
The Glory Banner

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

March 2016



Palm Sunday, March 20 ~

9:00am ~ Traditional Worship

11:00am ~ Crosswalk Contemporary Worship

Maundy Thursday, March 24 ~

7:00pm Worship

Good Friday, March 25 ~

12:00 and 7:00pm Worship

Easter Sunday, March 27 ~

7:30am ~ Sunrise Worship

9:00am ~ Traditional Worship

9:30 ~ 11:00am ~ Easter Breakfast

11:00am ~ Crosswalk Contemporary Worship



With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?'

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

Micah 6: 6-8

Doing Justice, Loving Kindness

Throughout Lent we are gathering around the questions of our baptismal covenant. This scripture from Micah was the preaching text for my theme, *to strive for justice and peace in all the earth*. Throughout scripture the people of God are called to live in particular ways, to care for the poor, the widow, the orphan and the stranger as the Old Testament often puts it. Jesus' claims this prophetic legacy in some of his very first words, His proclamation of the day of the Lord's favor in that synagogue in Nazareth.

As a congregation of the ELCA, we live out this call to justice in all three expressions of our church. As a denomination, we have twelve social statements that guide our moral deliberation and action on some of the major social issues of our time. We raise very significant money to fight hunger and poverty both in the United States and globally. Through the Office of the Presiding Bishop and through our public policy offices in Washington and around the country, we organize and lobby for the common good with our social statements guiding our positions.

Closer to home, we work with the 150 congregations of the Minneapolis Area Synod on issues of justice and peace as well. Our mission statement as a synod reads: *The Minneapolis Area Synod together so that all experience **gracious invitation into life-giving Christian community and live in just and healthy neighborhoods.***

I currently serve as a member of the Minneapolis Area Synod Council and as part of the leadership team for our Public Voice Committee. As a Synod we are looking for those opportunities where our voice and action can make a difference in the lives of our communities.

At Cross of Glory, we have a long history of working for the common good through local and global hunger programs, CEAP, the No Barriers foodshelf we host in our building and a variety of other special projects. At the Capitol we work with two significant longtime partners, Lutheran Advocacy and the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition. More recently our most significant partner in justice work has been ISIAAH, an ecumenical coalition of more than 100 congregations. We have a growing team at Cross of Glory and some great opportunities to get involved.

First, the ISIAAH congregations of the Northwest suburbs are meeting ever third Thursday at Cross of Glory at 6:30 pm for training and organizing. The major issues we have chosen to work on right now include an effort to regulate the incredibly oppressive payday lending system and to pass paid sick and family leave legislation. In partnership with many of the historic black congregations of North Minneapolis, we are organizing a major Holy Week action on March 21 around payday lending. We hope to have a large delegation from Cross of Glory!

Together we can live out this aspect of our baptismal covenant and make a real difference in the lives of our neighbors near and far!

God's Peace,
Pastor Doug

Sunday Bible Readings for March

March 6: Mark 12:28-44 ~ Great commandment, scribes seek honor, a poor widow gives all she has.

March 13: Mark 13:1-8, 24-37 ~ The end of the age; call to be watchful.

March 20: Mark 11:1-11 ~ Triumphal entry

March 24: Mark 14:22-42 ~ Words of Institution; Peter's denial foretold; prayer in Gethsemane.

March 25: Mark 15:16-39 ~ Mocking; crucifixion; "My God, my God why have you forsaken me?"

March 27: Mark 16:1-8 ~ Resurrection, empty tomb, and fleeing in fear.



Sunday Morning Ministers

Ushers:

9:00 a.m.

Allan Knudsen Dick Mero
Maynard Henjum Don Custer
Dave Hengel Ryan Bailey
Masayuki Ionue

11:00 a.m.

Dan Aulwes Don Halverson

Communion Servers:

3/06 Kris Simon
 Marian Priest
 Judy Olson
 Georgie Proctor

Lay Lectors:

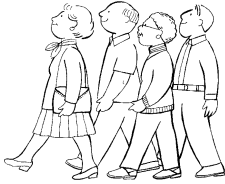
3/06 Gale Geske
3/13 Don Merritt
3/20 Gayle Merritt
3/27 Dan Aulwes

Coffee Servers:

3/06 OPEN
3/13 Sharon Quick
 Judy Lewis
3/20 OPEN
3/27 Easter Breakfast

Newsletter
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Articles for the April, 2016
Glory Banner should to be turned
in to Sue Vukelich by March 8th.



50 + and Friends

March is here with both St. Patrick's Day and the Easter season. We will celebrate with a trip to St. Cloud and the Paramount Theater on the 18th to hear the Ring of Kerry play their Irish tunes and see the St. Paul dancers do their jigs and reels. We'll have lunch at the Texas Roadhouse with our choice of sirloin steak or barbecued chicken breast with salad and baked potato. We leave church at 10:30am.

On Wednesday, April 13th, we'll go over to the Science Museum to see the exhibit "Mummies-Images of the Afterlife." There will be both Egyptian and Mexican examples. Lunch is on your own in the cafeteria where there are choices of sandwiches and soups. After lunch we will go to the Imax Theater to see a film on the National Parks of the United States.

We have reserved 16 places for a trip to Deadwood, South Dakota with Tourco Tours. The dates are September 19-23, 2016 (Monday through Friday). We will drive through the Badlands National Park and see

Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse. We stay two nights at Royal River Casino and two nights at Deadwood Gulch Resort. We'll be going with OARE members and others. If you plan to come, sign up and give your form and checks to me by August 21st.

