

The Glory Banner

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church (ELCA)

A Wildfire Congregation

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WORSHIP WITH US!

In-person – Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am for worship in the sanctuary.

Zoom – Tune in to services in live-time via Zoom on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. For further information about how to connect to Zoom by computer or phone, visit www.crossofglory.us.

Recorded services - We record weekly worship so that you can worship from anywhere, anytime.

Visit our home page, or Service Library page, at www.crossofglory.us for service recordings!

Bulletins – Bulletins are mailed to those who have requested continued mailings. Please contact the church office at 763-533-8602 or office@crossofglory.us if you'd like to be added to/removed from this weekly mailing list. Electronic bulletins are posted to our website weekly as well.

We give thanks that the Spirit continues to guide, inspire, and enliven us in our worship, however you choose to take part!

Tables you're invited to this month...

- Sunday, June 5 in 9:30 am worship - Holy Communion
- Every Sunday at 10:30 am - Fellowship hour with coffee & donuts after worship
- Thursday, June 9 at 5 pm - Mutual Aid Meal & Meeting (see more on pg 7)
- Wednesday, June 15 at 5:30 pm - Community Meal (see more on pg 2)

“As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus.”

-Luke 24:28-31

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PASTORAL CARE

TASTE AND SEE...

Have you ever had dinner with Jesus?

The disciples didn't know they were with Jesus on the road to Emmaus (see Luke 24, as quoted on the cover) until they sat down to eat. When "Jesus was at a table with them," Luke writes, "he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them." And it was in the breaking of bread that they recognized him. It was in their tasting that they saw...

This story not only invites us to imagine a table where Jesus ate many years ago, but to imagine the tables that Jesus continues to show up at. I'd imagine you have some stories of when you ate dinner with Jesus--stories of tables where Jesus was revealed in the bread shared, or in the people sharing it...

This summer, there are a variety of tables that you will be invited to. Read on for more info! My prayer as we gather to break bread is that our stomachs and our spirits might be filled from these meals, and that in the communion we share with one another, we just might catch a glimpse of Jesus too. As the Bread of Life himself says, "Taste and see!"

Pastor Ali

A blessing for all of our tables this summer...

Dear Lord Jesus, we come to your table,
Not as we ought, but as we are able.
We give thanks for the workers and their toils in the fields,
And for the earth and all that it yields.
So prepare us now for Life in you,
Let us share these gifts in all that we do. Amen!

SUMMER COMMUNITY MEALS

It's been a long pandemic. It's been a long winter. But the days are finally here where we can break bread together again. To celebrate, our Faith & Neighboring Practices Group is hosting monthly community meals. These meals are an opportunity to catch up with neighbors you may already know and maybe to get to know some you don't. They're an opportunity to listen to each other and to share stories. But most

basically, they're an opportunity to just eat together!

Meals are scheduled for Wednesday June 15, July 13, and August 17 at 5:30 pm. We'll plan to eat outdoors (weather and covid depending). Please join us, and feel free to invite some friends, family, and neighbors--everybody's welcome!

Let us know if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you there, Abby Kelley, Nathan Paulson, Isak Tranvik, Mike McClanahan, Pastor Ali

MUTUAL AID MEAL & MEETING

In the weeks and months after Daunte Wright was killed last spring, Cross of Glory became a site of mutual aid, where food and supplies--as well as conversation and good company--were shared among neighbors in the midst of that tragedy. In the months that followed, leaders at Cross of Glory, CAPI, and the broader community have continued to gather to discuss ways we could continue to be a site of mutual aid more long-term. Last October, we hosted FallFest, a neighborhood block party with a food truck, food & supply distribution, books for kids, and a flu shot clinic. It was a fun gathering of neighbors old and new! We are planning to host another neighborhood block party--SummerFest--on the afternoon of Saturday, July 23rd. If you're interested in helping plan that gathering, please join us for a meal and conversation at church on Thursday, July 9 at 5 pm. Reach out to Steve Ferley (ferley.steve@gmail.com) for more info.



Puzzle!

Find the names of these fathers and sons from the Old Testament.

