin around 12:30pm on Saturday, the 11th. We will need many volunteers to get the church cleaned and back to normal.

Wanted Children's Clothing!

We are in need of children's clothing for the garage sale. If your children, grandchildren, neighbor's children or friend's children have any clothes they are no longer using, we would love to have them for the garage sale! **WE CAN USE ANY SIZES FROM INFANT TO TEENAGERS.** Thanks for your help.

Thank you to all of the many volunteers we have had in the past and all of the new volunteers we will have this year. Any questions? Call Linda Knudsen at 612-518-4879.



Coffee Servers:

- 6/07 Need Volunteers
6/14 Al & Linda Knudsen
Lois Dumonceaux
6/21 Marcy & Gil Hartlage
6/28 No Coffee – Garage Sale
Set Up

Sunday Morning Ministers

Ushers:

9:00 a.m.

Allan Knudsen Don Custer
Maynard Henjum Dick Mero
Masayuki Inoue Dave Hengel

11:00 a.m.

Dan Aulwes Don Halverson

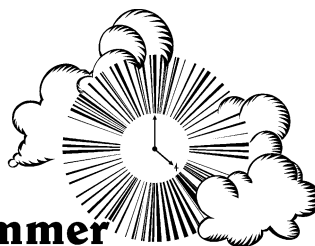
Communion Servers:

6/07 Lois Tollefsrud
Jodi Quiner, Linda Knudsen
Bruce & Sue Vukelich

6/21 Marcy & Gil Hartlage
Carol Stejskal

Lay Lectors:

6/07 Gayle Merritt
6/14 Dan Aulwes
6/21 Bruce Vukelich
6/28 Kris Williams



Summer Office Hours

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.

Newsletter
DEADLINE

Articles for the July, 2015
Glory Banner should to be turned
in to Sue Vukelich by June 9th.



50 + and Friends

June is “bustin’ out all over!” On Wednesday, the 24th, we are going to Texas to the “Chicken Ranch” also known as “The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas.” We’ll have a lunch with a choice of beef short rib, tilapia, or French cut chicken with potatoes and seasonal vegetables, dinner roll and dessert in the newly redone Old Log Theater. We will leave church at 11:00am.

On Wednesday, July 15th, it is time for the band concert on Nicollet Island. We’ll have coffee and treats when we get there and time to check out the river to see how it’s flowing. After the concert we will come back for the pizza buffet at Broadway Pizza in Brooklyn Park. We’ll leave at 8:30am.

In August we’ll go to the Arboretum to see the large Lego sculptures “Art with Bricks” while on the train tour. We will have a box lunch

with a choice of beef, ham or turkey sandwich.

On October 4 and 5 we will go to Black Bear Casino for an overnight. The fliers are on the bulletin board for those who are interested.

Marian Priest



Our summer meetings will take place on June 8th, 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.



In June, July and August the circles meet together on the third Tuesday of each month at 9:45am. In June we will meet in the Library. This will be a three month study on giving. On June 16th, we will concentrate on ***Give In Secret.***

Our Group Bible study is like our individual groups 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! Pastor Doug has agreed to lead our Bible study.

Focus Verses

“So whenever you give alms do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when

you give alms do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret, will reward you.” (Matthew 6:2-4)

In this first session, we turn our attention to these three verses tucked into the middle of the Sermon on the Mount.



If you are looking for a project this summer, you could knit or crochet a prayer shawl. Sue Vukelich has the instructions in the office if you need them. These are really loved and appreciated.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays we have a low impact exercise class at 8:45am. We a fun group of ladies. You do not have to attend both days, some ladies only come for one day or whenever is convenient for them.



My heartfelt thanks to Pastor Doug for his visit, Lois Tollefsrud for her visit and beautiful plant, the cards, and the prayers on my behalf during and after my surgery.
Terry Stejskal

Dear Friends of Cross of Glory,

Pastor Doug, thank you for the beautiful funeral message you gave for David. Thank you for those who ushered at the funeral. Carol, the food was wonderful. A big thank you to the women that served the luncheon. We are deeply touched by the cards, kind words, and prayers.
David Clinton Family

I would like to thank Cross of Glory for all the prayers and concern during my recent hospitalization. Thank you also for the lovely flowers that were delivered to me.
Donna Tamblyn

Dear Cross of Glory Friends,

Thank you for your healing prayers, phone calls and cards during my illness. The procedure in the hospital, antibiotics for a bleeding ulcer, lots of rest and sunshine all will have me back to church soon. Thank you also to Lois Tollefsrud who brought a beautiful plant to brighten each day along with her devotions. God's blessings to all.
Marcia Janasz

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Welcoming all people to become devoted followers of Jesus Christ



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

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