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# The Glory Banner

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church (ELCA)

A Wildfire Congregation

October 2022

Cross of Glory  
Office hours: M-W 10-2  
[www.crossofglory.us](http://www.crossofglory.us)  
763-533-8602

## 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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!

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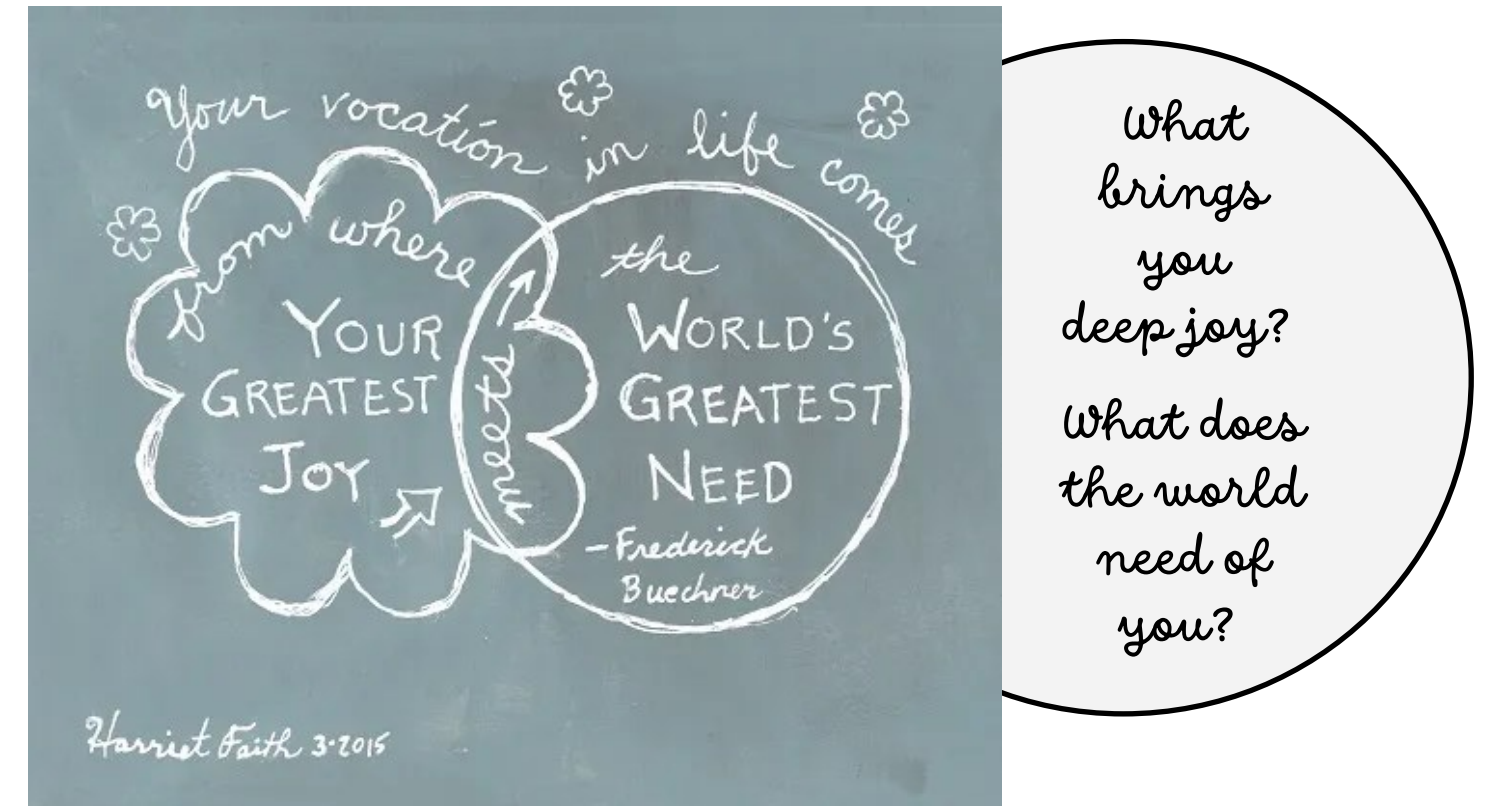
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Frederick Buechner--writer, poet, preacher, and theologian-- recently died at the age of 96.

Some of his beloved books include

“The Sacred Journey”

“The Longing for Home”

“Telling the Truth”

“The Eyes of the Heart”

He is often cited for the quote above about vocation.

