



Welcome to God's Family
Mark 10:2-16

Pentecost 19
Sunday, October 3, 2021



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Blessed to be a member of



Jomax Campus
10111 W Jomax Road,
Peoria, AZ 85383

Vistancia Meeting in New River
Kiwanis Clubhouse
48606 N.17th Ave.
New River, AZ 85087
Sun. 9:30am Worship

Please take the time to note some things about how worship will work online:

Attendance – We would still like to gather an accurate account of who is worshipping with us for each service. Please let us know you are worshipping by commenting in the chat box. List your full name (first and last) in your message.

Chatting and discussing – Before and after each service, there is time available to chat with others. We invite you to do so, as this is a way we can preserve the sense of community we have on a normal Sunday morning. We do ask that you keep chatting to a minimum during the service, so that others can focus on what’s happening.

God bless our time together in worship today!



Have you heard the advertisement, “We’ll treat you like family!”? The point of this often-used ad statement is to convince you that you’ll get that special care you’d expect only from a loving family member..

God’s intention is that the love of a family, of a husband, a wife, and children, is to mirror of the love of God for us. The goal of family members is to reflect the love of God for us in self-giving love for one another in the family. Tragically, in our sin-filled world, that mirroring can be rather cloudy at best. Behavior inside of marriage can display a lack of appreciation for the beautiful gift of God in one another and with the children. Let us strive to appreciate God’s special blessing through our family for this life and as a mirror for the life of the family with Christ in his marriage with the Church.

PERSONAL PRAYERS FOR COMMUNION

Before Communing

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communing

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

Service of Word & Sacrament

OPENING HYMN

For Christian Homes, O Lord, We Pray | CW500 5 Vs.

For Christian homes, O Lord, we pray. That you might dwell with us each day.
Make ours a place where you are Lord, where all is governed by your Word.

We are the children of your grace; our homes are now your dwelling place.
In you we trust and daily live; teach us to serve and to forgive.

United in a bond of love, We lift our eyes to you above;
From you we gain the strength to live, the wish to share, the joy to give.

Protect us and our loved ones dear from pain and sorrow, want and fear;
Yet when we must our burdens bear, “Your will be done” shall be our prayer.

And when you call us all to rest, then will we have a home more blest,
See all our care and sorrow cease, and find with Christ eternal peace.

GREETING

(Spoken Responsively)

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

(Spoken Responsively)

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

(Spoken/ Sung Responsively)

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord:

C: Lord have mercy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ have mercy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord:

C: Lord have mercy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.

C: Amen.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

C: *(Congregation Sings)*

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love.

You take away our sin; you comfort our spirit;

you make us pure and holy in your sight.

You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all.

O Lord our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father, you came to live with us,

you made your Father known; you washed us from our sins in your own blood.

You are the King of glory; you are the Lord!

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Prayed by Minister)

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul.

Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING

Genesis 2:18-25

The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." ¹⁹ Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. ²¹ So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. ²² Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. ²³ The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out

of man.” ²⁴That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

PSALM 127

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Unless the LORD builds the house,

C: The builders labor in vain.

M: Unless the LORD watches over the city,

C: The guards stand watch in vain.

M: In vain you rise early and stay up late,

C: Toiling for food to eat—for he grants sleep to those he loves.

M: Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him.

C: Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one’s youth.

M: Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.

C: They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents in court.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:21-6:4

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. ²²Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. ²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—
³⁰for we are members of his body. ³¹“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” ³²This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. **6** Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²“Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise—
³“so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”
⁴Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

VERSE OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister; Response sung by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. I will proclaim your name to my people; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you. Alleluia. *(Hebrews 2:12)*

(Sung by Congregation)

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

 **SERMON HYMN**

Oh How Good It Is 3 V/s.

Oh how good it is when the fam'ly of God
Dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity.
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence here among us.

Refrain:

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord;
And with one heart we'll live out His Word.
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His people.

