
The Glory Banner

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

August 2019



Sundays in August ~

Worship - 9:30am, Coffee Fellowship - 10:30am

Tuesdays in August ~

Bible Study - 9:30am

August 12th ~ 50 + and Friends

August 12th ~ CEAP Quilters Luncheon

August 20th ~ W/ELCA Bible Study



Friends in Christ Jesus,

Even though we are in the hot days of summer, I want to assure you that the interim process continues to move forward!

Thank you for your strong participation in taking the Church Assessment Tool (CAT) inventory. The participation was great- 102 of you. This is about 85% of the average worship attendance of the congregation. The results of this inventory will:

- a. Assist the Transition Team as they write the Ministry Site Profile
- b. Help the congregation better understand itself and its mission
- c. Provide a future pastoral candidate with an up-to-date synopsis of the congregation

Once again, thank you for your participation. Your thoughts, feelings and insights are very valuable in this time of transition and discernment.

The Transition Team will now be working on completing the Ministry Site Profile. This document contains important information and data about Cross of Glory such as what you see as the mission and vision of the congregation and what type of candidate will best serve in this ministry setting. When the Transition Team has finished the profile, it will be approved by the church council and submitted to the synod. The bishop will then visit the congregation to review the profile. (Most often one question she asks is, "Why would a candidate want to come to this congregation?") She is very good at this ministry!

In the near future, a Call Committee will be formed. If you are interested in being considered for this important work, please contact Dan Aulwes or Pastor Lee. Cross of Glory will receive names from the Synod of possible candidates who might be a good fit for providing Word and Sacrament ministry in the congregation. These pastors will be interviewed by the Call Committee. After much prayer and

discernment they will make a selection and this candidate's name will be submitted to the church council and to the congregation for consideration.

These are important days at Cross of Glory! I truly believe that the most important thing that you can do is to continue to pray for God's will to be done. Please know that I also pray for you and the future of this congregation. Most often my prayer for you is *"Come Holy Spirit Come. Fill the hearts of your faithful people at Cross of Glory. Touch them and fill them with the fire of your light and your love. Amen."*

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Lee



Worship at The Sanctuary

One of Cross of Glory's closest neighbors is The Sanctuary ~ an assisted living and memory care facility on Brooklyn Boulevard. Beginning Monday, August 12, at 9:30am, Pastor Lee will offer a monthly worship service with Holy Communion for the residents. People of all faiths are welcome and encouraged to attend.



Sunday Morning Ministers

Ushers:

Dick Mero Cheryl Anderson
Don Halverson

Communion Servers:

8/04 Arlene Kosek
 Jodi Quiner
 Georgie Proctor
 Dan & Julie Aulwes
 Judy Lewis

8/11 Merle Solie
 Judy Olson
 Judy Lewis

8/18 Lois Tollefsrud
 Linda Knudsen
 Sharon Quick

8/25 Verle Smith
 Georgie Proctor
 Judy Lewis

Lay Lectors:

8/04 Steven Ferley
8/11 Julie Aulwes
8/18 Carol Stejskal
8/25 Gale Geske

**Newsletter
DEADLINE**

Articles for the September
2019 *Glory Banner* should to be
turned in to Sue Vukelich by
August 13th.



SENIORS ON THE GO

50 + and Friends

We will start off on Monday, August 12th, out on Lake Minnetonka on one of Al and Alma's boats for a 1 ½ hour trip with a lunch of sandwich, salad, dessert and soft drink. Other drinks are available at the bar.

Wednesday, September 25th we will go to the Old Log Theater to see "Five Presidents." We go back 25 years into the Executive Board Room at the Nixon Library on April 27th, the day of Nixon's funeral. A fictional occasion that brings together Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush and Bill Clinton. Lunch will be pork chop, beef rib, tilapia or pasta.

On Saturday, October 19th, we will board the light rail train to Big Lake. The bus will meet us there and take us to Russell's on the Lake for lunch. We have a choice of a hamburger or pulled pork sandwich and their wonderful salad bar. The bus will bring us home.

November has both Shoji Tabuki on November 6th and our annual Lutefisk dinner in Nye, Wisconsin.

Plan to join us when you can.

Marian Priest



Rally Sunday, September 8

Many good things are happening at Cross of Glory! Join us for a Rally Sunday service and Potluck lunch. This fall kick-off will include a Children's sermon and a Blessing of the Backpacks, so invite any and all children to join us. Sunday School sign up is starting now as well.

