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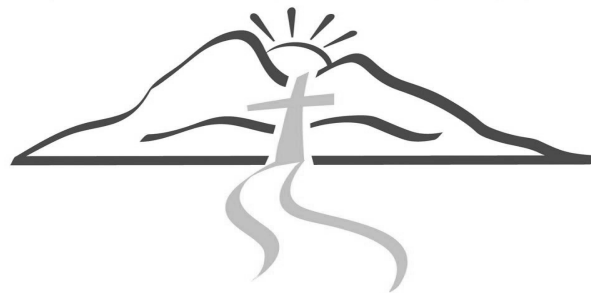
UNCOVERED:

*What must be said,
not what others
want to hear*

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Christian Education Sunday

Sunday, January 30, 2022



Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School

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Jomax Campus

10111 W Jomax Road,

Peoria, AZ 85383

Sun. 9am & Mon. 7pm Worship

Vistancia Meeting in

Lake Pleasant Elementary School

31501 N. Westland Road

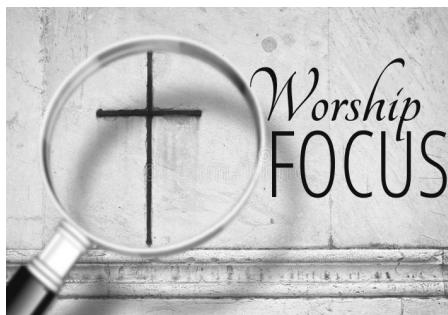
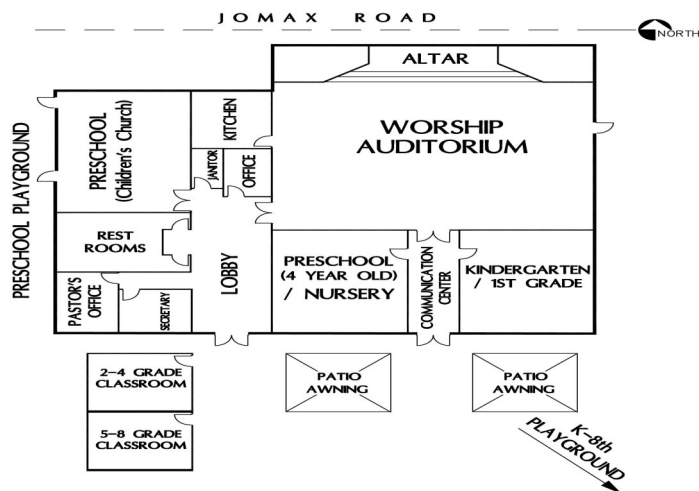
Peoria, AZ 85383

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 4th 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. Let's work together to bring up the next generation in the Word of the Lord!



We are in the season of the Church called Epiphany, a Greek word that means "to appear." Salvation has appeared in the person of Jesus Christ. In Epiphany, the Church explores everything that Christ makes apparent about God. You see, we need God to appear to us and make himself known to us. For not only is God beyond our understanding, his works and his ways are contrary to our natural assumptions about him.

In other words, the truth about God cannot possibly be discovered by us. Rather, it needs to be **uncovered** for us. That's what the Spirit is doing for us during this season of Epiphany. Week after week, surprising truths about Jesus our King and life in his kingdom will be uncovered.

Last week we saw that there can be a temptation to alter the message we proclaim to avoid apparent failure and rejection. This week we see that there is also a temptation to alter the message we proclaim because of apparent success. If a church makes its central focus things like personal improvement, healing for the sick, or social justice, that church may draw a crowd. It just fails to carry out the agenda Christ has given his Church. The gospel of forgiveness is to be the center of all our preaching and teaching. The agenda for Christ's Church is set.

If you turn to the back cover of this service folder, you'll see that our goal at Cross of Glory is that everything we do should focus on spreading the Word of God to our community. A primary component of our preaching and teaching is our Preschool & Elementary School which exists to help parents in their God-given duty of teaching the faith to their children. Today, we focus on Cross of Glory's commitment to **Christian Education** as part of the objective Christ gave us to preach the Word.

Service of Scripture and Song

Gathering Rite on the Word of God

Speak O Lord | CWH633

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: Oh, how I love your law!

C: I meditate on it all day long.

M: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies.

C: for they are ever with me.

M: I have more insight than all my teachers,

C: for I meditate on your statutes.

M: How sweet are your words to my taste.

C: sweeter than honey for my mouth.

Sung by Congregation:

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To receive the food of your Holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us All your purposes for your glory.**

M: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness,

C: So that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

M: Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

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.

Sung by Congregation:

**Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the radiance of your purity,
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see, Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail, Let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

M: God gave his Word so “That you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, that by believing you may have life in his name. The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. 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.

