
The Glory Banner

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

March 2015



March 22, 2015

9:00am Coffee Fellowship

10:00am Worship

(One Service Only!)

11:15 Youth Fundraiser Luncheon



3 For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

2 a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; 3 a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

4 a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

5 a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

6 a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

7 a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

8 a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

Letting Go and Taking On: A Season of Change

The Lenten call to repentance is a call to change, to turn, to answer God's call in our lives and be open to God's plan and purpose for our lives and our community. The hymnwriter Joachim Neander proclaimed God's steadfast love in the midst of life's inevitable changes: "All my hope on God is founded who will all my trust renew, who through change and chance will guide me, only good and only true. God unknown, God alone, call my heart to be thine own" (ELW 757). "Making Change" is our theme for our midweek Lenten series this year.

Utilizing a series of themes and texts in a resource from Augsburg Fortress Press, we'll gather around two key scriptures each week. Week 1, "Change of Season," we'll consider our call as the body of Christ to be agents of change in the kingdom or reign of God, much as the yeast in Jesus' little parable. Week 2, "Change of Habit," we'll consider with the Galatians what habits of the Spirit build abundant life. In week 3, "Change of Circumstance," we'll join the disciples in listening to Jesus' challenging proclamation to not worry, not be afraid, even in the midst of real uncertainty. In week 4, "Change of Heart," we'll enter Mark 7, where Jesus confronts the Pharisees with the challenge of truly loving God with the heart not just the lips. Finally, in week 5, we'll hear Jesus reminding the disciples of his path to Jerusalem, to suffering and death. Though they have been yearning for the

Messiah to come, they still have little understanding of God's true plan in the coming of Jesus, for them and for the world.

Lent provides this rare opportunity to pause in the middle of our week and invest in our faith and in our relationships. While I believe this time of worship and fellowship will be meaningful for all who come, I think it is a particular blessing to welcome those who are not often with us for worship Sunday morning, including many of our youth. I know you will join me in sharing with all who are relatively new to this community the joy of being part of this church family and the blessings of worship together.

We meet at 6 pm for a potluck meal and worship will start at 6:45. Once again, if evening worship simply does not work for you, consider attending the noon service at Holy Nativity Lutheran Church at 3900 Winnetka, one of our partner churches. Please ask me if you have any questions or would like more information. If you would like to come in the evening but don't have transportation, please let Sue or me know and we'll see what we can do!

Peace, Pastor Doug

Bible Readings for March

March 1 ~ Matthew 20:1-16

Parable of laborers in vineyard

March 8 ~ Matthew 22:1-14

Parable of wedding banquet

March 15 ~ Matthew 25:1-13

Parable of the bridesmaids

March 22 ~ Matthew 25:31-46

Parable of the last judgment

March 29 ~ Matthew 21:1-13

Triumphal entry, cleansing the temple



March

Sunday Morning Ministers

Ushers:

9:00 a.m.

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

11:00 a.m.

Dan Aulwes	Don Halverson
Larry Schindler	

Communion Servers:

3/01	Georgie & Al Proctor
	Britta Maddox, Kris Simon
	Judy Lewis
3/15	John & Kim Schoffstall
	Maranda Schoffstall
3/29	Don & Gayle Merritt
	Jodi Quiner

Lay Lectors:

3/01	Jodi Quiner
3/08	Marian Priest
3/15	Lois Tollefsrud
3/22	Myrna Kragness
3/29	Merle Solie

Coffee Servers:

3/01	Dee & Jake Kendall
	Judy Olson
3/08	Al & Georgie Proctor
	Mary Beth Bierwagen

3/15	Gordy & Maggie Johnsrud
	Steve Dossett
3/22	Jan & Bob Roth
	Myrna Kragness
3/29	Lori & Joe Balzer
	Ginny Lebus

Newsletter DEADLINE

Articles for the April, 2015 *Glory Banner* should to be turned in to Sue Vukelich by March 10th.



CEAP Minnesota March

FoodShare Food Drive Be a Hero in the Fight against Hunger!

