



Prepare for the Lord's Return  
*Jeremiah 26:1-6*

*Last Judgment*  
*Sunday, November 10, 2019*  
**Full Script**



## **Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School**

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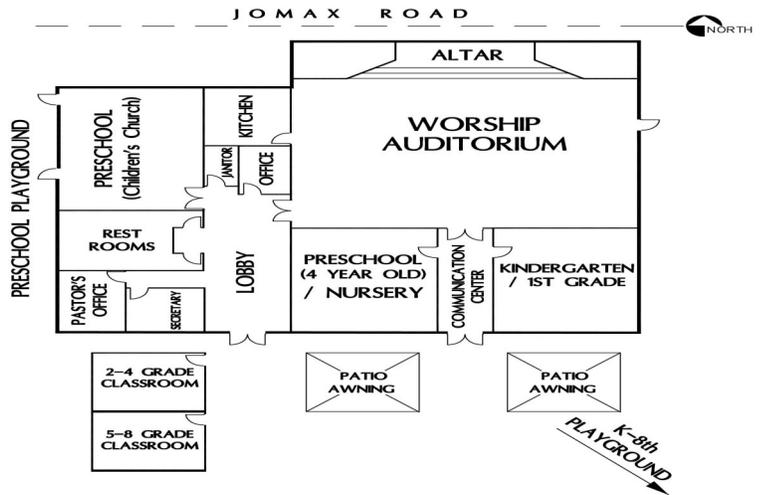
**Jomax Campus**  
10111 W Jomax Road,  
Peoria, AZ 85383  
**Sat. 6pm and Sun. 9am Worship**

**Vistancia Campus**  
Lake Pleasant Elementary School  
31501 N. Westland Road  
Peoria, AZ 85383  
**Sun. 9:30am Worship**

**Welcome to our Worship Center!** God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament. As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power will fill you.

**Families with children:**

- Restrooms with changing tables located in lobby .
- Nursery for toddlers 2 years and younger accompanied by adult guardian.
- We invite children (*ages 3 to 4<sup>th</sup> grade*) to take part in our “**Children in Church**” program. Worship is a family affair, something that children best learn from their parents. So, for the beginning and end of



the service, we encourage parents to guide their children through the service. At the indicated time, children can come forward to hear a special children's message at the feet of the pastor. If parents wish, the children can then sit in the area set up for them at the front-right section of the worship hall, where they will find age-appropriate and spiritually focused activities to work on during the regular sermon. At the time of the offering, children return to sit with their parents. Let's work together to bring up the next generation in the Word of the Lord!

**Special needs:**

- Large print bulletin available from usher
- Seats with armrests available.



On this Sunday of the church season of “End Times”, we focus on the last judgment day. Our risen and ascended Lord will return to “judge the living and the dead.” We must be prepared, but we will not fear. We will stand before the Judge of all, confident of our innocence in Jesus.

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## Service of the Word



### OPENING HYMN

Delay Not! Delay Not (CW337) 4 V's.

Delay not! Delay not! O sinner, draw near!  
The waters of life are now flowing for you.  
No price is demanded; the Savior is here.  
Redemption is purchased; God's promise is true.

Delay not! Delay not, O sinner, to come,  
For mercy still lingers and calls you today.  
Its voice is not heard in the vale of the tomb;  
Its message, unheeded, will soon pass away.

Delay not! Delay not! The hour is at hand;  
The earth will dissolve, and the heavens will fade.  
The dead, small and great, in the Judgment must stand --  
What pow'r, then, O sinner, can lend you its aid?

Delay not! Delay not! Why longer abuse  
The love and compassion of Jesus, your God?  
A fountain is opened -- how can you refuse?  
Come, wash and be cleansed in his pardoning blood.

### GREETING

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: Grace and peace to you from God our Father, and his Son, Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

### CONFESSION OF SINS

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

*(Sung by Congregation)*

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

*Congregation Sings:*

**Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens, your faithfulness continues forever. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*(Spoken by Minister)*

M: Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and to the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## FIRST LESSON

*2 Thessalonians 1:5-10*

<sup>5</sup>All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering. <sup>6</sup>God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you <sup>7</sup>and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. <sup>8</sup>He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. <sup>9</sup>They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might <sup>10</sup>on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.

## PSALM 90

*(Sung Responsively)*



M: Lord, you have been our dwell-ing place

**C: Throughout all gener-a-tions,**

M: Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world,

**C: From everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

M: For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by,

**C: Or like a watch in the night.**

***Refrain***

M: You have set our iniquities be-fore you;

**C: Our secret sins in the light of your pre-sence.**

M: You turn mortals back to dust.