Make plans to join us whenever you can!

Marian Priest



Minnesota March FoodShare Drive

Be a Hero in the Fight Against Hunger. A portion of every dollar and every pound of food raised in March for CEAP is matched by Minnesota FoodShare and the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. The more that's donated, the bigger the match! This food drive stocks CEAP's shelves for the summer with boxed dinners, canned goods, cereal, pasta, rice, sugar, flour, oil.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, you may use an offering envelope and designate it towards CEAP FoodShare.

Women of the ELCA

The Circles will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, March 15th.

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 *March Happenings*.



W/ELCA Bible Study

In March our Bible study is titled *Being of One Mind*. The theme verses are Philippians 2:19—4:3.

In this session of Philippians, Paul presents positive examples of

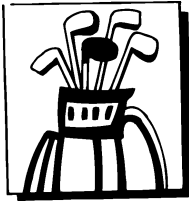
those who have “the same mind” as Christ and care about others’ interests more than their own. He also gives counter examples of those who live as “enemies of the cross.” He twice urges the church in Philippi to “be of the same mind,” and reminds the Philippians that they are “dual citizens,” not only Roman citizens, but “citizens” also of heaven.



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!

All women are invited and you do not have to be a member of a circle to attend. There will be a sign up poster near the Welcome Center to indicate if you would like to bring something to share. Punch will be served at 11:30am, followed by a devotion, lunch and entertainment. Donna Tamblyn has once again arranged for excellent entertainment. The program will begin about 1:30pm.



Cross of Glory Golf League

All are welcome to join the Cross of Glory Golf League! Teams can be two women, two men, or a man and a woman. If you have a son or daughter, niece or nephew or a spouse you would like to golf with, please come to our organizational meeting on Thursday, April 7th. We are in desperate need of at least four new members!

We golf at Pheasant Acres in Corcoran on Thursday nights with tee times starting at 4:30pm. We alternate each week between the front and back nine and play nine holes each week. Tee times are assigned and vary from week to week.

If you are interested or have questions, either come to our meeting on Thursday, April 7th at 6:00pm at Cross of Glory or feel free to call John Groettum: home – 763-425-8581 or cell – 763-360-1865.

THANK YOU

Cross of Glory,

Thank you for the home visit in December. The cookies were wonderful and enjoyed. The plant is still blooming!

June Johnson



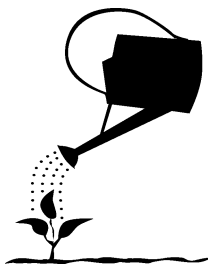
Wildfire Movie Nights

Would you come and watch some powerful movies with some of your Cross of Glory friends? Would you consider hosting a series of four films in your home? Together with our Wildfire partners, we would like to get as many COG members as we can to watch four great movies on the subject of race in March: 42, Rabbit Proof Fence, Selma and Fruitvale Station. We would prepare a few discussion questions for each film and then gather with our partner churches for a large discussion led by Professor Michael Chan from Luther Seminary on Sunday, April 10th at 12:30 at Valley of Peace Lutheran Church. Please call (763-533-8602) or email (svukelich@crossofglory.us) Sue in the office if you would like to attend or host and watch for more information!

Thanks to Our 2016 Council!

Once again we were blessed at our annual meeting with members willing to serve in leadership positions at Cross of Glory. Our new council met for the first time this past Sunday and will be meeting monthly (probably on a varying schedule) to plan for the future and oversee the business of the church. We are also able to accomplish a great deal via email these days so lots of business gets done between meetings. These are your elected leaders, please help us have strong communication by sharing your ideas and asking them for information:

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Garden Update

As the snow melts we all start thinking about growing things! It's time to begin the planning for our Cross of Glory garden. As you know, we purchased most of what we will need to get started last fall. Pastor Doug met with the Master Gardener coordinator for Hennepin County this past week and we will be assigned a Master Gardener to consult with us soon. Many members have already expressed interest in being involved. Our first garden planning meeting will be Sunday, March 6 at 12:15 (right after the 2nd service). We have some decisions to make before we can actually get our hands dirty. These include:

- Garden location and layout
- Garden model: Allocation, Community or Giving Garden (or a hybrid)
- Work days/schedule

Come if you are able!



Camp Noah comes to Cross of Glory

In partnership with Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota, we are bringing Camp Noah to Cross of Glory the week after Easter (March 28 to April 1), spring break for the Robbinsdale and Minneapolis school districts. This camp will focus on recovery and resiliency for elementary age children in the Liberian community in the aftermath of the Liberian civil war and the ebola crisis.

Here are the daily themes for the week:

Day 1: Life before the Ark: I am Somebody Special

Day 2: Getting Onto the Ark, the Storm Begins: "Storm" Stories

Day 3: Life After the Storm: Why am I feeling this way?

Day 4: On Dry Ground: I can do that

Day 5: Life After the Ark: Can I help you?

Every child receives 30 hours of therapeutic play-focused creative activities with a ratio of 3-4 children for every Certified Camp Staff member. An experienced camp director from another area congregation will coordinate the staff team.

Pastor Christian is site director with primary responsibility for recruitment of kids, daily transportation and meals. If you would be willing to help, please let Pastor Christian know: gospelsafari@gmail.com or 763-331-2081.

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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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