

Taking Root

One of the first things I noticed here at Cross of Glory were a dozen or so raised garden beds in the back of the building, bursting with green growth. Some of the growth is probably weeds, but much of it looks like fruit and vegetable plants (I'll keep you posted). In my first days here, I've learned this little community garden is cared for by church members and neighbors, that produce has been donated to the CEAP food shelf, and that students at Progeny Academy would love to take part. I'm excited to learn more about this garden and to watch what will grow--literally and figuratively.

The Gospel text this week is the Parable of the Sower, a story about how God extravagantly sows seeds on all kinds of different ground. We too are called into the work of sowing, not knowing what will grow, but trusting that God is alive and at work.

As we begin to imagine together the things that--by God's grace--will take root in our life together here at Cross of Glory, I wanted to share an invitation to take part in a Meet-and-Greet in the coming weeks. These small-group gatherings are a chance for me to get to know you more and hear from you about what God is sowing, both at Cross of Glory and in the wider Brooklyn Center community.

If you are comfortable attending an in-person, physically-distant outdoor gathering, a few folks have graciously volunteered their backyards. You are also welcome to take part via Zoom (either via phone or video). All Meet-and-Greets will be limited to 10 people and will last no

longer than an hour and a half. Please consider joining us on one of the following dates:

- Sunday, July 26: After worship - 10:45 am - Zoom
- Sunday, July 26: 3 pm - In-person - Linda Knutson's yard
- Tuesday, July 28: 7 pm - In-person - Bailey family's yard
- Thursday, July 30: 10 am - In-person - Lois and Ron Tollefsrud's yard
- Sunday, August 2: After worship - 10:45 am - Zoom
- Sunday, August 2: 3 pm - In-person - Keith Williams' yard
- Tuesday, August 4: 7 pm - In-person - Erik Haugland's yard
- Thursday, August 6: 5 pm - Zoom

To RSVP, call Sue at the church office (763-533-8602) between 9:00-3:00 Mon-Wed, or email her anytime at svukelich@crossofglory.us . Please indicate if you'll need transportation assistance.

Thank you for considering this invitation. I am so grateful to begin ministry among you, and I look forward to witnessing what God is sowing among and around us!

Pastor Ali

**For your safety and for the safety of one another, all in-person sessions will adhere to physical distancing precautions. To that end, if you choose to attend an in-person Meet-and-Greet, please bring your own lawn chair and mask. If you need either of these things, please let Sue know when you RSVP. Thanks!*