Sung by Congregation:

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand in your promises.
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak O Lord, as your Church is built and the earth is filled with your glory.**

Catechism Review—First and Second Commandments

(Spoken Responsively)

M: You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean?

C: We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

M: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God that we do not use his name to curse, swear, lie, or deceive, or use witchcraft, but call upon God's name in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

Prayer of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy on our weaknesses, and in all our dangers and needs stretch out the right hand of your majesty to help and defend us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

First Reading

Jeremiah 1:4–10

God chose to give Jeremiah a narrow agenda:

to share God's Word with the people of Judah, regardless of what they wanted to hear.

⁴The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I set you apart;
I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

⁶“Alas, Sovereign LORD,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.”

⁷But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the LORD.

⁹Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”

LES Choir

Lord Jesus Christ, the Children’s Friend

Choir sings Vs.1 & 4 and Congregation Vs. 2,3 & 5

*1. Lord Jesus Christ, the children’s friend, to each of them your presence send;
call them by name and keep them true in loving faith, dear Lord, to you.*

**2 In Christian homes, Lord, let them be your blessing to their family;
let Christian schools your work extend in living truth as you intend,**

**3 That caring parents, gracious Lord, and faithful teachers find reward
in leading these, to whom you call, to find in Christ their all in all.**

*4 For by your Word we clearly see that we have sinned continually;
but show us, too, forgiving Lord, your saving gospel’s great reward,*

**5 That all of us, your children dear, by Christ redeemed, may Christ revere.
Lead us in joy that all we do will witness to our love for you.**

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The Children's Sermon

(Children are invited to come to the altar)

Choir

Shines the Light

Words by Susan Naus Dengler
Music by Lee Dengler

Gospel Reading

Luke 4:38–44

After preaching and doing miracles in the area around Capernaum, the people wanted Jesus to stay there permanently. But he had a different agenda, to proclaim the gospel to many others.

³⁸Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. ³⁹So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.

⁴⁰At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them. ⁴¹Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, “You are the

Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Messiah.

⁴²At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for him and when they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving them. ⁴³But he said, "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent." ⁴⁴And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

Sermon Hymn

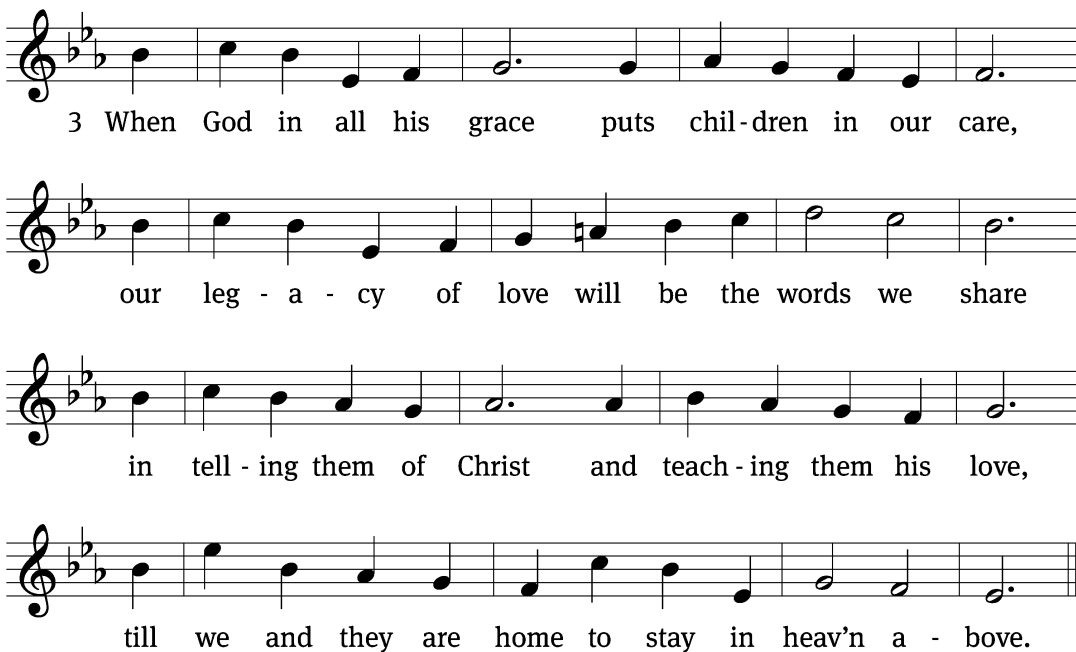
When Training Up a Child | CWH759 3 Vs.

The choir sings Vs. 1 & 2 and Congregation joins for Vs. 3

*1 When training up a child to go a certain way,
long after youth that childhood truth will still hold sway;
and so, in infant hearts, the gospel seed is sown
that children thus might learn to trust in Christ alone.*

*2 When Timothy was young, his mother drew him near—
what she'd been taught was also what her son must hear:
how we had all the sin, but Christ took all the blame,
how we've been dressed in righteousness in Jesus' name.*

Congregation:



3 When God in all his grace puts chil-dren in our care,
our leg - a - cy of love will be the words we share
in tell - ing them of Christ and teach - ing them his love,
till we and they are home to stay in heav'n a - bove.