To learn more about Buechner's life and work, check out:

“The Man Who Found His Inner Depths” - The New York Times:  
<https://tinyurl.com/2p86dcnj>

“Frederick Buechner's Many Benedictions” - The Christian Century:  
<https://tinyurl.com/3yh7zdnn>



## “YOUR DEEP GLADNESS. THE WORLD’S DEEP HUNGER.”

A few Sundays ago, thanks to the leadership of Barbara Sahr, we gathered for a special Sunday worship service celebrating “God’s Work Our Hands.” Children sang and played instruments. New voices prayed prayers and led the liturgy. One of our youth members became an usher. Members of Cross of Glory and Faith Healing cooked potluck dishes. The community gardeners shared fresh veggies from the garden in the church’s backyard. People signed up to take part in ministries ranging from serving communion on Sunday mornings to tutoring on Wednesday nights. Families made cards for students at Progeny as they begin the new school year. It was a full--and joy-ful--morning!

As we continue to discern ways we’re called to do God’s work, I encourage you to continue reflecting on the quote shared that morning from Frederick Buechner: “The place God calls you is where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.” Or as the image on the cover of our newsletter puts it: “...where your greatest joy meets the world’s great need.” In other words, the work God calls us to is the intersection of our gladness, our joy, our gifts, the stuff we’re good at, the stuff we love, *and* the stuff that the world around us needs of us, the deep hunger of our neighbors.

As I’d said that Sunday, it’s easy to err on one side or the other of what Buechner’s talking about. On the one hand, we may be engaged in work that addresses the needs of the community or world, but isn’t work that gives us life (admittedly, there’s plenty of church work that may not be particularly life-giving but still needs doing!). But if this is the *only* work we’re doing--work that’s needed but that we don’t find gladness in--then, according to Buechner, we’ve missed something about God’s call. On the other hand, if the only work we are doing is work we enjoy, work that we want to do, but that doesn’t address the very concrete and ever-changing needs of our neighbors, then we’ve also missed the point.

So, as Buechner says, the work God calls us to often is where these two axes meet--where gladness and hunger are in conversation. What does that intersection look like for you? Or to use the language of our service a few weeks ago, what is the work you are called to do with your hands?

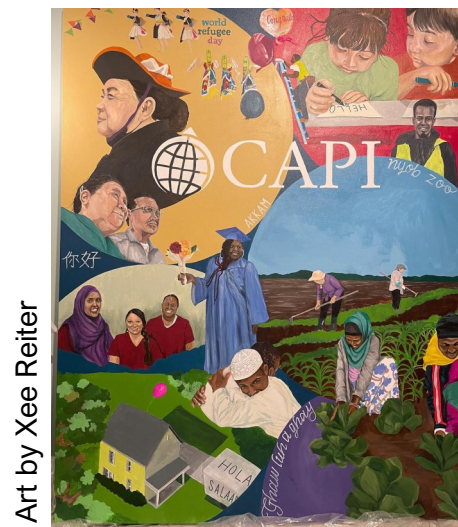
Part of *my* own gladness is getting to discern these vocational questions with you. If you want to get together to explore how God might be calling you this year--at Cross of Glory or in our Brooklyn Center neighborhood--please reach out! I’d love to meet for a walk, a cup of coffee, or a home visit. We also have an “Our Hands” form available (copies located on the bulletin boards near the sanctuary) that we invite everyone to fill out that helps us locate those intersections of gladness and hunger joy and need. As we explore our vocations, both individually and as a church community, I give thanks for the gift of sharing in God’s work together with you,  
Pastor Ali

### PASTORAL CARE

Pastor Ali is available for pastoral care, conversation, and prayer. You can reach her by phone and email throughout the week. Her designated hours for pastoral care and conversation (virtual or in-person) are Tuesdays from 10:30-1:30 and Wednesdays from 2-5, and home/care facility visitation hours are Thursdays from 3-5. Please reach out to schedule a time to connect!

### HOME COMMUNION

If you are unable to commune in-person at Cross of Glory, we would love to come visit you and bring you communion. Please reach out to schedule a time.



Art by Xee Reiter

## Happy 40th birthday to our neighbors at CAPI!

### Upcoming Events at CAPI:

**Fresh Food Fridays** - On Oct 7th and 14th from 1-3 pm in the CAPI parking lot, CAPI distributes free fresh produce. To lend a hand, sign up at [www.capiusa.org](http://www.capiusa.org).

**Free Covid-19 vaccine clinic** - On Oct 14th from 12:30-3, CAPI will have Pfizer vaccines available, including for infants and kids. The Bivalent booster will be available for those 12 years and older who have passed 2 months since their first booster shot. Walk-ins are welcome and \$50 gift cards are given to those who take part.