We will follow service with a joyful procession to the Fellowship Hall to fill our plates for a potluck lunch, then head outside to eat, weather permitting. There will be a sign-up sheet for hot dishes, salads and desserts, but signing up is not necessary to attend!



COG's Panera Bread Distribution on Tuesday's is Ending

With sadness, after many years of this special outreach, August 27th will be our last day. Panera Bread will find someone else to fill our slot.

A huge thank you to all my fellow volunteers that helped over the years and made it run smoothly. Also, thanks to everyone that gave support and made donations.

It has been an honor and privilege to have been involved. I will miss seeing everyone on Tuesday mornings! Blessings to all of you.

Nancy Bixler



Opening August 29, 2019!

Progeny Academy (ISD #4263) is a tuition free public school that will be opening this fall to Brooklyn Center and surrounding communities. The school will serve students in grades 5-8 and will focus on providing academically rigorous learning that centers on authentic, hands-on and inquiry-based learning. Additionally, students will partake in social emotional learning opportunities whereby developing the personal attributes to become well rounded life-long learners.

Highlights of our program include rigorous and individualized academic and social emotional programming, dedicated and passionate staff, world language and physical education classes, small class sizes, uniforms (free shirt provided), transportation, and breakfast and lunch.

We are very excited to be located at Cross of Glory! Enrollment is underway, if you are interested to learn more about Progeny Academy and/or enroll for the fall please feel free to contact the leadership team at (763) 325-9150 or visit us online at www.progenyacademy.org.

Patti Kronk & Nicole Nelson, Ed.S.



Cross of Glory Women of the ELCA

The Women of the ELCA will be meeting for their last **Summer** Bible study on August 20th. This is a group study, with all Circles coming together to meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:30am. We will use the *Gather* magazine as our guide. We will take turns reading a section and there will be questions to discuss after each section. If you do not have a *Gather* magazine, please join us and someone will share with you. If you do not feel comfortable reading, just ask the next person to continue. Of course we will have coffee and treats! Community Needs Circle is the host.



Something to do this Summer:

Pastor Lee has a Bible study every Tuesday at 9:30am. It is a very educational and a fun time as he shares ideas and thoughts about scripture. Of course, we have coffee and treats!

On Tuesday and Thursday each week at 8:45am we have Faithfully Fit. The ladies do low impact aerobic exercises. It's a lot of fun while building your body strength. You do not have to come to both exercise classes or even every week. If you come once a week you will be surprised at how fast you can build up your energy.

Dear Colleagues,

Nelson Preus, former District President of ALC's Eastern North Dakota District, tells about a woman he would visit in the nursing home. Suffering from significant memory loss, she seemed to remember only one word: 'Takk,' the Norwegian word for "thank you."

Whatever language we use to express thanks – gracias, asante, ua ssaug, khobchai, -- if we could remember only one phrase in our last years, wouldn't that be the perfect one? "Thank you." Thank you, God, for life. Thank you, God, for the friend who stopped by. Thank you, God, for rest.

This summer, I pray that you will have many opportunities to give thanks: for the beauty of creation, for time with friends and family, for the chance to rest.

My words of thanks will be filled with thoughts of this synod – and affirmations for the incredible pastoral colleagues with whom I'm privileged to work. In a day when many question the vitality of the church, I only need to think of pastors like you – who are wisely, creatively, and boldly seeking to lead and serve the Gospel of Christ – and I am reassured.

Today, I give thanks for your partnership in supporting the work of the larger church. More than 87% of Minneapolis Area Synod congregations made a commitment to mission support for 2019.

In the first quarter of our fiscal year (February-April), congregational offerings to the synod totaled \$662,995 – or 22.3% of the synod budget of \$2,969,000. Of that, 50% goes directly to ELCA Churchwide. Nearly ten percent of the remaining funds go to local mission partners such as Luther Seminary and Lutheran Campus Ministry.

Through your generous support, the Minneapolis Area Synod strives to live into a vision where all experience gracious invitation into life-giving Christian community and live in just and healthy neighborhoods. Thank You!

With Gratitude for your Partnership in Christ,
Bishop Ann Svennungsen

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Change Service Requested

Worship at Cross of Glory on Sundays

9:30 a.m. ~ Worship

10:30 a.m. ~ Coffee Fellowship

10:45 a.m. ~ Small Group Studies

To watch worship services: www.vimeo.com/coqtv

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