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Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School

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Rev. John Ehlers, Pastor

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Blessed to be a member of



Jomax Campus
10111 W Jomax Road,
Peoria, AZ 85383
Sun. 9am & Mon. 7pm Worship

**Vistancia Meeting at
Lake Pleasant Elementary**
31501 N Westland Rd,
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.

Welcome to Cross of Glory! God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament, and we recognize that this can happen via technology as well as in a physical building. Thank the Lord for blessing us with the means to continue worshipping together in this way! As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power fill you.

Giving – Please continue to give your attention to the gifts God asks you to give to support his work. During the time of the offering, an encouragement will be given to give electronically. You can do so by clicking the menu icon (3 horizontal bars) in the upper left corner, next to where it says Cross of Glory Lutheran Church. Then click the word "Giving" to go to our Vanco page. You can also give by scanning the QR code in the bulletin with your phone's camera, or by mailing a check to us at 10111 W Jomax Rd, Peoria, AZ 85383. Thank you for your continued support during this difficult time!



God bless our time together in worship today!



Did you know that good relationships keep us healthier and happier? Unfortunately, we live at a time when the number of people who admit to being "lonely" is growing like never before. As we close out this study of "The Road Ahead," we are going to see what God has to say about all of this and identify the most important key in finding a good friend.



OPENING SONG

WEARY TRAVELER

BY JORDAN ST. CYR

1. Weary traveler Beat down from the storms that you have weathered
Feels like this road just might go on forever Carry on

2. You keep on givin' But every day this world just keeps on takin'
Your tired heart is on the edge of breaking Carry on

Chorus: Weary traveler, restless soul You were never meant to walk this road alone
It'll all be worth it so just hold on Weary traveler, you won't be weary long

3. And no more searchin' Heaven's healing's gonna find where all the hurt is
When Jesus calls, we'll lay down all our heavy burdens Carry on, oh-oh
Chorus: No, you won't be weary long You won't be weary long (weary long)

Bridge: Someday soon we're gonna make it home x7 Gonna make it home

Chorus: Weary traveler, you won't be weary long
Weary traveler, you won't be weary long

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

(Spoken Responsively)

- M: We are in the presence of the true and living God, who is ever willing to forgive. Let us come to him in repentance and faith and be assured that he receives us in mercy and faithful love.
- C: **Lord God, Judge and Ruler of all, I stand before you repenting this day. I have much to confess, for I have sinned against you by my thoughts, words, and actions. I cannot earn your favor or forgiveness, but I appeal to your great mercy and to the suffering and death of your Son Jesus, the suffering Servant. Forgive me, I pray, all my sins and guilt in the name of Jesus Christ, your Passover Lamb and mine. Amen.**
- M: God our merciful Father, sent his Son, Jesus to die for our sins. Because he **rose again on the third day** we can **know for certain** that our sins are forgiven. Now may God strengthen you to love him and to live according to his will.
- C: **Amen.**

THE CHILDREN'S LESSON

Proverbs 13:20 (All children are invited to sit in front with Pastor)

1 What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
 What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!
 Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear,
 All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
 We should never be discouraged -- Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?
 Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness -- Take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
 Precious Savior, still our refuge -- Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a solace there.

MESSAGE

CONNECTED

2 Chronicles 18:1-8

Micaiah Prophecies Against Ahab

18 Now Jehoshaphat had great wealth and honor, and he allied himself with Ahab by marriage. 2 Some years later he went down to see Ahab in Samaria. Ahab slaughtered many sheep and cattle for him and the people with him and urged him to attack Ramoth Gilead. 3 Ahab king of Israel asked Jehoshaphat king of Judah, "Will you go with me against Ramoth Gilead?" Jehoshaphat replied, "I am as you are, and my people as your people; we will join you in the war." 4 But Jehoshaphat also said to the king of Israel, "First seek the counsel of the Lord." 5 So the king of Israel brought together the prophets—four hundred men—and asked them, "Shall we go to war against Ramoth Gilead, or shall I not?" "Go," they answered, "for God will give it into the king's hand." 6 But Jehoshaphat asked, "Is there no longer a prophet of the Lord here whom we can inquire of?" 7 The king of Israel answered Jehoshaphat, "There is still one prophet through whom we can inquire of the Lord, but I hate him because he never prophesies anything good about me, but always bad. He is Micaiah son of Imlah." "The king should not say such a thing," Jehoshaphat replied. 8 So the king of Israel called one of his officials and said, "Bring Micaiah son of Imlah at once."

