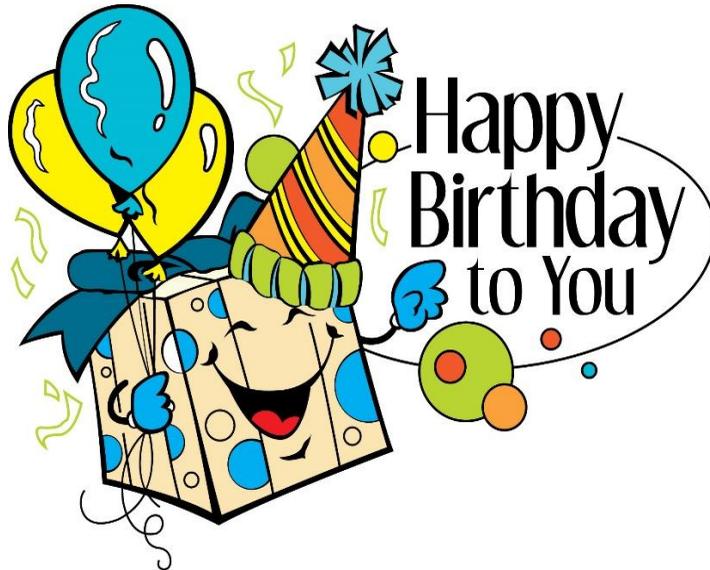

The Glory Banner

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

November 2019



**90 + Seniors Recognition Sunday
November 3, 2019**

**Please join us for cake and coffee
following worship November 3rd as
we celebrate our many members who are
90 + years young!**



“When you enter the land that I am giving you and you reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest.” Leviticus 23:10

A man took a trip across country by himself hoping to experience the joy of bountiful giving. He decided that whenever he ate at a restaurant, he would give each server a 100% tip. Whether his meal cost \$2.95 or \$52.95, he tipped the whole cost of the meal. Waiters and waitresses ran out of the restaurants holding bills in their hands, shouting to him, “Wait! You left too much. You made a mistake!”

“That’s no mistake,” the man responded. “It’s a gift. Keep it.” When the man returned home from the trip, he said he learned that everything really is a gift ~ each day, each connection with another person, each meal. He felt that giving 100% taught him that it all belongs to God.

The Israelites weren’t asked to give 100% of their crop to God, but they were asked to give the first fruits. They were asked to give to God in thanks first, before they kept or used the rest. When we live each day recognizing that God is the author of life and the provider of all gifts, it’s easier to be generous. We can give more to those in need; we can give more of ourselves to our work and to our families, we can give and receive joy even in the midst of challenging times.

Prayer: Dear God, Giver of all good gifts, we give you thanks for the many ways you have blessed us. Thank you for giving 100% of yourself to us. Help us to return our first and best fruits to you. Amen

God bless you,
Pastor Lee



November 10, 2019 ~ 10:45am

Congregational Meeting with

**Bishop Ann Svennungsen of the Minneapolis Area Synod
who will be reviewing with the congregation Cross of Glory's
Ministry Site Profile in the calling of a pastor.**

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

November 27, 2019 ~ 7:00pm

First Lutheran of Crystal

7708 62nd Ave N, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428

**This will be a fun occasion to be together in worship with many
of our Wildfire partners and we'll get to hear combined choirs
which is always a treat. Following worship, we will gather
together to share pie and conversation.**

(Each church is asked to contribute seven pies.)



November 2019

Sunday Morning Ministers

Ushers:

Dick Mero Cheryl Anderson
Don Halverson

Communion Servers:

11/3 Sharon Quick
Carol Stejskal
Deb Groettum
Judy Lewis
Arlene Kosek
Sue Vukelich

11/10 Dawn Bailey
Ryan & Chad Bailey

11/17 Merle Solie
Gayle Merritt
Sharon Quick

11/24 Verle Smith
Linda Knudsen
Judy Lewis

Lay Lectors:

11/3 Kris Williams
11/10 Sharon Quick
11/17 Steve Ferley
11/24 Julie Aulwes

Greeters

11/3 Gil & Marcy Hartlage

11/10 Luella Hinnenkamp
Arlene Kosek

11/17 Judy Olson
Marian Priest

11/24 Audrey Retrum
Earl Simons



SENIORS ON THE GO

50 + and Friends

November brings us a double deal of fun. On Wednesday, November 6, we are off to St. Cloud's Paramount Theater to see "Shoji Tabuchi's Christmas Show." Before the show, we will stop at the Texas Roadhouse for their wonderful steak dinner.

