
The Glory Banner

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

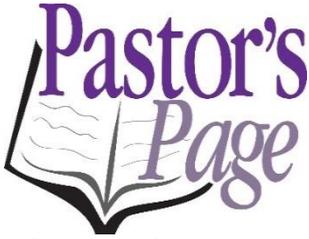
May 2019



**Congregational
MEETING**

May 12, 2019

**Immediately following worship on May 12th we will
take a final ballot vote on the newly revised
Constitution that was brought to our Annual Meeting.**



Christ is Risen! He is risen INDEED! Alleluia!

One of my very favorite Easter stories is about Philip. He was born with Down's syndrome, and he attended a third grade Sunday School class with the other eight-year old's in his congregation. There were some issues with some of the other children in the class because he was different. Because of a creative teacher, however, Philip was cared for- and there was growing, if not complete acceptance of him, in spite of those differences.

The Sunday after Easter the teacher brought L'eggs pantyhose containers into the class- they look like huge eggs. After passing them out to the class, the children went outside with instructions to fill the eggs with something that symbolized new life. After running all over the church property, the students and their teacher returned to the classroom, and all the containers were placed on the table they gathered around.

Surrounded by the children the teacher began to open the eggs one by one. After each one, whether it contained a butterfly, a flower or a leaf, the class would "ooh" and "ah." Then one was opened, and there was nothing inside. The children exclaimed, "That's stupid; someone didn't do the assignment..." Philip spoke up: "That's mine!" One of the classmates said to him, "Phillip, you don't ever do things right. There's nothing there!" "I did do it right," Philip insisted. "I DID do it- it's empty! The tomb was empty!" There was silence in the room- and from then on, Philip was a full member of the class.

Not long after, Philip had surgery- and following the surgery he developed an infection that he couldn't fight off, and he died. At his funeral, the teacher led his classmates to the altar. They didn't bring flowers. Instead, they each gently placed an empty pantyhose egg on the altar. The children could celebrate Philip's life because they knew the tomb was- and is empty! They knew that because Jesus lives, Philip lives also!

This is the good news of Easter! We not only have life for our hereafter, but we also have life now-abundant life with meaning, purpose and joy. I pray that during this Easter season we may grow in our relationship with God through our Lord Jesus Christ and with one another. I invite you to know and to experience-God's wonderful, life-changing love and acceptance!

Because Christ is Risen! He is Risen, indeed! Alleluia! Amen!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Lee

SUMMARY of the Lenten CROSS/PEACE sermon series

Stone: Luke 22:39-46 We read that Jesus removed himself from his disciples about a stone's throw. The stone reminds us that Jesus is never more than a stone's throw away from us.

Money Bag: Matthew 26:14-16 Judas sold out Jesus for thirty pieces of silver. What is our price for doing that which God would want us not to do?

Purple Cloth: Mark 15:16-20 The mocking soldiers placed a purple robe on the shoulders of Jesus. The irony was that Jesus really was a king- the King of all! The cloth reminds us that Jesus wants to be the king of our lives; not a king in name only, but a king whose care we trust, whose commandments we seek to follow and a king who receives our praise and worship.

Nail: Luke 23:26-33 Jesus was nailed to the cross. His nails speak of his commitment to all humanity. He is “nailed” to us!

Dice: John 19:23-24 As Jesus was suffering on the cross, the soldiers were busy throwing dice to see who would win his tunic. They were so busy looking down that they failed to look up and behold all that God was doing right above them. May the dice remind us to LOOK UP and behold what is really important- our God!

Sponge: John 19:28-30 On the cross Jesus was thirsty. One man soaked a sponge in wine vinegar and in so doing squeezed out some love to Jesus who on the cross was squeezing out the love of God for the world. As we are soaked in God’s love, our job is to squeeze that love out to others.

Communion Chalice: John 13:1-7, 31-35b It is the love of God that fills our emptiness. As we receive so freely God’s gifts of grace, we are called to spill that love out to the world.

Crown: John 18:1-19:42 It is in Christ’s suffering and death that we see most profoundly the victory and glory of God. In the cross of Christ, we glory!