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¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

¹In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ²Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

Apostles' Creed*(Spoken in Unison)*

**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.**

1 Rise up and shine! Your light has come; God's
 2 Fling wide your gates, both day and night; no
 3 No more will you im - plore the sun to

glo - ry breaks like dawn. For though the earth be
 more keep watch or guard. You will be called God's
 shed by day its light, nor will you need the

cloaked in night and gloom shrouds ev - 'ry - one,
 ho - ly hill, the cit - y of the Lord.
 change - ful moon to glis - ten through the night.

yet o - ver you the Lord will rise, with
 No sound of strife will plague your land, nor
 Your glo - ry then will be your God, whose

glo - ry gleam - ing clear, till na - tions turn to
 harm be - siege your ways; "Sal - va - tion" will you
 light will nev - er cease. Rise up and shine! Your

seek your light and hum - bled kings draw near.
 name your walls, and all your por - tals "Praise."
 light has come to give you joy and peace.

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The Offering and Offering Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

(To give an offering,
please scan QR Code)

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Christian Education

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Eternal Father, your Word is a lamp for our feet and a light to our path. You inspired the Scriptures for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that your servants might be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

C: Lead us to love your Word more and more and to receive your message with great eagerness.

M: You have given us your Word that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing we may have life in his name. Enable us to see the wonders of your love in Christ from the beginning to the end of your holy book.

C: Help us to see Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

M: Work in all your people, especially in parents, the resolve and patience to teach little children the simple truths about the Savior who loves them. Walk with us as we take our children to the manger, the cross, and the empty tomb. Let them find Jesus in stories, songs, and prayers.

C: Move us to bring up our children in the training and instruction of the Lord.

M: Provide wisdom and commitment to teachers who train our young people in Sunday Schools and youth Bible classes. Deepen their knowledge of your Word as they prepare and share the lessons they teach. Move them to model a sincere devotion to the Scriptures.

C: Lead us to plan for and support the Christian training of children.

M: We thank you for enabling our congregation to provide elementary and secondary education for our children. We know our schools are your special blessing, and we pray for the resolve to establish and maintain standards of excellence in all aspects of education. Move us to be generous in our offerings so that teachers may teach and students may learn in fitting surroundings.

C: Lead us to provide Christian schools that reflect the immensity of your love.

M: Work in us that we may find the lasting value of growing in the grace and knowledge of Christ. Lead us to be faithful in our personal study of the Scriptures and in participating in regular Bible classes. Rid us of all thoughts that Christian education ends in our youth. Make us life-long students of your precious Word.

C: Lead us to believe that at every age your Word remains a lamp for our feet and a light to our path.

Lord's Prayer

(Spoken in Unison)

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.

Blessing and Response

(Response Sung by Congregation)

M: We praise you, O God of heaven and earth, that you have so richly lavished us with your free love and unearned salvation, in Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord:

Sung by Congregation:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

Sermon Hymn

When Training Up a Child | CWH759 3 Vs.



1 Lord, bless your Word to all the young; let them, your truth pos-
2 When faced with pres-sure, grief or pain, when Sa - tan comes al -



sess - ing, de - clare your praise with heart and tongue, their faith in
lur - ing, may their bap - tis - mal grace re - main a ref - uge



Christ con - fess - ing. From birth your firm em-brace has held them
re - as - sur - ing. God's prom - is - es are sure; his mer - cy



in your grace. Bap - tized in - to your name, re-deemed and
will en - dure. They shall not be un - done who trust in



free from blame, as your dear chil - dren keep them.
Christ a - lone; God is their might - y Fa - ther!

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Prayer Circle

Please send an email to prayercircle@crossofglory.org if you are interested in being a part of the prayer circle or have a prayer request. Circle emails will be sent out on a weekly basis.

Refreshment Volunteers and Greeters

We are looking for more volunteers to bring refreshments on Sunday mornings to space out how often they have to serve. Please contact Clara Naber at vcnaber@cox.net to volunteer.

We would also like to improve our welcoming experience for visitors. To that end, we're looking for some people who would be willing to be greeters on Sunday morning. These greeters would welcome everyone, of course, but especially visitors. Do you have an outgoing personality? Do you love meeting and getting to know new people? Then this is a perfect way for you to serve! Pastor Foxen will meet with those interested to discuss plans for the greeting process. You can sign up online or contact Liz at cog.secretary@crossofglory.org.

Offering Envelopes

Our financial secretary, John Kull, has placed offering envelopes in your mailboxes at church. Please pick them up at your earliest convenience so that you have them for the new year. Thank you!