**C: You sweep them away in the sleep of death.**

M: The length of our days is seventy years—or eighty, if we have the strength;

**C: Yet their span is but trouble and sor-row.**

M: Teach us to number our days aright,

**C: That we may gain a heart of wis-dom.**

***Refrain***

M: Satisfy us in the morning with your un-fail-ing love,

**C: That we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.**

***ALL:***

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

And to the Holy Spir-it,

As it was in the be-gin-ning,

Is now, and will be forever. A-men.

***Refrain***

**THE CHILDREN'S SERMON**

*(All children are invited to sit in front with Pastor)*

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

*(Spoken by Minister; Sung Response by Congregation)*

M: Alleluia. Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Alleluia.

*(Matthew 24:42)*

*Sung by Congregation:*

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe**

**That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

***Luke 19:11-27***

While they were listening to this, he went on to tell them a parable, because he was near Jerusalem and the people thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear at once. <sup>12</sup> He said: "A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return. <sup>13</sup> So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas. 'Put this money to work,' he said, 'until I come back.' <sup>14</sup> "But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, 'We don't want this man to be our king.' <sup>15</sup> "He was made king, however, and returned home. Then he sent for the servants to whom he had given the money, in order to find out what they had gained with it. <sup>16</sup> "The first one came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned ten more.' <sup>17</sup> "Well done, my good servant!' his master replied. 'Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of

ten cities.’<sup>18</sup> “The second came and said, ‘Sir, your mina has earned five more.’<sup>19</sup> “His master answered, ‘You take charge of five cities.’<sup>20</sup> “Then another servant came and said, ‘Sir, here is your mina; I have kept it laid away in a piece of cloth.’<sup>21</sup> I was afraid of you, because you are a hard man. You take out what you did not put in and reap what you did not sow.’<sup>22</sup> “His master replied, ‘I will judge you by your own words, you wicked servant! You knew, did you, that I am a hard man, taking out what I did not put in, and reaping what I did not sow?’<sup>23</sup> Why then didn’t you put my money on deposit, so that when I came back, I could have collected it with interest?’<sup>24</sup> “Then he said to those standing by, ‘Take his mina away from him and give it to the one who has ten minas.’<sup>25</sup> “‘Sir,’ they said, ‘he already has ten!’<sup>26</sup> “He replied, ‘I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but as for the one who has nothing, even what they have will be taken away.’<sup>27</sup> But those enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them—bring them here and kill them in front of me.”



## SERMON HYMN

The Day is Surely Drawing Near (*CW207*) 4 Vs.

The day is surely drawing near When God's Son, the Anointed,  
 Shall with great majesty appear As judge of all appointed.  
 All mirth and laughter then shall cease When flames on flames will still increase,  
 As Scripture truly teaches.

A trumpet loud shall then resound And all the earth be shaken.  
 Then all who in their graves are found Shall from their sleep awaken  
 And with the living in that hour By the Almighty's boundless pow'r  
 Be changed at his commanding.

A book is opened then to all, A record truly telling  
 What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was dwelling,  
 And ev'ry heart be clearly seen, And all be known as they have been  
 In thoughts and words and actions.

O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation;  
 We often tremble on our way In fear and tribulation.  
 Your saints are waiting patiently; Come soon, Redeemer; make us free  
 From ev'ry evil. Amen.

## SERMON

### Prepare for the Lord's Return

*Jeremiah 26:1-6*

Early in the reign of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, this word came from the LORD:  
<sup>2</sup>“This is what the LORD says: Stand in the courtyard of the LORD’s house and speak to all the people of the towns of Judah who come to worship in the house of the LORD. Tell them everything I command you; do not omit a word. <sup>3</sup>Perhaps they will listen and each will turn from their evil ways. Then I will relent and not inflict on them the disaster I was planning because of the evil they have done. <sup>4</sup>Say to them, ‘This is what the LORD says: If you do not listen to me and follow

my law, which I have set before you, <sup>5</sup> and if you do not listen to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I have sent to you again and again (though you have not listened), <sup>6</sup> then I will make this house like Shiloh and this city a curse among all the nations of the earth.”

