
The Glory Banner

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

January 2019



*Join us January 13, 2019
for Worship at 9:30am followed by a
luncheon as we say goodbye to
Pastor Doug and Mary Beth and
wish them all the best!*



⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12: 4-7; 12-13

A New Year Indeed

It's hard to believe we're just a few days away from 2019 already. Thanks to all of you who shared your gifts in so many ways for all the special events and worship services of Advent and Christmas Eve! Musicians and readers, decorators and bakers, planners and visitors, so many of you shared your gifts for the blessing of this community. A special word of thanks to Keith, Allan and Mark for the spectacular music throughout the season.

As you know, 2019 will bring some new blessings and opportunities for Cross of Glory. January 13 will be my last Sunday with you (I hear there will be a gathering afterwards, so I hope you will be able to join if you aren't already enjoying warmer weather somewhere). Even amidst excitement for new challenges, I'm sad to leave the ministry we have shared and am deeply grateful for all your support and partnership over these seven years.

The Spiritual gifts, services and activities the Apostle Paul wrote about in his letter to the Corinthians above have been abundant in this congregation through its more than 60 years. New gifts will again be called for in this year of transition. Already your elected leadership have worked with the Minneapolis Area Synod to find an Interim Pastor who will lead during the transition and search. Pastor Lee Hallstrom brings a wealth of experience as a pastor and specifically in interim work with congregations like Cross of Glory. Your support and partnership in ministry will be essential for his time with you just as it has been for mine.

As you may remember from previous transitions, the Call Committee will be the leadership team that guides you in the months ahead. Dan, Judy and the Council are already working to recruit a strong and diverse team. Once in place, the Call Committee will lead a process of discernment as you put together a ministry profile for Cross of Glory. This is a moment to prayerfully consider the unique gifts and challenges of Cross of Glory in this time and the direction you feel God calling you to go. It's not just about the next pastor you will call but also about what sort of ministries you feel drawn towards in the coming years. How is God calling Cross of Glory to be connected to this neighborhood, to the partner congregations of Wildfire, to the world? How will this building be used for the good of the community? What new ministry is God calling you to pursue with passion and resources? Is it time to consider prioritizing the calling of a woman or a pastor of color as the new lead pastor of Cross of Glory? These and other questions are as important for you to consider as for your new pastor.

Once you have created a ministry profile for Cross of Glory, the Call Committee will indicate to the Bishop and the Synod staff that they are ready to receive candidates that are potential matches for this ministry. Your call committee will work with their profiles and narrow in on a set of candidates to interview, finally determining a pastor to recommend to the full congregation for call. This process will likely take at least six to nine months, though no timeline is predetermined.

While I know this time can be marked by some anxiety about the future, it can also be an exciting time of new energy and relationships. God is faithful and is always at work making all things new! Trust in the Spirit, support your leaders, pray constantly and continue to love one another well. My prayers will be with you and I look forward to where God will lead Cross of Glory in the years ahead.

Blessings,
Pastor Doug



. We will be moving the Annual Meeting to the 17th of February to give our new Interim, Pastor Lee, time to settle in.



2019 Women's Wildfire Event: Women Give in Faith

Did you know that 47% of US workers are women? And that women manage the majority of household wealth? This means that women are in a unique place to make impactful decisions about how and why and where they give. Join us at the interactive Women Give in Faith workshop, where we will share giving stories, learn about giving and financial planning tools, strengthen our capacity to make a difference, and take action by giving away \$1000+ to an organization benefiting women. **The workshop will be at Holy Nativity on February 9, 2019 from 9:00am – 1:00pm!** Lunch will be provided. Stay tuned for more information!



Bible Study Readings for January

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| 1/06 | Matthew 2:1-23 |
| 1/13 | Matthew 3:1-17 |
| 1/20 | Matthew 4:1-17 |
| 1/27 | Matthew 5:1-20 |



Sunday Morning Ministers

1/27 Sharon Quick
Bruce & Sue Vukelich

Lay Lectors:

1/06 Steve Ferley
1/13 Julie Aulwes
1/20 Carol Stejskal
1/27 Gale Geske

Ushers:

Dick Mero Cheryl Anderson
Don Custer John Rowley
Don Halverson
Gordy Johnsrud

Newsletter
DEADLINE

Articles for the February 2019
Glory Banner should to be turned in
to Sue Vukelich by **January 8th**.

Communion Servers:

1/06 Judy Lewis, Judy Olson
Gayle Merritt
Carol Stejskal
Georgie Proctor
Deb Groettum

1/13 Dawn Bailey
Ryan & Chad Bailey

1/20 Merle Solie
Arlene Kosek
Brenda Edstrom

▲ ANNUAL ▲
REPORT

If you usually write a summary
of the year for the Annual Report,
please turn it in to Sue Vukelich as
soon as possible. Thank you!



SENIORS ON THE GO

50 + and Friends

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to another year of plays, boat rides, races and museums.

We start the year on January 9th at the new Bell Museum with its dioramas and planetarium. We will have lunch at Stouts where you have a choice of chicken tenders, brats and kraut, or fish and chips.

On February 27th it's the Science Museum where in the Game Changers Exhibition you can try your hand at the many electronic games. Lunch is on your own in the cafeteria then we will see Living Through the Age of Airplanes.

March 13th is our date for our trip to the Old Log Theater to see the play "Tenderly." It's the story of Rosemary Clooney's life's ups and downs. We will have the lunch choices of short rib, porkchop, tilapia, or pasta with marinara sauce.

Sign up and join us when you can!

Marian Priest

Cross of Glory Women of the ELCA

All women of Cross of Glory are warmly invited to visit or join a circle. We have three circles: Community Needs, Glory and Mission. We all meet the third Tuesday of the month.

We will be meeting on January 15th. Community Needs Circle meets at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall; the Glory Circle meets at 12:00 in the Fellowship Hall; and the Mission Circle meets at 12:30pm in a member's home. All circles have a Bible study, fellowship, coffee and treats. There will be the Bible study leaders and hostesses in a bulletin insert.

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We will begin another four-session study "The Gospel of John. Meetings with Jesus" written by the Rev. Julie A. Kanarr, a frequent *Gather* contributor. This series invites us to meet Jesus through his interactions with various characters within the Gospel ~ beckoning us to explore and grow in faith.



We had a very nice tea! It was attended by approximately 40 women. We had a delicious meal. We participated in prayer partners. We

learned who our prayer partner will be for 2019. This was followed by a concert by Amy and Adam. It was a wonderful program. They played numerous instruments and sang a good variety of Christmas songs.



We have a service project in March. We will have more details in the Happenings and the February Glory Banner.

Something to think about . . .

It is not always easy to be patient, but God can be trusted. Wait patiently for him.

Jackie



There will be no Cancer Support Group in January. An email will be sent for a Valentine Party in February. Concerns or questions, please call Marcia Janasz at 763-391-6321.



Thank you to all who helped in making our Festival of Foods a real festival! Those who helped to set up and those who brought all the wonderful treats are greatly appreciated.
Marian Priest

Thank you for all the prayers and cards during my illness and surgeries. It felt like a big hug from the congregation, and was truly appreciated!
Peace,
Julie Aulwes

Dear Cross of Glory Family,

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, phone calls and words of encouragement. I haven't the words to express how grateful I am to my Cross of Glory family.
Jackie Fryhling

Dear Cross of Glory Friends,

Thank you for the plate of delicious Christmas Cookies that Judy Olson dropped off. I really enjoyed our nice visit. Many blessings to you in the new year!
Lorraine Clinton

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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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