COG Bible Study  
gathers on  
Tuesday  
mornings at 9:30



am. Join us either onsite or online as we explore the texts assigned for the upcoming Sunday!

### BROOKLYN CENTER FARMER’S MARKET

Every Thursday from 2-7, the Brooklyn Center Farmer’s Market is up and running in the parking lot of Brooklyn United Methodist Church (7200 Brooklyn Blvd). All community members are welcome to stop by in these final weeks of the harvest season.



HOW CAN WE  
PRAY FOR YOU?

Message us your request.

### HOW TO SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST

You can submit a prayer request at any time through the Cross of Glory website. These requests can be of both celebration/joy and lament/need. You may keep your prayer request confidential, and it will be directed to Pastor Ali, or you can opt to share it with the Prayer Chain, a community of people at Cross of Glory who will commit to holding your request in prayer. Visit <http://crossofglory.us/contactus.html> to submit a request. Email Rachel to be added to the Prayer Chain.

### FAITH PRACTICES & NEIGHBORING PRACTICES

Thanks to all who joined us for a community meal this summer. It was a joy to share meals with neighbors old & new. We hope to continue finding ways to break bread together throughout the year. Stay tuned for upcoming opportunities to gather at tables to share God’s gift of life together with members of our congregation and wider community.







**First Sundays in Worship** - On the first Sunday of each month, COG offers a special time for kids during part of worship. 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.

**First Sundays after Worship** - This fall, 4th-5th graders are invited to stick around after worship on the first Sundays of the month for a half hour of pre-confirmation fellowship, activities and donuts. Reach out to Rachel in the office (office@crossofglory.us) for more info.

**Adult Helpers Needed** - If you're an adult who's willing to help out with any of these activities regularly or on occasion, please let Rachel know.

**Confirmation** - Starting this month, confirmation-aged students (6th-8th grade) are invited to gather on first Wednesdays at 7 pm. Friends are warmly welcome.

**Bibles** - As a community of faith, we're called to live out our baptismal promises to the kids in our midst by continuing to "place in their hands the holy scriptures." This year, we are excited to gift Bibles to COG kids at important milestones in their faith journeys. If you have a 2-year-old, a 3rd grader, or a 6th grader (or if you've had a child this age in the past two years during the pandemic), please join us on Reformation Sunday, Oct 30 to receive your Bible.

## "God's work. Our hands." Sunday

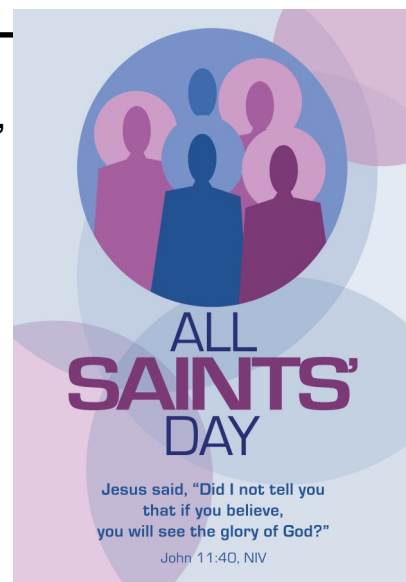


### ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

We look forward to gathering again on this All Saints Sunday, Nov 6, to remember the saints of Cross of Glory who have passed away this year. Families who have recently lost loved ones are invited to take part. Stay tuned for more information from the Worship, Music, Arts committee about a gathering following worship that morning to grieve, remember, and celebrate the life of the saints in our midst.

### REFORMATION SUNDAY

We need your help as we prepare for Reformation Sunday on Oct 30. This year, our Reformation service will be a 5th Sunday service of Lessons + Music. We'd love to hear from you: What's your favorite (reformation-themed) hymn or song? Let Rachel in the office know by Oct 18 and we'll do our best to include it! Also during worship service on Reformation Sunday, we'll be giving kids Bibles. See above for more info!



### Fall "Table Talks" at Cross of Glory

On Sunday October 23rd, following the morning worship service, you are invited to

attend the first of our Fall Table Talk gatherings. The topic we'll discuss is the "Sabbath" and its significance both past and present. On November 27th we'll gather for a different discussion; "Is there such a thing as being blessed?" For further reading, please see the links below: Paper copies are also be available on the bulletin board near the sanctuary.

