

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
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The Glory Banner

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

July 2019

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/cogtv

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Monday through Thursday, 8:00am ~ 4:00pm

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Hymn and Worship Song

Worship Service

July 28, 2019

Martin Luther once wrote:

“Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world.”

Check inside for more details about this special worship service.



Friends in Christ,

I hope that you are having a renewing and enjoyable summer! It has been great to see that worship attendance doesn't diminish at Cross of Glory during the summer. Thanks for your faithfulness in honoring God in weekly worship!

There are a couple of important items that I would like to highlight with you:

- 1) **Church Assessment Tool (CAT)** ~ You have been hearing and reading about the Church Assessment Tool, and by now you may have already received a paper copy or a link to take the CAT online. If you haven't already, please take seriously the importance of this survey. The information gained from this tool will be critical to your leaders as they call a new pastor and prepare for the future of the congregation. PLEASE MAKE THIS A PRIORITY if you haven't already shared your experiences and perspectives by participating in this important process. The last date to complete the inventory is July 15.

If you need a paper copy, please contact or stop by the church office, and we will provide one for you. If you have questions, you are welcome to contact me: 763-533-8602 or lhallstrom@crossofglory.us

- 2) **Community Organizing** ~ The Wildfire Churches have received an Imagination Grant from the Minneapolis Area Synod of \$7,500! It has been decided to use this grant to hire a part-time community organizer to work within the eight congregations of Wildfire for the next six months.

Community organizing can take many forms. A community organizer is someone who gets to know a community of people through one-on-one conversations in order to find out what common goals the people of the community seek and what power they hold that could help them achieve those goals.



2019

Poetry of the Old Testament

The Fall W/ELCA Bible study will be selections of Old Testament poetry from Job, Psalms and Lamentations. Drawing from the experiences of these ancient writers, we will learn to look for God in times of deep emotions, such as joy, anger, celebration, depressions, misunderstanding and contentment, finding hope and grace along the way.

The series is written by Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen.

December 2019: Advent/Christmas devotional

Something to think about . . .

Be careful with your words ~ as they can only be forgiven, not forgotten.

Jackie



Thanks to all my friends at Cross of Glory for the many cards, prayers and good wishes during my cancer treatments. The love and support you have given me are greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Pastor Lee for hospital and home communion visits.

Ginny Lebus



Cross of Glory Women of the ELCA



The Women of the ELCA will be meeting for Bible study in July and August. This is a group study, with all Circles coming together to meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:30am. We will be studying the book of Esther, concentrating on chapters 4, 5, 6 and 7. 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! Our July meeting is on the 16th.



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. If there is an exercise you do not feel comfortable doing, just sit and wait for the next one (like I do! -Jackie). 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. *Jackie Fryhling*

Maia Uhrich is the community organizer who will be relating to Cross of Glory. She brings many gifts to this ministry. She will be working with the congregation in helping Cross of Glory a) get to know our neighbors, b) learn more what issues our neighborhood faces, and c) work to identify ways we can use our power as a church community to work with our neighbors in finding solutions to these shared issues.

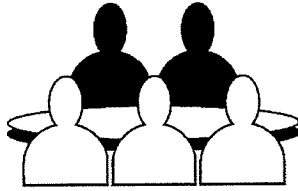
Yours in Christ,
Pastor Lee



*Hymn and Worship Song
Worship Service
July 28, 2019 ~ 9:30am*

Our worship on Sunday, July 28th, will be in the format of a hymn sing/worship song service. This will include hymns, worship songs, scripture readings and hymn stories along with Holy Communion.

“O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.” Psalm 95:1-2



Transition Team Report – June 11, 2019

We've been busy since the last report was submitted.

On May 28th:

1. We started with a word from Paul in 2 Corinthians about the fact that things may not always go smoothly, but that Paul was content with all of it in doing the work of God.
2. We discussed the **Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT)**
 - A. This can be done online or in paper form. Those done on paper will have to be reentered into the online format.
 - B. We discussed the areas the CAT covers: Level of satisfaction and energy, critical success factors, pinpoint strengths, members' vision of the future, gauge readiness for change, uncover potential resources, prep for Call process
 - C. Our CAT can be customized. There are set questions, but then we can select two additional modules and additional questions.
3. We reviewed a sample CAT and chose 2 optional modules. We also selected 5 additional questions to add to our specific CAT.
4. We decided that we will reconvene on June 4 to facilitate forward movement.
5. We discussed the steps involved in announcing the upcoming study. We will ask Dan to announce that the study is coming up and to look out for it.
6. We discussed our Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park/Community Assessment as Eilert brought in some stats that he got from the cities. Caucasian, Mexican, Somolian and other Africans are the most common ethnographies represented.
7. We adjourned in prayer.