THE APOSTLES CREED*(Read 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 Sometimes in our lives We all have trials, We have temptations.
So we need to learn To lean on the Lord In each situation.**

**Chorus: Lean on HIM When you're not strong He'll be your friend.
He'll help you carry on. For the Lord loves you so. He wants you to know,
He's the one YOU can lean on.**

**2 His life, He gave for our sins. So when there's a load,
You can't seem to carry. Pray! Then wait on the Lord.
He knows our needs. He'll give direction.**

**Bridge:
You just call on him brother, He will lend a hand' We all need Christ Jesus to lean on.
No matter what be your problem He'll understand. We all need Christ Jesus to lean on.
[Chorus] [Bridge]**

**3 Storms can shake our faith Planting old doubt Forgetting his holy words
That! No storm is too big He will carry our load If we just call on Him.
[Bridge]**

THE OFFERING and OFFERING PRAYER

(Prayed by Minister)

(To give an offering, please scan QR Code)



LORD'S PRAYER

(Spoken by All)

**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.**

1. 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.
2. You loved me first, Lord, sending me Jesus. Then I responded, trusting your Son.
Now you invite me to love my neighbor, Showing your true love to ev'ryone.
3. Love means forgiveness, patience, and kindness; Love is not jealous, boastful, or rude.
Love endures all thing, bearing, believing; Love hopes forever, rejoices in truth.
4. 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.
5. 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.

BLESSING

GRACE BE WITH YOU ALL

M. CARD

1. Remember to love one another
And do what is pleasing to Him
Be strengthened by grace
And worship in reverence and awe
The God of peace

Chorus: And grace be with you all
And may the Great Shepherd of the sheep
Equip you with all things
For doing His will
And grace be with you all

2. Forget not the sufferings of Jesus
And bear the disgrace that He bore
Confessing His name, for Christ is the same
Yesterday, today and forever [*Chorus x2*]
And grace be with you all!

Message Notes | The Road Ahead

Part 5: Connected

2 Chronicles 18:1-8

→ it's not good to be alone - **Genesis 2:18, Proverbs 13:20**

#1 Your _____ will affect the _____ and _____ of your life.

→ King Ahab looks for advice - **vs. 3-7**

#2 A true friend will tell you what you _____ to hear, not just what you _____ to hear.

→ voices worth listening to - **vs. 6, Proverbs 9:10**

#3 Choose _____ friends to travel with.

→ it matters who you are listening to - **vs. 33-34**

Questions to consider this week:

#4 We may not _____ what's on the road ahead, but we can _____ who we travel with.

→ a friend you can always count on - **John 15:15**

Group Questions | The Road Ahead

Part 5: Connected

2 Chronicles 18:1-8

1. Apart from your immediate family members, who are your closest friends? Why? What makes them such good friends to you?
2. Have you ever had a friendship that you knew wasn't good for you? Explain why it wasn't good.
What did you do about it?
3. **Your friends will affect the quality and direction of your life.**
Do you agree? Why or why not?
4. **Read Proverbs 13:20.** Put the truth of this verse in your own words. Do you have any examples?
5. **Read 2 Chronicles 18:1-8.** Ahab didn't 'want to hear from Micaiah because he knew he wouldn't like what Micaiah would have to say. Do you have an example of that from your own life? What have learned from that experience?
6. Who are you listening to? Who do you need to quit listening to?
7. **Read John 15:12-15.** How does approaching Jesus as a friend impact your view of God? Your view of the future? How does approaching Jesus as Lord impact your view of God? Your view of the future?
8. Share one thing that you found to be helpful from this series.

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.

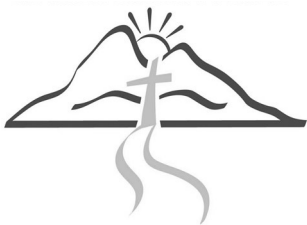
Sara (Dan) McArdle, daughter of Martha (Scott) Wofford, Air Force Pilot, based in Little Rock, Arkansas.

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.