For October, <https://www.christiancentury.org/article/2005-05/sabbath-resistance?reload=1663640453024>

For November, <https://www.nytimes.com/2016/02/14/opinion/sunday/death-the-prosperity-gospel-and-me.html>

Looking forward to seeing you there!

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### COG CARE MINISTRY

The Cross of Glory care & visitation team is a community of members who check in with many of our homebound members, those living in senior care facilities, and those who are hospitalized.

Visits can include anything from grocery shopping assistance to home communion, prayer to an ice cream outing! Visits may also be virtual--simply a phone call to check in. If you're interested in either receiving a visit or being part of the care & visitation team, let Pastor Ali know.





# Worship

October 2—  
**Greeter:** Judy Olson and Tom Simon  
**Reader:** Kim Jacobson  
**Communion:** Lois Tollefsrud, Judy Olson and Arlene Kosek

October 9—  
**Greeters:** Bruce and Sue Vukelich  
**Reader:** Bruce Vukelich

October 16th—  
**Greeters:** Barb Thomson and Brenda Edstrom  
**Reader:** Gayle Merritt

October 23—  
**Greeters:** Carol Stejskal and Kathy Swendiman  
**Reader:** Carol Stejskal

October 30—  
**Greeters:** Steve Ferley and Carol Sjoquist  
**Reader:** Steve Ferley

November 6—  
**Greeters:** Josephine Cook and Judy Lewis  
**Reader:** Julie Aulwes  
**Communion:** Gayle Merritt, Judy Lewis, and Carol Stejskal



## LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

LDR is working to provide support to neighbors in Puerto Rico in the wake of Hurricane Fiona. To donate to the efforts, you can write a check to the church with "Lutheran Disaster Response - where needed most" in the memo line, and we'll ensure those funds get to LDR to support the work being done in Puerto Rico.



## NATIONAL LUTHERAN CHOIR

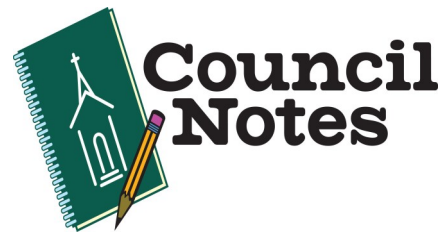


*Life Changed, Not Taken Away - All Saints Concert*

In the fall, the creation around us enters its annual cycle of dormancy. While this may seem like death, it is merely a preparation for new birth. As people of faith, we understand death not as the end but as a new beginning. The NLC's annual All Saints concert honors those who have died while recognizing our past, present, and future journeys. This program will feature John Rutter's iconic work, *Requiem*, along with hymns, candles, and the reading of names of our new saints. Contact the NLC office at (612) 722-2301 or visit [NLCA.com](http://NLCA.com) to purchase tickets or learn more.

Friday, November 4: 7:30 p.m.  
 St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church, Plymouth

Sunday, November 6; 4:00 p.m.  
 St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Mahtomedi



## Council Notes

**Church Directory Update**— We will do this in house and took pictures of several people on Rally Sunday. We hope to have all pictures taken or sent in to the church office in October/November.

**7th Day Adventists** will start using the old Kid Zone room for their Friday and Saturday gatherings.

**Rally Sunday/God's Work Our Hands Sunday**  
 Reports were very positive. The service with all the music and participation by members was very well received and the potluck was delicious!



## Member DIRECTORY

### NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY - WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We're excited to share with you a new photo directory, which we will be creating in-house and which will be made available later this year in both in-print and online (password protected) versions. The new directory will equip us to connect with and stay in touch with one another. But in order to do this, we need your help...

**Submit a photo** - If you haven't already had your photo taken, you may submit a recent photo of yourself/your family either as a hard copy or electronic file to Rachel Marquardt [office@crossofglory.us](mailto:office@crossofglory.us). If you don't have one, contact Rachel to schedule a time to have it taken (for free!) at church.

**Share updated contact info** - Have you moved? Updated your phone number? Have a new email address? Let Rachel know any updated contact information so we can include you in the directory and keep you in the loop with COG news.



**GATHER BIBLE STUDY** will meet October 19th at 1pm in the church Fellowship Hall. Bring your own drink and snack. Copies of the Bible Study will be available if needed and a microphone will be used. Please consider joining us and bringing a friend.

**FALL 2022 BIBLE STUDY:** Jesus and nature: written by Rev. Sara Olson-Smith. October 2022, Session 2: "Soil" will dig deeply into the parable of the soil (otherwise known as the parable of the seed, Matthew 13) and other Biblical accounts that relate to care for this part of creation, while looking at models of growth that involve wholeness and wellness.