
The Glory Banner

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

March 2020

Lent



**Wednesdays during Lent ~
March 4 through April 1**

10:00am ~ Bible Study

11:30am ~ Worship

12:05pm ~ Lunch



While teaching a confirmation class several years ago, I asked the students what was their favorite season of the church year. The majority of the students answered that they liked the Christmas season the best. No surprise! Most of the others said that they liked the hope and new life of the Easter season. One student, however, answered my question with "I like Lent." "LENT??? Really?! Why?" I asked...not sure if I would have said the same thing?!

As we unpacked her feelings about the season of Lent, it became clear that something about this season rings very true for an 8th grader who attends Middle School. "It's honest" she added, "Lent is so real." The truth is, this student is right. Lent is a wonderful season of the church year when we are encouraged to look at ourselves and to be honest and truthful about who we are - we are not God. We are human. We need God. But also, this season is also a time to be renewed in the powerful good news that we are also God's beloved - loved and accepted unconditionally and relentlessly in the mercy and grace of God.

During the season of Lent, we will be sharing together two sermon series to guide us in our Lenten journey of spiritual awareness and growth. Here's our schedule:

"JOURNEY OF STONES"

Sundays in Lent

Drawing on the rich imagery of rocks and stones in scripture, these messages will hopefully help us center around the metaphor of stones (and our willingness to let go of them) as representative of our sins. As you enter the sanctuary, you will be invited to pick up a stone as a symbol of each sermon's theme. After the message, you will be invited to place your stone at the foot of the cross.

Sunday, March 1 - "Rejected Stones"- Psalm 118; Mark 12:1-11

Sunday, March 8 - "Sticks and Stones"- John 8:1-12

Sunday, March 15 - "Hearts of Stone"- Luke 11:37-52

Sunday, March 22 - "Upon this Rock"- Matthew 16:13-20

Sunday, March 29 - "Crying Stones"- Luke 19:29-40

"WHEN CHRISTIANS GET IT WRONG"

Wednesday, Mid-Week Lenten Worship/Study

During the season of Lent, the **Tuesday Study** time will shift to **Wednesdays from 10:00-11:00 a.m.** You then have the opportunity to attend worship at 11:30 followed by lunch at 12:05. The Wednesdays during Lent will be a time of **LEARNING-WORSHIP-LUNCH!**

The Wednesday class will focus on events during Jesus' passion. As we look at the last day of Jesus' life, we want to see anew the significance of Christ's suffering and death; and to reflect upon the meaning of these events for our lives today. A video segment will be a part of each session. We will meet in the fellowship hall. Coffee and treats provided!

Wednesday, March 4 - "When Christians Are Not Christian"

Wednesday, March 11 - "Forgiving Is Forgetting"

Wednesday, March 18 - "When Bad Things Happen to Good People"

Wednesday, March 25 - "When Speaking of Other Religions"

Wednesday, April 1 - "When Christians Get It Right"

May God add God's blessing to our Lenten journey!

Pastor Lee



Sunday Morning Ministers

Ushers:

Dick Mero Dave Hengel
 Cheryl Anderson Ryan Bailey
 Masayuki Inoue Chad Bailey
 Don Halverson

Communion Servers:

3/01 Judy Olson
 Dawn Bailey
 Ryan & Chad Bailey
 Georgie Proctor
 Judy Lewis

3/08 Arlene Kosek
 Bruce & Sue Vukelich

3/15 Lois Tollefsrud
 Dan & Julie Aulwes

3/22 Verle Smith
 Arlene Kosek
 Sue Vukelich

3/29 Jodi Quiner
 Linda Knudsen
 Brenda Edstrom

Lay Lectors:

3/01 Dan Aulwes
 3/08 Bruce Vukelich
 3/15 Lois Tollefsrud
 3/22 Steve Ferley
 3/29 Jodi Quiner

Greeters

3/01 Carol Sjoquist
 Josephine Cook

3/08 Jan Skatter
 Arlene Kosek

3/15 Ron & Lois Tollefsrud
 3/22 Cheryl Anderson
 Harvey Johnson

3/29 Linda Knudsen
 DeLores Olson



SENIORS ON THE GO
50 + and Friends

Happy Irish Month! On Tuesday, March 3rd, we are going to St. Cloud's Paramount Theater to hear "100 Years of Frank Sinatra." We will hear our favorite songs and learn a little about his career and life. Before the program, we'll have lunch at the Texas Roadhouse and have sirloin steak, salad and baked potato. We will leave church at 10:30am.