*CD recordings of sermons freely supplied for study or sharing. Please request on the Friendship Card*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

*(Spoken in Unison)*

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **SONG OF THE SEASON**

*Every Promise of Your Word 4 V/s.*

**From the breaking of the dawn to the setting of the sun,  
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.**

**Words of power, strong to save, that will never pass away,  
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.**

**For Your covenant is sure, And on this I am secure—  
I can stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.**

**When I stumble and I sin, condemnation pressing in,  
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.**

**You are faithful to forgive that in freedom I might live,  
So I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.**

**Guilt to innocence restored, You remember sins no more—  
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.**

**When I'm faced with anguished choice, I will listen for Your voice,  
And I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.**

**Through this dark and troubled land  
You will guide me with Your hand  
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.**

**And You've promised to complete Ev'ry work begun in me—  
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.**

Hope that lifts me from despair, love that casts out ev'ry fear,  
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
Not forsaken, not alone, for the Comforter has come,  
And I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
Grace sufficient, Grace for me, Grace for all who will believe—  
We will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.”

**THE OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER**

*(Spoken by Minister)*

**THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*(Spoken by Minister)*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*(Spoken in Unison)*

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**CLOSING PRAYER**

*(Prayed by Minister)*

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**BLESSING**

*(Spoken by Minister)*

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**



**CLOSING HYMN**

**Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing** (CW329—Melody CW80) 2 V.s.

**Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; Fill our hearts with joy and peace.**

**Let us each, your love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.**

**Oh, refresh us, oh, refresh us, Trav'ling through this wilderness.**

**Thanks we give and adoration For the gospel's joyful sound;**

**May the fruits of your salvation In our hearts and lives abound!**

**Ever faithful, ever faithful To your truth may we be found.**

# Announcements

\*\*\*\*PILGRIM'S 60th: Pilgrim Lutheran Church and School in Mesa, AZ, invites you to praise God with us as we celebrate our 60th Anniversary at our 8 & 10:30 am Services on Sunday, Nov. 24th. You are also invited to the Anniversary Dinner at 12 pm; please RSVP to the church office (480-830-1723, [office@pilgrimmesa.com](mailto:office@pilgrimmesa.com)) by Nov. 18th.

\*\*\*\*New features on our web page--now you are able to print bulletins before live broadcast of services directly from our site [crossofglory.org](http://crossofglory.org) under sermons tab.

## \*\*\*\* What's in your Bible?

Starting Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Foxen will be leading us in a study of Bible translations. We'll examine questions like the following:

- What is God's Word?
- How has God's Word been preserved and passed on through the generations since it was written?
- Why are there so many translations?
- What makes a translation good or bad?
- What are the good translations available today? Are there any to avoid

Join us starting this Sunday at 10:30am to find the answers to these and other questions about the most important book in the history of all the world.

\*\*\*\*Pastor Foxen will be at a conference the 10-14th, if you need a Pastor during this time please contact Pastor Ehlers.

\*\*\*\***THANK YOU** to all who helped to make this year's **Trunk or Treat** a success. From setup to takedown, face-painting to food prep, bounce-house watching to organizing, trunks to greeting, and all the other jobs that so many helped out with-it's amazing to see God's people come together to provide some wholesome entertainment and fellowship opportunities with our local community. God works through us and these events to give people a small window into what he's like and how he feels about them. Your loving actions and kind words to others are an amazing witness to them of the God we serve and by whom we have been redeemed. Thank you for helping to further that message. Please pray that God would give us opportunities to share his Word with these people, that he might open their eyes to the wondrous salvation that is theirs in Christ Jesus.

\*\*\*\***Two of our members recently passed into eternal glory.** Delores Krueger and Doris Fenske. Memorial service for Delores Krueger was November 9th at 10:00am (no visitation) and Doris Fenske's is November 16th at 11:00am (10:00am visitation). If you're able, please come to comfort your brothers and sisters in Christ and rejoice with them over Christ's victory for their family members.

\*\*\*\***Voters Meeting** was held Sunday October 27th. Reports are available in the church entry or by request.

\*\*\*\* We have one extra **EHV Bibles** if anyone is interested they are \$22.99. Please see Contact Liz if you are interested. [cog.secretary@crossofglory.org](mailto:cog.secretary@crossofglory.org).