Confirmation CLASSES

CONFIRMATION FOR MAY ~ 4:30 P.M. on Wednesday

MAY 1..... “Worship”

MAY 8.... “Devil”

MAY 15... “Doubt” (Last Day of Class)



Sunday Morning Ministers

Ushers:

Dick Mero Cheryl Anderson
Don Halverson Doug Graske

Communion Servers:

5/05 NO Communion ~
Pastor Lee on vacation

5/12 Sharon Quick
Linda Knudsen

5/19 Merle Solie
Jodi Quiner
Gayle Merritt

5/26 Verle Smith
Bruce & Sue Vukelich

Lay Lectors:

5/05 Carol Stejskal
5/12 Gale Geske
5/19 Jodi Quiner
5/26 Paul Geske

Newsletter
DEADLINE

Articles for the June 2019
Glory Banner should to be turned
in to Sue Vukelich by May 14th.



Friends of Penny Lindblom
are invited to her 90th birthday
celebration at Cross of Glory on
**Sunday, May 5th from 2:00-
4:00pm.** Lunch will be served.
No gifts please.



SENIORS ON THE GO

50 + and Friends

It's May ~ warmth, flowers, rain and green leaves. Hopefully ~ no more snow.

On Thursday, May 16, we will go to the Ives Theater to see "Red Herring." It's a comedy with three love stories, a murder mystery and nuclear espionage. Before the play there will be a buffet lunch of creamed chicken, salad, potatoes, carrots and delicious desserts.

In June we'll do something different. On Tuesday, June 18, we are going to Running Acres Race Track to watch the trotter try to win. There are hot dogs, etc. to buy for supper if you want. We will start home early enough so we won't have to drive in the dark.

The July Pops Concert on Nicollet Island is on. We are going on Tuesday, July 23. We start with coffee and treats followed by a concert that is always great. There are always fun door prizes.

Add to your calendar, on Wednesday, November 6, a trip to the Paramount Theater in St. Cloud for a concert by Shoji Tabuki ~ the Japanese violinist and his show from Branson. We will have lunch at the Texas Roadhouse.

We didn't have enough for the trip to Pella. May is evidently a busy time for many. We'll watch for something this fall.

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 May 21st. 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 the next *Happenings*.

This stand-alone Bible study session/devotional will look at the stories of Miriam, Anna and Simeon, as well as the Miracle feeding of 5,000. We will see how God uniquely shares wisdom among the generations and how our lives are enriched in community with all ages. This devotional can be used in adult educational, intergenerational groups, outreach and hospitality efforts and more. Perfect for Faith communities who seek to welcome newcomers from all generations.



In June, July and August our three circles will meet together. The Mission Circle will host June; the Glory Circle will host July; and Community Needs Circle will host August. This will be a group Bible study with the host circle starting the lesson and then we will participate as a group.

For Such a Time as This
Lessons from Esther, by Kay Ward

In this three-session summer study, we will explore the book of Esther ~ one of the latest writing of the Old Testament. While reflecting on the life of this young queen, her experiences in a king's court, and the challenge issued her by her adopted father, Mordecai, we will consider how God may be calling us to use our own voices "for such a time as this."

Something to think about . . .

A little faith will bring your soul to Heaven, but a lot of faith will bring heaven to your soul. *Charles Spurgeon*

Jackie

Something to do . . .

If you are a knitter, the church always needs prayer shawls. If you choose to use a variegated yarn, the pattern makes some interesting patterns. I knit while I am waiting for Metro Mobility and while riding to my destination. I also bring it with me to the laundry room and knit while my clothes are washing and drying. I have conversations with people I meet and they want to know what I am doing and have been told how nice our church has this activity.

Jackie



I would like to thank everyone who sent cards, offered up prayers, or sent kind thoughts my way. Thank you, Roger W. for the bread. A special thank you to Pastor Lee for visiting me in the hospital.

To my awesome friend, Sherry Mattfield and her friend Bruce, for all the kind and generous ways they were there for me.

As I continue to get my strength back, I offer up prayers of thanks for all of you. God Bless.

Maggie Johnsrud

I want to thank you again for all the calls, cards, visits and prayers after my fall. My forehead is healed, the black eyes are gone. My back will take time to heal, but is better each week. It's a wonderful feeling to know so many care.

Marian Priest

This note of thanks was received from the Synod Council Executive Committee:

We send our gratitude to Cross of Glory Lutheran Church for increasing its commitment to mission support in 2019. This portion of offerings that you share with your synod and churchwide organization unites us the vital work of living out God's will. We walk together in this mission, continuing to be inspired by the Holy Spirit to share the gospel message and serve our neighbors.

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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

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