Wednesday, April 15th, we will try for the Old Log again. The play is "Dixie Swim Club." Our lunch choices are beef, pork, fish or pasta. Be sure to check your choice.

Thursday, May 7th, (NOTE DATE CHANGE) we will go to the History for the musical "The Runestone." See how it was found and the problems it caused the farmer who found it. We will have

lunch at the Roasted Pear. Our choices are ½ turkey sandwich and soup, hamburger or Hawaiian plate ~ a stack of veggies, chicken and pineapple.

Watch for sign-up sheets. See when I need your checks. I usually have to pay from two weeks to a month before we go.

Plan to join us ~ bring your friends!

Marian Priest



Highlights ~ February

Call Committee Update - they continue to interview candidates and are narrowing it down.

Progeny School Update - they have made January and February lease payments and are in final stages of getting money to pay 2019 back rent. They are working on getting additional students for next year and will keep us updated.

Insurance Update - we have property and liability insurance for this year for almost \$40,000. That rate will be cut almost in half next year after the roof has been replaced.

Roof Update - we are having a "Let's Raise The Roof" Fund Drive to help cover the \$81,000 cost of the new roof. See separate article in the Banner.

Synod Assembly will be April 24 and 25, 2020. Ask Judy Lewis if you are interested in attending.

We had discussion on the possibility of having a garage sale again. We have sold tables, crates, plywood, racks, cash boxes, etc. and would have a hard time setting one up, even on a smaller scale. We also have fewer members to work the sale, so will not attempt it. We are very proud of what we accomplished in the past years and thank everyone again for all their hard work!

We had a short discussion on building use fees and will discuss this further next month. Next meeting will be Sunday, March 22, 2020.



Let's Raise the Roof! Capital Improvement Drive

We have 10,953 square feet of roof that needs to be replaced at an estimated cost of \$81,000.00!

This is the roof of the old preschool room, church offices and old toddler nursery (Kid Zone). It has been leaking in the hallway and the Kid Zone room just recently. Our new insurance company has made an exclusion on this part of the building, which includes the roof itself and any damage from the leaking. Next year's premium will be cut by approximately \$20,000 with the new roof.

We will have a poster by the Welcome Center so you can see our progress toward our goal. There are envelopes by the poster for your donations or you may use the special donation envelopes in your envelope packet and mark it "Raise the Roof." Please consider giving more than one square foot of roof or we won't reach our goal for a very long time! Thank you so much for your support!

Blessings,
Judy Lewis, Council President

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, March 17th. Community Needs Circle meets at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall; 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*.



Winter 2020 Bible Study

We are in the third month of our four-month study. In month one we looked at the call stories of several Old Testament prophets; in February we reflected on the experience of being called by Jesus. In March we will discuss how in being called to serve Jesus it is clear that one of the central ways we respond to God's call is by serving others. When we serve others, we are recognizing Christ present in their need. When we serve others, they see Christ visible in our loving service. This session engages scriptural texts that help us focus on the questions, "Who is my neighbor, and what does my neighbor need?" In April, we will revisit the story of Esther as an example of the call to respond to political need.



We had a speaker from Advent Lutheran on Sunday, February 9th speak about the **Nest Backpack Project**. She was very informative. Unfortunately, February 9th was an extremely bad weather day. We did not have many at our coffee hour after the service.

Sunday, February 23rd was the last day to bring donations for the **Nest Backpack Project**. The Board members delivered the donations to Advent Lutheran after the Board meeting on Monday, February 24th. A huge thank you to everyone who brought needed items!

Something to Think About . . .

Keep your eyes on God and you'll soon lose sight of your fears.

Jackie

Spring Tea

W/ELCA will be having a Spring Tea. Most likely on Saturday, May 2nd. Carol Knutson will cater our event. Look in the March *Happenings* for a firm date, time and who our entertainment will be!



A big thank you to my Cross of Glory family for all the prayers. It was a peaceful feeling knowing I have so many people praying for me. I really appreciated the plate of cookies delivered to me as did my knitting friends. We all enjoyed them very much!

Jackie Fryhling

Dear Cross of Glory Friends,

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. For Pastor Lee's visits, prayers and bringing communion. For Lois Tollefsrud's visits, plants, and prayers. For Harold Rorem and sons' visiting and bringing the church tapes. For the Christmas cookies I enjoyed. Please keep me in your prayers.

Ardis Fairchild

Thank you all for the cards and prayers and a special thank you to Pastor Lee. God Bless!

Una Evans

I have been overwhelmed as I have received all the cards and good wishes recently! I guess "being 90" will be just fine! Thank you, and God bless you ~ everyone.

Carol Sjoquist

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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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