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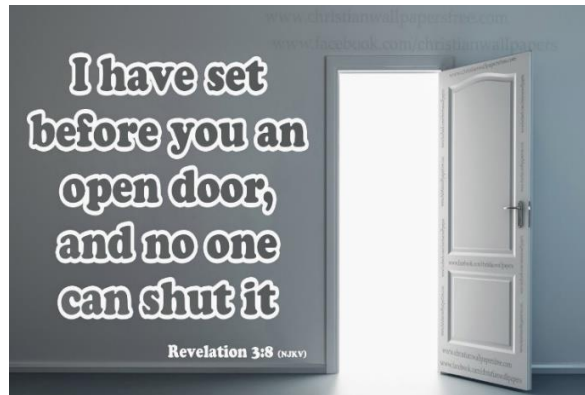
# *The Glory Banner*

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

*September 2016*

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*Cross of Glory Lutheran Church*

*Fall 2016*

*September 11<sup>th</sup> ~*

*Combined Worship Service at 10:00am*

*Brooklyn Center Centennial Amphitheater*

*Kickoff Event for*

*Opening New Doors Fall Emphasis*

*(see page 9 for more details)*



## What's next?

Some of you can think back over all 60 years of Cross of Glory. Amazing! It seems a bit remarkable to me that this is already my fourth fall here. Think of all that God has been up to in this place: relationships and service, music and community, gatherings and sendings.

But what's next? Maybe more than ever in the life of the church, the future is not clear---to us. God knows, just like always. But we're left wondering, and sometimes it's not such a comfortable place to be! But the church certainly looks different than the church of your childhood and mine, and we're all struggling to keep up with the Spirit!

As your called, hired and elected leaders began to prepare for this fall, we spent a little time thinking about how the rhythm of the fall has changed. While 20 years ago the fall was all about the beginning of children's programming, today we have few children here. So what do we do now?

Sure, we reach out to children and young families. We yearn to grow again and build some of those programs like Sunday School and Confirmation that we know and love. But maybe that's not what God has planned for us, we'll have to wait and see. In the meantime, like every part of the Body of Christ we are called to be in mission together with exactly who is here! Young and old, rich and poor, charter member or new, we're all called to God's mission.

You've seen the material already on our fall emphasis, Opening New Doors. This is an opportunity for us to spend 7 or 8 weeks together in worship, small groups and study around the question of what God is up to in our midst in this

moment, what new doors may be in front of us. Join where you can and let's see what God may have planned for us!

Peace,

*Pastor Doug*



## **Sunday Bible Readings for September**

**9-4 ~ Luke 11:2-4**

**9-11 ~ Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-8 – Creation and Fall**

**9-18 ~ Genesis 15:1-6 -- God's Promise to Abraham**

**9-25 ~ Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21 – God works through Joseph**



## Sunday Morning Ministers

### Ushers:

**9:00 a.m.**

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

**11:00 a.m.**

Dan Aulwes            Don Halverson

### Communion Servers:

9/04    Judy Olson  
          Carol Stejskal  
9/18    Arlene Kosek  
          Verle Smith  
          Jodi Quiner

### Lay Lectors:

9/04    Kris Simon  
9/11    Carol Stejskal  
9/18    Lois Broesamle  
9/25    Paul Geske

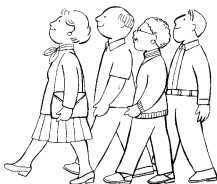
*Newsletter*  
**DEADLINE**

Articles for the October, 2016 *Glory Banner* should to be turned in to Sue Vukelich by September 13th.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to all of you wonderful people for the calls and cards urging my leg to heal. It has been overwhelming!

*Jeanetta Barhorst*



## 50 + and Friends

Hard to believe it's Fall already. Instead of going back to school, we are going tripping.

On Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> we will head south to Austin. We'll start our tour with coffee and treats at the Hormel home. Then we will go through the home to see how its furnished. Next it's on to the Old Mill Restaurant for lunch. There's a choice of a chicken salad plate with fruit and bread or grilled chicken on wild rice with a house salad and breadstick. Then, it's off to the new Spam Museum where we will see the history of Spam. We end the day with a step-on-guide to show us around the city.

On Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, we are going to Afton for lunch and then a relaxing trip down the St. Croix River. Our lunch at the Afton House will be Rosemary roasted pork loin, garlic mashed potatoes, fresh vegetables, rolls and butter.

I've been asked if we might plan a cruise. We would probably go in February or March. If you'd be interested, let me know. If there are enough I can see about setting a cruise up.

Come and join us!

*Marian Priest*



We resume our regular schedule in September on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays in the library at 11:30am. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Marcia Janasz at 763-391-6321.





# Women of the ELCA

The Circles will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

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 September *Happenings*.



In September we will begin a three-part Bible study written by Meghan Johnston Aeisbouni. She is a full time PHD student and a mother of three.

The title of our September Bible study is ***When God Forgives the Guilty***. We will work with the

book of Jonah. There are several topics we will reflect and discuss. Two of the topics are: *When might it be hard to accept that God should forgive someone?* And *How does God's choice illustrate divine mercy? How possible is this mercy in the world today?*

All women are cordially invited to attend a circle. We have Bible study, coffee, treats and lots of good fellowship.

In October the Women of the ELCA traditionally celebrate their birthday. This year is special! It's our 60<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. Circle **Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>** on your calendar! We will have a catered luncheon by our own Carol Knutson. There will be a sign up poster near the Welcome Center. It is very important that you indicate you plan to attend. We need an accurate count so there will be enough food.

## ***Something to think about . . .***

*By Jackie*

If life knocks you to your knees, you are in a good position to pray.





Council is planning two "work" days here at church and we need volunteers! The first would be Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> for a church fix up day. We will match our project list up with volunteers.

October 15<sup>th</sup> is Fall cleanup day. This will be for the outside of the church ~ raking leaves and grounds cleanup.

If you are willing to help on either day, please call the church office at 763-533-8602. Thank you!



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

Cross of Glory's 60<sup>th</sup> 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, a series of Adult Forum special guest speakers, and a stewardship emphasis based on finding God's direction for your life and our church. Here's the schedule:

September 11<sup>th</sup> –

- Combined 10 AM Worship Service at Brooklyn Center Centennial Amphitheater –  
Kickoff Event for Opening New Doors Fall Emphasis
- Sermon Focus – Overview of the upcoming sermon series, and introduction to the “Opening New Doors” theme

September 18<sup>th</sup> –

- Sermon Focus – “The Open Door”
- Adult Forum – Opening Our Understanding of Other Cultures
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Small Group Study

September 25<sup>th</sup> –

- Sermon Focus – “Door #1 or Door #2?”
- Adult Forum – Opening Our Understanding of the Liberian Culture
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Small Group Study

October 2<sup>nd</sup> –

- Sermon Focus – “How to Cross a Threshold”
- Adult Forum – Opening Our Understanding of Generational Differences,  
plus  
WELCA/COG 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Celebration cake ☐  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Small Group Study

October 9<sup>th</sup> –

- Sermon Focus – “The Doors We Open for Others”
- Adult Forum – Opening Our Understanding of the Impact of Media & Technology
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Small Group Study

October 16<sup>th</sup> –

- Sermon Focus – “The Jonah Complex”
- Adult Forum – Opening Our Understanding of Religious Diversity
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Small Group Study

October 22<sup>nd</sup> (Saturday) –

- Small Group Study Groups Joint Service Project

October 23<sup>rd</sup> –

- Sermon Focus – “Thank God for Closed Doors”
- Adult Forum – Opening Our Understanding of Equity & Justice
- 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Small Group Study

October 30<sup>th</sup> –

- 10 AM Combined Worship Service
- Sermon Focus – Wrap-up of Opening New Doors theme
- Introduction to Fall Stewardship emphasis
- Followed by Potluck lunch celebration

November 6<sup>th</sup> –

- Fall Stewardship Emphasis Response Sunday

How Can You Participate?

- Sign up at the kiosk in the Welcome Area to be part of a small group book study – several day/time/location choices available  Read the book All the Places to Go – How Will You Know by John Ortberg (copies available at the kiosk, or purchase your own)
- Attend worship services to learn more about how God can Open New Doors in your life, and the life of this congregation

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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](http://www.cogtv.info)

**Cross of Glory Office Hours:**  
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