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| ADAM | REUBEN |
| CAIN | DAN |
| ABEL | ASHER |
| SETH | JUDAH |
| NOAH | LEVI |
| HAM | GAD |
| SHEM | NAPHTALI |
| JAPHETH | SIMEON |
| ELKANAH | ISSACHAR |
| SAMUEL | ZEBULUN |
| AARON | BENJAMIN |
| NADAB | JOSEPH |
| HUR | MANASSEH |
| CALEB | EPHRAIM |
| ABRAHAM | SAUL |
| ISHMAEL | JONATHAN |
| ISAAC | DAVID |
| ESAU | SOLOMON |
| JACOB | |

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STORIES OF CROSS OF GLORY

Faith Practices & Neighboring Practices



As the Faith & Neighboring Practices group continues to lead us in exploring our call to be neighbors, we want to hear from *you!* This summer, we'll be collecting stories from the people of Cross of Glory about how you've experienced and encountered neighborliness in the congregation and community throughout your time at Cross of Glory. From the church building being built to the community garden being built, from the Cross of Glory Preschool to youth trips, from the garage sale to circle groups meeting in living rooms across town...we'd love to hear your stories! Do you have a story or two you'd be willing to share with us? Please contact Pastor Ali to set up a time to chat sometime this summer. Thanks for telling the stories of Cross of Glory as we work to tell the story of God's presence here in this place!

-Abby Kelley, Nathan Paulson, Isak Tranvik, Mike McClanahan, Pastor Ali



Circles GATHER Bible Study will meet...**June 15th** at 1pm in the church Fellowship Hall. Bring your own drink, snack and a friend. All women are welcome. Copies of the Bible Study will be available if needed. The microphone will be used.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY 2022: Crafted in Christ--A summer of rest and renewal, is written by Rev. Katie Hines-Shah

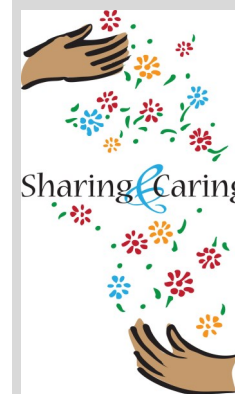
The three session Bible Study uses the concept of quilting to explore rest, renewal and Christian community. The Old and New Testament readings will be discussed as the patterns we follow and how the pieces of our lives and communities are bound together in Christ.

JUNE SESSION 1: "A summer of rest and renewal," focuses on choosing patterns and re-assessing the shape of our lives. We find life-giving patterns in worship, sabbath and service.

Bible Study



Throughout the summer months, we'll meet for Bible Study on the first and third Tuesdays of the month for a time of fellowship and studying the texts for the upcoming Sunday. We'll gather at 9:30 am onsite (in the courtyard, weather permitting) and online.



Sharing & Caring

COG CARE MINISTRY

Are you interested in having a Cross of Glory friend come and visit your home for some conversation and company? Do you need help with errands, or a ride to church on

Sundays? Are you a care-giver in need of a little break? Are you interested in having communion brought to your home? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, let Pastor Ali know, and we'd love to arrange for someone to visit you.

Do you have gifts for caring for others? Are you interested in good conversation and company? Do you have a little time this summer to make some phone calls or a few visits? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, let Pastor Ali know, and we'd love to arrange for you to be a visitor!

A grand thank you to all of you who helped to make my 90th birthday special! The cards and calls made me feel loved and cared for by those in my church. I watch on my son's computer on Sundays and hope I'll be able to attend in person soon!

Bless you, Marian Priest

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

We give thanks to be gathering again for a time of fellowship following worship each Sunday. Please join us! As we continue into the future weeks and months, we will need additional helpers for set up and clean up. Sign up at the ushers table or call the church office.



SYNOD ASSEMBLY REPORT 2022

On April 31st, Kim Jacobson, Judy Lewis, and Pastor Ali attended the Minneapolis Area Synod's annual assembly hosted at Central Lutheran in downtown Minneapolis. This year's

theme was "Life Together." To unpack what this phrase --rooted in scripture but popularized by German Lutheran dissident Dietrich Bonhoeffer--means for the church today, keynote speaker Dr. Eric Baretto led attendees in an exploration of the book of Acts. Basing our conversation in the story of Pentecost (which we all get to read together this month!), Dr. Baretto challenged us to consider the ways that difference is a gift, the ways that the Spirit is at work even in the midst of apparent scarcity, and the ways that imagination is critical is discerning the work of the Spirit, who is always drawing us into deeper life together. We were grateful to gather with the wider church and reflect on these words as we consider our life together at Cross of Glory!