SENIORS ON THE GO

50 + and Friends

It's July already ~ half the year is gone, and we are trying to find fun and interesting things to do. Our group has become so small that the buses are expensive. I am going to reserve fewer places and try to get small buses.

July 23rd is our annual pops concert on Nicollet Island. There will be coffee and goodies before the concert. We never know what the music will be ~ a mix of classical, showtunes, and golden oldies. Door prizes finish off the program. Then we will go out to Maple Grove Broadway Pizza for their lunch buffet. We will leave church at 8:45am.

After checking with the places in Alexandria and the bus company, it came out to be at least a ten-hour day. This is more than most of us can handle, so we now have a

reservation on August 12th for a 1 ½ hour trip on Lake Minnetonka with Al and Alma's boat. Lunch will be a sandwich, salad, chips, dessert (bar), coffee and water. Other drinks are available at the bar. We will leave church at 10:45am.

Please give me any suggestions you may have for trips and make sure to join us!

Marian Priest



The Cancer Support Group will not have "scheduled" meetings during the summer months. Our next meeting will be September 9, 2019.

Please call us as needed as you travel through your chemo and radiation treatments. We are here to listen and help you.

Please call Marcia Janasz, 763-391-6321 or Carol Sjoquist, 763-561-5546.



Sunday Morning Ministers

Ushers:

Dick Mero Cheryl Anderson
John Rowley Gordy Johnsrud
Don Halverson

Communion Servers:

7/07 Dawn Bailey
Ryan & Chad Bailey
Verle Smith
Paul & Gale Geske

7/14 Merle Solie
Carol Stejskal
Linda Knudsen

7/21 Sharon Quick
Bruce & Sue Vukelich

7/28 Deb Groettum
Lois Tollefsrud
Brenda Edstrom

Lay Lectors:

7/07 Marian Priest
7/14 Lois Tollefsrud
7/21 Merle Solie
7/28 Sharon Quick

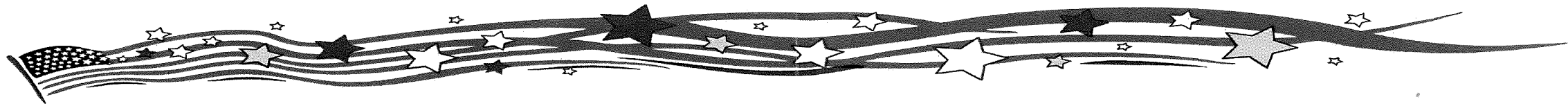
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Articles for the August 2019
Glory Banner should to be turned
in to Sue Vukelich by July 9th.

On June 4th:

1. We started with prayer.
2. We looked at a paper copy of our inventory. The first 86 questions are standard questions.
3. We agreed that an open invitation for members and also guests to participate in taking the inventory was appropriate for our current circumstances.
4. We agreed to get a letter to the congregation about the CAT inventory. We agreed to use our current practice of encouraging members to pick up their letters after worship on a Sunday and to mail out the rest.
5. We read and modified the sample letter provided that announces the procedures for the CAT.
6. We read and modified the bulletin insert provided that announces the procedures for the CAT.
7. We determined that the assessment will go live on Monday, June 17th. This drove how we will be communicating with our congregation and guests. The CAT will end on July 15th.
8. We read and modified the eblast provided that announces the procedures for the CAT.
9. We are meeting in 2 weeks and will use that time on more logistics of making this happen.
10. We will receive results in three forms: a summary for the congregation, and also a video chat and a comprehensive report for the Team and the use of the Call Committee once convened. It will also be useful for the pastors considering Cross of Glory.
11. We adjourned with prayer.

By Keith J. Williams



July 2019

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