Oh how good it is on this journey we share,
To rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing of belonging. *[Refrain]*

Oh how good it is to embrace His command
To prefer one another, forgive as He forgives.
When we live as one, we all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit. *[Refrain]*

SERMON

Welcome to God's Family

Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"³ "What did Moses command you?" he replied. ⁴They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away."⁵ "It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law," Jesus replied. ⁶"But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.'⁷ ⁷'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, ⁸and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹'Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.'" ¹⁰When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. ¹¹He answered, "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. ¹²And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery."¹³ People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will

never enter it.”¹⁶ And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

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THE NICENE CREED

(Read in Unison)

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SONG OF THE SEASON

Let the Nations be Glad | 3 Vs.

Soloist sings Vs. 1 and congregation joins for Vs. 2-3

Let the glory of the Lord forever be our joy ; may redemption be the theme of our song.

For by grace we have been saved and by grace we shall proclaim

To the corners of the earth that Christ is come.

Refrain:

Let the nations be glad, let the people rejoice;

For salvation belongs to our God. Let the whole earth be filled

With the praises of the Lord; for salvation belongs to our God.

Let the nations be glad!

Through the ages gone before, through the trial and the sword,

Many saints and martyrs conquered, though they died.

Still we, holding out the cross, crossing oceans suffering loss,

Shall endure all things to win the crown of life. [Refrain]

As Your holy church goes forth in the Holy Spirit's pow'r,
With the glories of the gospel to exclaim; Now we pray
"Your Kingdom come", And we pray "Your will be done",
for the honor and the glory of Your name. *[Refrain]*

THE OFFERING *and* OFFERING PRAYER

(Prayed by Minister)

(To give an offering, please scan QR Code)



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Prayed by Minister)

LORD'S PRAYER

(Spoken by Congregation)

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

GREETING

(Spoken Responsively)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

(Sung by Congregation)

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.

You are my God, and I will exalt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have become my salvation.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread: and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

(Sung by Congregation)

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace.

Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF SACRAMENT

(Please refer to "Worship Welcome" in chair pocket)

*We follow the Scriptural practice of **CLOSE COMMUNION**. If you have not communed here prior to today, you should speak with our pastor before the service. We would like to help you establish the unity which comes from a common confession of faith (1 Corinthians 10:17) before expressing that union together at the Lord's Table. It is not our intent to judge hearts, but to remain faithful to the truth of God's Word. Those who have established that connection as members of sister WELS or ELS congregations may register at the podium at the sanctuary entrance.. Thank you for honoring our practice.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Lord, Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared *(CW312)*

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared This feast for our salvation;
It is your body and your blood, And at your invitation
As weary souls, with sin oppressed, We come to you for needed rest,
For comfort, and for pardon.**

**Although you did to heav'n ascend, Where angel hosts are dwelling,
And in your presence they behold Your glory, all excelling,
And though your people shall not see Your glory and your majesty
Till dawns the judgment morning,**

**Yet, Savior, you are not confined To any habitation,
But you are present ev'rywhere And with your congregation.
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Unmoved by any daring hand
Or subtle craft and cunning.**

We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your precious Word believing
That your true body and your blood Our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true, And there is naught you cannot do,
For you, Lord, are almighty.

Though reason cannot understand, Yet faith this truth embraces:
Your body, Lord, is ev'rywhere At once in many places.
I leave to you how this can be; Your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unfailing.

Lord, I believe what you have said; Help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears Refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.

Grant that we worthily receive Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins, May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for your grace And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.

For your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be A blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

(Sung by Congregation)

Thank the Lord and sing his praise, Tell ev'ryone what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He renews his promises and leads his people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!

CLOSING PRAYER

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, 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**

Love is the Gracious Gift (CW505) 4 Vs.

**Love is the gracious gift of your goodness;
Love is the patient fruit of your care;
Love is the gentle work of your Spirit, Who is the source of love ev'rywhere.
Love means forgiveness, patience and kindness;
Love is not jealous, boastful, or rude,
Love endures all things, bearing, believing; Love hopes forever, rejoices in truth.
Love in a marriage, love freely given,
Love of a husband, love of a wife
Made to continue, blossom, and flourish, grow ever deeper throughout this life.
Love among Christians, love in the fam'ly,
Love for the Savior, whose blood was shed. Love and submission one to another
As unto Christ, who reigns as our head.**

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[Appreciation and Kick-off Dinner](#) for the Cross of Glory family

Please sign-up in back of church or use the SignUpGenius!