\*\*\*\* The new meditations have arrived and are located on the counter in entry, including large print. \*\*\*\***Meditations for Prison Ministry**\*\*\*\*Please put your used Meditations in the box in the entry way. Meditations are sent to the WELS Prison Ministry quarterly and then distributed to prisoners. Questions? Contact Lynn Wempner

\*\*\*\***Please join COG Golden Agers for brunch and fellowship on Thursday, December 5th, 2019. Held at The Five and Diner Delux, 11340 W Bell Road, #125, Surprise, Az.**  
**Please RSVP to Judy Sasse, email or phone, [sasseja43@aol.com](mailto:sasseja43@aol.com) or 602-618-6967.**

\*\*\*\***Updating the church directory is almost complete, our goal is Thanksgiving.** We are including out-of-state members and winter visitors. Please let Liz know if anyone is missing. There are rough drafts located in the Church entry or a link in the weekly news. Please review your information, update it if changes need to be made and, if you desire a different picture, email a new one to [cog.secretary@crossofglory.org](mailto:cog.secretary@crossofglory.org). If everything is up to date please let Liz know.

\*\*\*\*We have called Chris Holman from Warren, MI, to be our principal and teach in the school starting next year. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he considers this call.

## **THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY**

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| November 11th 3:45pm  | Pinewood Derby                                  |
| November 12th 9:30am  | Women's Growth Group                            |
| November 12th 3:45pm  | Tumbling  |
| November 12th 6:15pm  | Pleasant Valley HOA(s)                          |
| November 12th 6:30pm  | Church Council                                  |
| November 13th 9:00am  | Mom's Growth Group                              |
| November 13th 6:30pm  | Growth Group with Pastor Ehlers                 |
| November 13th 6:30pm  | Growth Group with Tim Grams                     |
| November 13th 7:00pm  | Choir practice                                  |
| November 14th 3:45pm  | Tumbling  |
| November 14th 6:30pm  | BIC Class w/Pastor Foxen                        |
| November 16th 7:50am  | Growth Group w/ Pastor Freeman                  |
| November 16th 10:00am | Canvassing                                      |
| November 16th 11:00am | Memorial Service Doris Fenske(10:00 Visitation) |
| November 16th 6:00pm  | Worship Service W/Communion (Jomax)             |
| November 17th 9:00am  | Worship Service W/Communion (Jomax)             |
| November 17th 9:30am  | Worship Service W/Communion (Vistancia)         |
| November 17th 10:30am | Sunday School (Jomax)                           |
| November 17th 10:30am | Bible Study (Jomax)                             |

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

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|-----------------------|---|
| November 19th 9:30am  | Women's Growth Group                    |
| November 19th 3:45pm  | Tumbling                                |
| November 20th 9:00am  | Mornings with Mommy                     |
| November 20th 6:30pm  | Church Council                          |
| November 20th 9:00am  | Mom's Growth Group                      |
| November 20th 6:30pm  | Growth Group with Pastor Ehlers         |
| November 20th 6:30pm  | Growth Group with Tim Grams             |
| November 20th 7:00pm  | Choir practice                          |
| November 21st 3:45pm  | Tumbling                                |
| November 21st 6:30pm  | BIC Class w/Pastor Foxen                |
| November 23rd 7:50am  | Growth Group w/ Pastor Freeman          |
| November 23th 6:00pm  | Worship Service W/Communion (Jomax)     |
| November 24th 9:00am  | Worship Service W/Communion (Jomax)     |
| November 24th 9:30am  | Worship Service W/Communion (Vistancia) |
| November 24th 10:30am | Sunday School (Jomax)                   |
| November 24th 10:30am | Bible Study (Jomax)                     |
| November 24th 11:30am | Thanksgiving Potluck                    |

| <b>Worship Volunteers</b> | November 10th  | November 17th  | November 24th  |
|---------------------------|--|--|--|
| <b>Refreshments</b>       | Paula Considine  | Clara Naber  | Sharon Wilson/<br>Christina Marcell                          |
| <b>Greeters</b>           | Pastor Rich Kugler   | -  | -  |
| <b>Counters</b>           | Sasse/Cannon   | Wempner/Cornell  | Wempner/Cornell  |
| <b>Church Cleaners</b>    | Plitzuweit/Alcoba/<br>Peterson   | Pappenfuss/<br>Cornell   | Pattersons   |
| <b>Communion Set-Up</b>   | -  | Susie Cornell  | -  |
| <b>Ushers</b>             | Adam Beilke/<br>Payton Beilke/<br>Owen Beilke/<br>Zach Plitzuweit<br>Tanner Plitzuweit | Verl Naber/<br>Don Bollmeier/<br>Brad Hotz/<br>Larry Kennedy                           | Steve Julian/<br>Al Alcoba/<br>Rich Kugler/<br>Kelly Simpson |
| <b>Vistancia Ushers</b>   | Steve Julian/<br>Bill Grams/<br>JohnKull/<br>Paul Pappenfuss                           | Adam Beilke/<br>Payton Beilke/<br>Owen Beilke/<br>Zach Plitzuweit<br>Tanner Plitzuweit | Verl Naber/<br>Don Bollmeier/<br>Brad Hotz/<br>Larry Kennedy |