Good Shepherd Bible Camp (GSBC) Contest - EXTENDED

Good Shepherd Bible Camp is hosting a contest, and we have extended our deadline! We want YOU to design our 2022 theme! What's the prize? It's a **FREE** week of camp for up to 3 individuals (two campers and one staff)! To enter, submit your name along with a theme, Bible verse, logo, and your name to gsbcmail@gmail.com by **February 11** for a chance to win! For more information and to see past themes, head over to our Facebook page!

Mission Opportunity

Our sister church in the Czech Republic is looking for some volunteers to help out with a couple English-speaking outreach programs this year. One of the programs is scheduled to take place during Holy Week (April 8-18), and the other during the summer (July 7-19). If you would be interested in volunteering for these opportunities, please talk with Pastor Foxen, and he will give you more details.

Vistancia News

We give thanks to God that we are able to once again worship at Lake Pleasant Elementary School. We were able to get all the information to the Peoria School District, making it possible for us to use the facility. The address of Lake Pleasant Elementary School is 31501 N Westland Rd, Peoria, AZ 85383.

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

Worship at New River

We are going to continue worship at the Kiwanis Park in New River. We will worship using remote access and/or prerecorded sermons. We will be asking the mission board to discuss making New River a mission start-up. 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

New River Growth Group

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

Location: New River Kiwanis Park, New River
Contact Pastor John Ehlers

Sunday Setup

Vistancia is in need of volunteers to setup Sunday mornings at 7:30. Please contact Liz or Pastor Ehlers if you are able to assist. cog.secretary@crossofglory.org

Vistancia Life Coaching Group

Topic: Cornerstone
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Mountain Vista Club
Starting January 27

Course description: There are an enormous number of challenges that can occur in life from seemingly tiny to soul-crushingly overwhelming. The CORNERSTONE resilience system is designed to provide a specific set of steps to follow to put into perspective those things that seem unmanageable. Through six one-hour sessions, participants will learn and practice skills and benefit from the ideas of others in their quest to be more resilient and “bounce back” in difficulty

Jomax Worship Volunteers	January 30th	February 6th	February 13th
Counters	Moline/ Cornell	Moline/ Schirripa	Moline/ Plitzweit
Cleaners	Ebel/ Koutia	Patterson	Foxens/ Pappenfuss
Communion Setup	-	Liz Simkauskas	-
Ushers	Verl Naber Pedro Contreras Sabrina Ebel Tanner Plizuweit	Cody Hall Levi Foxen	John Kull Kim Moline Dean Ellis
Sunday Refreshments	Ally Kelley Sharon Wilson	Mary Berggren Shannon Gullerud	Rachel Plitzweit Leslie Contreras
A/V	Levi Foxen Rene Koutia	Rachel Plitzuweit Leslie Contreras	Titus Patterson Pedro Contreras

Building Project

The building permit was granted for us to move forward with the rest of the building project. To commemorate this milestone, we had a groundbreaking ceremony December 19. Crews are now on site for the work. As crews work to lay a foundation for the new classroom building, let us remember that our faith is built on the solid foundation of Jesus Christ. Without him, this building is pointless. With him, it is an opportunity to serve him and share him with others, that they too may be built on the solid foundation of his life and death for us!

We previously stated that the solar project had been approved and was ready to move forward. We spoke too soon. We had received approval permits from APS, but we are still waiting for Peoria's approval. Plans are going through a second round of red-line revisions right now. We hope to receive Peoria's approval soon so that the panels can be installed.

Please keep both of these projects in your prayers!

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

January 31, 6:00 p.m.	Growth Group with Tim Grams
January 31, 7:00 p.m.	Monday Worship Service at Jomax
February 1, 9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
February 2, 9:00 a.m.	Mornings with Mommy
February 2, 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
February 3, 6:30 p.m.	New River Growth Group
February 6, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
February 6, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Vistancia, Lake Pleasant Elementary)
February 6, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)
February 6, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
February 6, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study
February 6, 2:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Online)

LOOKING AHEAD

February 7, 6:00 p.m.	Growth Group with Tim Grams
February 7, 7:00 p.m.	Monday Worship Service (Jomax)
February 8, 9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
February 9, 10:00 a.m.	Growth Group for Moms
February 9, 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
February 10, 9:30 a.m.	Golden Agers Breakfast
February 10, 6:30 p.m.	Vistancia Life Coaching Group
February 12, 9:00 a.m.	Congregational VTO Meeting
February 13, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
February 13, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Livestream Jomax)
February 13, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Vistancia, Lake Pleasant Elementary)
February 13, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)
February 13, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
February 13, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study

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, who was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and is undergoing treatments.

Gerry Ehlers, the brother of Pastor Ehlers, who was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and is undergoing treatments.

Pat Powell, as she recovers from back issues.

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.