Saturday, October 9, at 6:30 p.m.

The time has come to publicly celebrate as a church family. Our God has brought us this far in our goals to expand our facilities and to establish a firm foothold in our mission outreach. What better way to celebrate than to gather as God's grateful people for fellowship while enjoying a catered meal? This is why we are calling it an **"Appreciation Dinner."**

But the time has also come to "FINISH THE RACE." This is the theme of a new campaign based on Hebrews 12:1 and approved by the church council and voters. The goal is to receive the necessary funding to secure the final loan to complete the building project and to purchase land for the Vistancia mission. We started the "race" in 2017 while celebrating the 500. anniversary of Luther's 95 Theses. At that time over \$500,000 was committed and donated to support both the building project and Vistancia outreach. The financial goal this time is much less but still greatly needed.

The presentations after the dinner are meant only to update and inform all those present as to the current and future status of the project. This is why we are calling it a **"Kick-off Dinner."**

Please sign up for the dinner when you receive the "Sign-Up Genius" in your email, or sign up on the sheet provided on the table in the back of the church. The deadline for signing up is **Sunday, September 26.** The catered dinner and presentations are for confirmed members, spouses, and school parents. However, childcare and a meal will be provided for children not attending the dinner and presentations.

The Stewardship Committee

Council Positions Available

We are looking for a head trustee and an evangelism chairman. Those interested can talk with one of the pastors or church president.

Church Directory

I am working on updating the Church Directory. Please view it at the entry of church and make correction or email me at cog.secretary@crossofglory.org with any corrections or an updated picture.

New Hymnal

Cross of Glory is doing a preorder on the new hymnal. If you are interested in purchasing one, please sign up [here](#). The cost for each hymnal is \$24. You can pay at the office for your copy. Pastors are encouraging members to have their own copy for home devotional use, as there is a lot of content in the hymnal for personal spiritual growth.

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

October 6, 9:00 a.m.	Mornings with Mommy
October 6, 3:45 p.m.	Youth Group 5th-8th Grade
October 6, 6:00 p.m.	ACSTO Parent Workshop
October 6, 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
October 7, 6:30 p.m.	New River Growth Group
October 7, 7:00 p.m.	BIC with Pastor Foxen
October 7, 7:00 p.m.	Zoom Growth Group with Pastor Rich Kugler
October 9, 6:30 p.m.	Appreciation and Kick Off Dinner
October 10, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
October 10, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Vistancia at New River)
October 10, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
October 10, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study
October 10, 2:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Online)
October 10, 4:00 p.m.	Teen Group
October 11, 6:00 p.m.	Growth Group with Tim Grams
October 11, 7:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)

LOOKING AHEAD

October 13, 10:00 a.m.	Growth Group for Moms
October 13, 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
October 14-15	No School Preschool
October 14, 9:30 a.m.	Golden Agers Breakfast
October 14, 7:00 p.m.	BIC with Pastor Foxen
October 14, 7:00 p.m.	Zoom Growth Group with Pastor Rich Kugler
October 15,	No School K-8
October 17, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)
October 17, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Vistancia at New River)
October 17, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
October 17, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study
October 17, 2:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Online)
October 18, 6:00 p.m.	Growth Group with Tim Grams
October 18, 7:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)

Golden Agers

Hi Everyone,

We've found another restaurant that will accommodate Thursday for us. I've scheduled for the second Thursday in October the 14th. The restaurant is in Peoria the name and address are following. Let's try it out for October and see if it will work for everyone. I've scheduled the banquet room for the second Thursday of each month. I'm canceling the Tivioli for October until we decide which restaurant we want. We only had 5 people at our breakfast today and they were all in agreement with this. You can check out the website for Brothers and see the menu and get directions.

[Brothers Family Restaurant](http://brothersfamilyrestaurant.com) *brothersfamilyrestaurant.com*
[8466 W Peoria Ave Ste 1, Peoria, AZ 85345](http://8466WPeoriaAveSte1PeoriaAZ85345)

Thanks for your understanding.