In March a portion of every dollar and every pound of food raised for CEAP is matched by Minnesota FoodShare and the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. The more that is donated, the bigger the match.

CEAP's box for food items is by the South door in the Fellowship Hall. Monetary donations may be put in your special dedicated offering envelope and marked for CEAP.



50 + and Friends

March is here and on the 6th, instead of going Irish, we are heading to the Paramount Theater in St. Cloud to hear the Kingston Trio sing the old favorites of our younger days. For lunch it's the Texas Roadhouse for a choice of sirloin steak or barbecued chicken breast with salad and baked potato. We will leave church at 10:00am.

April 15th we will go to Faribault where we'll tour the reopened Faribault Woolen Mill and the Episcopalian Cathedral of Our Merciful Savior. Our lunch is at the Depot Bar and Grill where we have a choice of fried chicken, meatloaf or walleye dinner. Be sure to check your choice. Then we will have a step-on guide for a tour of the city ending up at the Cheese Cave for cheese and fruit samples. We leave at 8:30am.

May 13th takes us to New Prague where we will hear some town history and see the murals on the walls of the buildings. We'll go to Creek Bend Country Club where we will build our own sandwiches and try two different salads. While we eat we will be entertained by the Slovak Singers. (We may not understand

them but they sing well!) Then we'll go back in town to tour St. Wincelas Church. On our way out of town, we will stop at the bakery so you can take home their famous kolackys or other goodies. Please note: I'm asking for your checks early as I am going to be gone and I'd like it taken care of before I go. Thanks!

June will be the Old Log Theater and *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*. Watch for it!

Marian Priest



In March the circles will continue their nine month study **Transforming Life and Faith**. This month we will focus on *Suffering and Endurance*.

Theme Verse

"Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; (continued on page 6)

and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast to our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us."
Romans 5:1-5

Overview

The story of Job with its speeches by Job. Job's friends and God will acquaint us with several biblical views of human suffering in relation to God. Paul's letter to the Romans will help us understand a particularly Christian perspective on how suffering can lead to endurance and hope.

Our three circles meet the third Tuesday of each month. Community Needs Circle meets in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am. Glory Circle meets in the Fellowship Hall at 12:00pm. And the Mission Circle meets in one of their member's homes.

Service Project

On Thursday February 5th, we had two very informative women, Laura Weller and Gail Stone speak to us about the *No Hassles Youth Food*

Shelf. They spoke of the needs of the homeless teens in our area. We were overwhelmed when they told us the number: about 520 in the Osseo School District and 700 in the Anoka-Hennepin District.

These ladies would like to say a big thank you to everyone who donated items, which filled two long tables plus a couple of shopping bags. It was much appreciated.

If you or anyone you know wishes to volunteer, you may contact Gail Stone at 561-1584 or 560-8676 or email brooklynmosaic@gmail.com.



Spring Luncheon May 16, 2015

Our Spring Luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, May 16. The reason for the later date is the entertainment was so well received at the Smorgasbord, Donna asked the family to come back and this was the only date that was available. So keep May 16th open and plan to come and enjoy!



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 9th.

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 9th at 6:00pm at Cross of Glory or feel free to call John Groettum: home – 763-425-8581 or cell – 763-360-1865.



Thanks so much for the pretty plant you gave me. I enjoyed my visits with Marcia and Chet. I always thought I belonged to a great church! Thanks again.

Marilyn Wong

Pat and I wish to express our thanks and appreciation to all of you who have made special trips to Maranatha Care Center to visit and deliver plants and flowers. It is all very much appreciated and to know we have many caring friends at Cross of Glory, makes our church a very special place.

Pat & Harvey Johnson

A memorial was given in loving memory of son Mark Edward Carlson who died on January 30, 2015. He was a son of Milo and Arlene Carlson, Cross of Glory members. This memorial was designated to go toward the Youth Mission Trip.

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Change Service Requested

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Worship at Cross of Glory on Sundays
9:00 a.m. ~ Traditional Worship
10:00 a.m. ~ Coffee Fellowship
11:00 a.m. ~ Crosswalk Contemporary Worship
10:15 a.m. ~ Sunday School
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