Worship Helpers

June 5—
 Greeters: Judy Lewis and Arlene Kosek
 Reader: Dan Aulwes
 Communion: Linda Knudsen, Judy Lewis, Arlene Kosek

June 12—
 Greeters: Harriet Halverson & Linda Knudsen
 Reader: Gayle Merritt

June 19—
 Greeters: Carol Stejskal & Kathy Swendiman
 Reader: Carol Stejskal

June 26—
 Greeters: Steve Ferley & Audrey Retrum
 Reader: Steve Ferley

July 3—
 Greeters: Josephine Cook & Delores Olson
 Reader: Kris Simon
 Communion: Kris Simon, Verle Smith, Gayle Merritt



Our campers will be having a blast June 24- July 1 at camp WAPO! Join us for a blessing as they get ready to go to camp on June 19th at the 9:30am worship service. We invite you to pray for them as they head out on this adventure!

We pray our campers will have a blast and come back ready to share God's love!



Cross of Glory Activities by COVID-19 Risk Level

(updated March 11, 2022)

HENNEPIN COUNTY RISK* -->	LOW	MEDIUM		HIGH
		Worship	Non-Worship	
Masking	Optional	Required	Optional	Required
Distancing	Optional	Required	Optional	Required
Meals **	YES-no restrictions	YES - per Nov 2021 Meals policy		Pause
Musical ensembles	YES	YES - per Dec 2021 Musical Ensembles Guidelines		Pause
Communion	YES -per Feb 2022 Communion Guidelines	YES - per Feb 2022 Communion Guidelines		YES - per Feb 2022 Communion Guidelines
Sharing the Peace	Greet others at your own comfort level	Distanced gesture of peace		Distanced gesture of peace
Children's Activities	Masks are optional	Masks required	Masks required	Masks required

* as determined by the CDC
 ** includes all food sharing, such as Coffee Fellowship, funeral lunches, meeting snacks, etc.

REGISTER FOR Vacation Bible School



First Sundays - COG is excited to offer a special time for kids during part of worship on the first Sunday of the month. During the sermon time, our children's ministry leaders will have an activity prepared for kids--from singing songs to baking communion bread, planting a garden to storytelling, crafts to games. We look forward to worshipping with you, and for our time together on first Sundays. Our upcoming dates are June 5 and July 3.

VBS - This summer, Wildfire churches are joining together to host Vacation Bible School! All Wildfire kids (and their friends & neighbors!) are welcome to take part. VBS is scheduled for

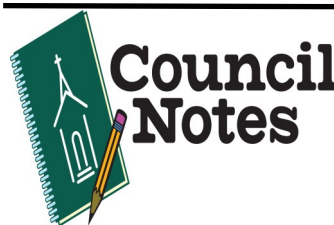
August 1-4 from 5-8 pm, starting with a community meal for families (5-5:45 pm) at Elim Lutheran Church in Robbinsdale. Cost is \$25 per child for the week. Scholarships are available. To learn more or register (deadline is July 17), reach out to Rachel at office@crossofglory.us.

Pentecost Parade
 When we celebrate Pentecost Sunday on June 5, kids of all ages are invited to join us in a Pentecost parade throughout the sanctuary. During the first song, meet Kirsten and Amanda in the back of the sanctuary to get a "Spirit stick" with ribbons to wave in the parade. During the last song, meet them at the back to get a musical instrument to play!



Community Garden

Growing season has officially begun! If you're interested in growing plants and produce in our church's backyard community garden plots this year, let us know. All are welcome to join COG members, Progeny Academy students, and Brooklyn Center neighbors for gardening this summer. Reach out to Dan Jacobson if you're interested in learning more or taking part.



Continuing to work on best ways to utilize our beautiful facility with renters. We had members of the Seventh Day Adventist congregation worship with us May 15 and sing two hymns, it was wonderful. Would be nice to have a shared meal or gathering with our partner congregations in the future.

Mutual Aid Network report from May 3rd gathering. Have a tentative plan for another event, "SummerFest" on Saturday, July 23. Synod Assembly on April 30 was attended by Pastor Ali, Kim Jacobson and Judy Lewis at Central Lutheran Church with over 300 in attendance. Had a wonderful keynote speaker on "Life Together" and a powerful worship experience with singing and praying together. Work continues on Brooklyn Boulevard with challenges getting in and out of our parking lot. Have patience, God is watching over us!