Women's Service Group

The Women's Service Group will be resuming and having there first meeting September 25th at 9:00 a.m.

LWMS FALL RALLY

The Grand Canyon West Circuit Fall Rally is October 2 at Arizona Lutheran Academy. If you are interested in attending please visit <http://www.grandcanyonlwms.org/> to register.

Vistancia News

We are going to continue worship at the Kiwanis park for the time being as we won't have a place to worship in Vistancia until November. If you are interested in joining us, the address is 48606 N 17th Ave, New River, Az. When using navigation, Google maps is the best choice, Apple may get you lost. Our service time is 9:30 a.m.

Please let Pastor Ehlers or Liz know when you are able to volunteer in the areas of setting up worship, greeting/ushering, piano playing, Midi/PowerPoint/sound system, and refreshments.

Communion will be at 9:00 a.m. on Communion Sundays in New River.

New River Growth Group

Chosen

1st and 3rd Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Location: New River Kiwanis Park, New River

Contact Pastor John Ehlers

Vistancia Worship Volunteers	October 10th	October 17th	October 24th
Setup	-	Freeman	-
Usher/ Greeter	-	-	-
Piano Player/Music	-	-	-
Midi/Powerpoint/ Sound System Operator	-	-	-
Refreshments	-	-	-

Golden Agers

Hi Everyone,

We've found another restaurant that will accommodate our group on Thursdays. I've scheduled our next get-together for the second Thursday (October 14). The restaurant is in Peoria, and the name and address are below. Let's try it out for October and see if it will work for everyone. I've scheduled the banquet room for the second Thursday of each month. I'm canceling the Tivoli for October until we decide which restaurant we want. We only had 5 people at our breakfast in September, and they were all in agreement with this. You can check out the website for Brothers, see the menu, and get directions.

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Thanks for your understanding.

Judy Sasse

Youth and Teen Group Upcoming Gatherings

Youth Group: Canceled due to Sporting Event time conflict.

Teen Group: We Will be meeting on October 10 at the Jomax campus from 4:00-7:00 to do an Escape Room, have fellowship time, and help with a service project filling trunk-or-treat bags for the various events. Dinner will also be provided.

COG T-shirts

We have a few more 2021-2022 school T-shirts available in the office. If you would like a school shirt, please email Liz at cog.secretary@crossofglory.org. The T-shirts are \$8 each.

Jomax Worship Volunteers	October 10th	October 17th	October 24th
Counters	Wempner/ Brooks	Wempner/ Schirripa	Wempner/ Moline
Cleaners	Kelley/ Grams	Plitzuweit/ Peterson/ Aguilar	Ebel/ Koutia
Communion Setup	-	Shannon Gullerud	-
Ushers	Jon Naber Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson	Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger	Gary Jeffers John Wempner Aaron Gullerud
Sunday Refreshments	Rene Koutia	Paula Considine	Clara Naber
A/V	Levi Foxen/ Gus Koutia, Chris Patterson	Stacy Cornell/ Aaron Gullerud	Pedro Contreras/ Gus Koutia, Isaac Patterson

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.

Jerry Stern, the Brother of Grant Stern, diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and undergoing treatment

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

Father of Chris Hansen, was Diagnosed with ALS

Nancy, aunt of Keri Patterson who is struggling with pancreatic cancer.

MILITARY

E4 Specialist Alice Henderson, granddaughter of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at San Antonio, TX Ft. Sam Houston Army base in Medical Institute of Surgery Research: Burn Unit.

E6 Specialist Staff Sgt. Austin Seignious, grandson-to-be of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at El Paso, TX Ft. Bliss Army Base.

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.

Offerings

We have now returned to collecting offerings during the service. Offerings can also be made online by visiting crossofglory.org in your browser, clicking on the menu on the upper right corner (3 horizontal lines) and selecting “**Giving**” from the menu. You can also scan the QR code with your phone’s camera. This will take you directly to the offering page. In addition, you may also mail your offerings to Cross of Glory at 10111 W Jomax Rd, Peoria, AZ 85383.



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.