## Growth Groups

### Sunday Morning Bible Class-What is in Your Bible?

Sunday at 10:30 Jomax Campus

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**Pastor Ehlers- Angels and Demons**

Wednesdays at 19- 12.11.19  
Michael Wenniger's House

**Mom's Group- Ally Kelley**

Wednesday at 9:00 am  
Starting September 18th  
Ally Kelley's House

**Tim Grams - The Book of ACTS**

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm  
9.18.19- 12.11.19  
Grams House

**Women's Bible Study- Book of Colossians**

Tuesdays at 9:30 am  
Starting September 10th  
Karen Jurado's House

**BIC with Pastor Foxen**

Thursdays at 6:30 pm  
Starting September 5th  
Jomax Campus

**Pastor Freeman- A Study of 1 and 2 Timothy**

Saturdays 7:50 am  
Starting September 21st  
Jomax Campus

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# PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

*For members and friends with noteworthy blessings, difficulties or health issues. Today we especially remember in our prayers and ask God to give strength, comfort and courage to them and their families.*

**April Johnson**, keep her in your prayers as she recovers at home.

**The Koutia family**, after the death of Rene's mother, Delores Krueger, on October 28th. Pray that God would give them peace with the sure hope of the resurrection.

**The Fenske family**. Doris passed away on October 29th. Pray that God would give them peace with the sure hope of the resurrection.

**Gerry Ehlers**, the brother of Pastor Ehlers, diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and undergoes treatments.

## **MILITARY**

**Major JD Larson**, son of John & Chi Larson, based at Kirkland AFB in New Mexico.

**Sara (Dan) McArdle**, daughter of Martha (Scott) Wofford, Air Force Pilot, based in Little Rock, Arkansas.

**Sgt. Blake Andrew Nelsen**, son of Rick & Karyn Nelsen and brother of Seri & Lilli, USMC.

**Ben Weyer**, serving in the military, Currently deployed to the Persian Gulf. Please pray that our Heavenly Father keeps him safe in his journey.

## **ONE CHURCH...TWO LOCATIONS**

### **JOMAX CAMPUS - NEWS**

#### **Memorial Service for Doris Fenske**

Saturday, November 16, 11:00am  
(10:00am visitation, lunch to follow service)

#### **Thanksgiving Potluck**

Sunday, November 24th



### **VISTANCIA CAMPUS - NEWS**

#### **Ladies Bunco Night**

Friday, November 8th

#### **Thanksgiving Potluck**

Sunday, November 24th



**Cross of Glory** was planted by the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) in March 1998 so that with the Gospel of Jesus she can strengthen the faith of her members and reach out into the community with the free gift of salvation. First worship services began at Easter 1999; the dedication of our Ministry Center at Easter, 2005. On Easter of 2017, we began services at our second site in the Vistancia community. Our synod's name reflects that her founders began in the state of Wisconsin. As a WELS church we still hold to the teachings of the Bible restored in the Reformation era. We are...

- a Christ-preaching church. We preach that Jesus is true God, the Son of God who became man, so that through his perfect life and innocent death, He is the prophesied "Lamb of God" who has taken away the sin of the world.
- a Bible-believing church. We teach that the Bible is the verbally inspired, inerrant Word of God, the only authority for Christian faith and life. We aim to teach God's Word in all its truth and simplicity.
- an evangelical church. We trust the Bible's claim that God saves people through the power of the Gospel in the Word and Sacraments. The Gospel is the Good News (the Evangel) about Jesus' saving work. The WELS has congregations throughout the USA and around the world to share the Evangel, the Bible's primary message, with all people.
- a people-caring church. That we're all sinners equally saved by Jesus' substitutionary work strips away human judgments and egos. This truth also empowers us to live Jesus' love for all people by offering friendship, support, and Biblical counseling. Our church family cares about other people-- including you.

Our Preschool & Elementary School exists to help parents in their God-given duty of teaching the Faith to their children: an important aspect of our Church's plan to grow a comprehensive womb-to tomb ministry that serves souls for eternity.