Saturday, November 9, has more food. This time it's Lutefisk and meatballs with all the trimmings. On the way home we will stop at Pine Tree Apple Orchard where you can get apples, and anything made with apples.

We end our year on Friday, December 20, at the Ives Theater in the Mason's Auditorium. The program is "A Medora Christmas" with cast members from the Medora Pageant in North Dakota. We will have lunch before the show topped off by their wonderful desserts.

We had a good planning meeting. Many of the trips chosen are reserved. We should have a good year. Sign up early so you get on the list and aren't disappointed when its filled!

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. Community Needs Circle meets at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall (**NOTE NEW TIME!**); the Glory Circle meets at 12:00pm 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*.



November is the third session of our three-month study of Poetry in the Old Testament. The theme verses are: Psalm 30, Psalm 150 and Song of Solomon 2.

Our three-month study is entitled ***No Hard Feelings***. In November we will think and talk about Stewarding the Grief of Joy. The following is the first paragraph of our Bible study:

“There is a fundamental difference between happiness and joy. One could argue that happiness is to joy what the color pink is to fuchsia: both are vibrant, but fuchsia simply saturates the palette in a way that plain ol’ pink never will.”

Something to think about . . .

God is in control, so we have nothing to fear.

Jackie



Christmas Tea/Lunch

The Christmas Tea (luncheon/coffee) will be **Saturday, December 7th**. We will have punch at 11:30am, lunch at 12:00pm and entertainment at 1:00pm. You do not have to bring anything as our luncheon will be catered by Carol Knutson. There will be no charge, but a basket will be available to help with the expenses.

At our Christmas Tea we will choose new Prayer Partners and reveal ourselves to our 2019 Prayer Partner. If you have not had a prayer partner, think about it. Some prayer partners send cards during the year on birthdays and other special occasions. You don't have to do this – the important thing is to remember your partner in prayer.

Also, at our Christmas Tea we will have an opportunity to give our Thankofferings. According the *BOLD* (Women of the ELCA e-mail newsletter) Lutheran women have given thanks to God in dollars to mission through Thankofferings for over 100 years.



We will continue the tradition of making cookie trays for our COG members and friends who are homebound, in care centers, or have experienced a life changing event. In past years, we have been blessed with donations of cookies from all our parishioners. The cookies have been cheerfully and thankfully received. It has brightened the lives of those who receive them. We have plated more than 50 trays each year. Many cookies are needed! Further information will be noted in the weekly bulletins, as well as a request for help.



Toys for Joy Christmas Tree for CEAP

Community Needs Circle will again be responsible for the tree of Joy. As in previous years there will be ornaments on the tree with giving suggestions. The children are ages infant to 16 years. The tree will be near the Welcome Center on Sunday, November 10th. This may seem a little early as we normally have the tree up the Sunday before Thanksgiving. But Thanksgiving is November 27th and CEAP would like to have all gifts no later than December 12th. We need everyone's help with a toy donation. These gifts will be for parents to pick for their children. If you know of some family that could benefit from this service, have them go to CEAP and apply.



Centering Prayer
Wednesday, November 20, 1:00pm
Come and learn about the “Jesus Prayer”
and experience Centering Prayer.



Dear Cross of Glory Friends,

I thank you for all the prayers, cards, and calls I have received. I appreciated Pastor Lee visiting and his bringing communion and Lois' calls and bringing the plant. (I'm still enjoying it!) What would a person do without a church family?

Please continue your prayers as I learn to live at Arbor Lakes.

Ardis Fairchild

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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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