



*Sunday, February 20, 2022*



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

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**Rev. John Ehlers, Pastor**

**Rev. Benjamin Foxen, Pastor**

*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.

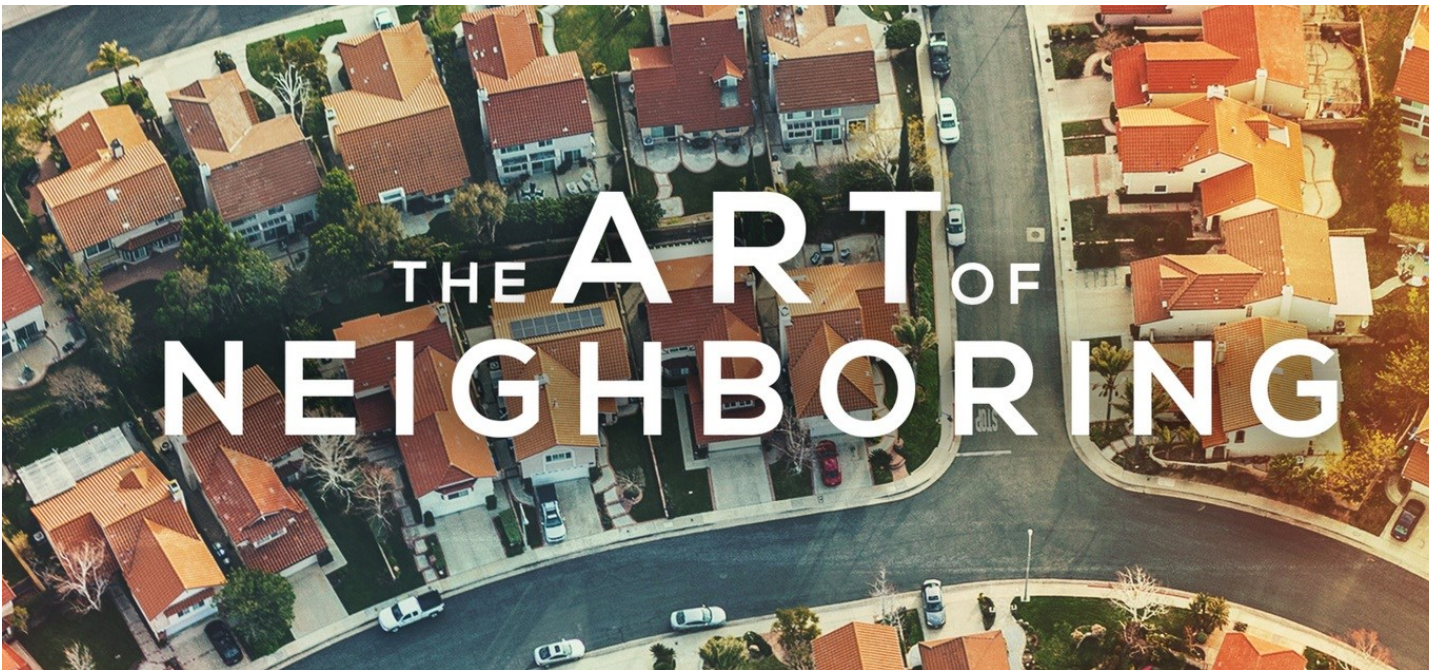
Giving – Please continue to give your attention to the gifts God asks you to give to support his work. During the time of the offering, an encouragement will be given to give electronically. You can do so by clicking the menu icon (3 horizontal bars) in the upper left corner, next to where it says Cross 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!



Sometimes the best way to be a neighbor is to take care of yourself first. If the current circumstances have left you in a bad place filled with guilt, Jesus alone can give you the grace to be in a good place.



## Service of The Word

OPENING SONG

IT IS WELL

BETHEL MUSIC

Grander earth has quaked before   Moved by the sound of His voice  
Seas that are shaken and stirred   Can be calmed and broken for my regard

*Chorus 1:*

And through it all, through it all   My eyes are on You   And through it all,  
through it all It is well   And through it all, through it all   My eyes are on You And  
it is well   with me

And far be it from me to not believe   Even when my eyes can't see  
And this mountain that's in front of me   Will be thrown into   the midst of the sea  
*[Repeat Chorus 1]*

*Bridge:*

So let go my soul and trust in Him   The waves and wind still know His name  
So let go my soul and trust in Him   The waves and wind still know His name

*Chorus 2:*

And it is well   with my soul   It is well   with my soul  
It is well   It is well with my soul (It is well)   It is well with my soul  
It is well   it is well with my soul

*[Repeat Chorus 2]                      [Repeat Chorus 1]*

### 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, my 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

Luke 17:10                      *(All children are invited to sit in front with Pastor)*

1. Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming  
spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, Than all the angels in the sky.
4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!

## MESSAGE

## A GOOD PLACE

1 John 4:7-11

## God's Love and Ours

7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

## 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. I've heard it said that a man would climb a mountain  
Just to be with the one He loves How many times has He broken that promise—  
It has never been done And I've never climbed the highest mountain But I  
walked the hill of Calvary...

*Chorus:* Just to be with you, I'd do anything There's no price I would not pay, no!  
Just to be with you, I'll give everything I would give my life away, yea-yea-yeah

2. And I've heard it said that a man would swim the ocean.  
Just to be with the one He loves All of those dreams are an empty notion  
It can never be done I've never swam the deepest ocean  
But I walked upon the raging sea... *[Repeat Chorus]*

*Bridge:* And I know that you don't understand The fullness of My love  
How I died upon the cross for your sins And I know that you don't realize  
How much that I gave you And I promise, that I would do it all again...

Just to be with You, I've *done everything* There's no price *I did not pay*, no!  
Just to be with You, I *gave everything* Yes, I gave my life away, yea-yea-yeah  
I gave my life away yea-yea-yeah Just to be with You  
Oh, just to be with You Oh, just to be with You Oh, just to be with You

**THE OFFERING and OFFERING PRAYER**

(Prayed by Minister)

(To give an offering, please scan QR Code)



**LORD'S PRAYER**

(Spoken by All)

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. I love to tell the story Of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and His glory Of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story Because I know it's true;  
It satisfies my longings As nothing else can do.

*Refrain:*

I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.

2. I love to tell the story, For those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest.  
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,  
'Twill be the old, old story That I have loved so long. *[Repeat Refrain]*

## BLESSING

## BAROCHA

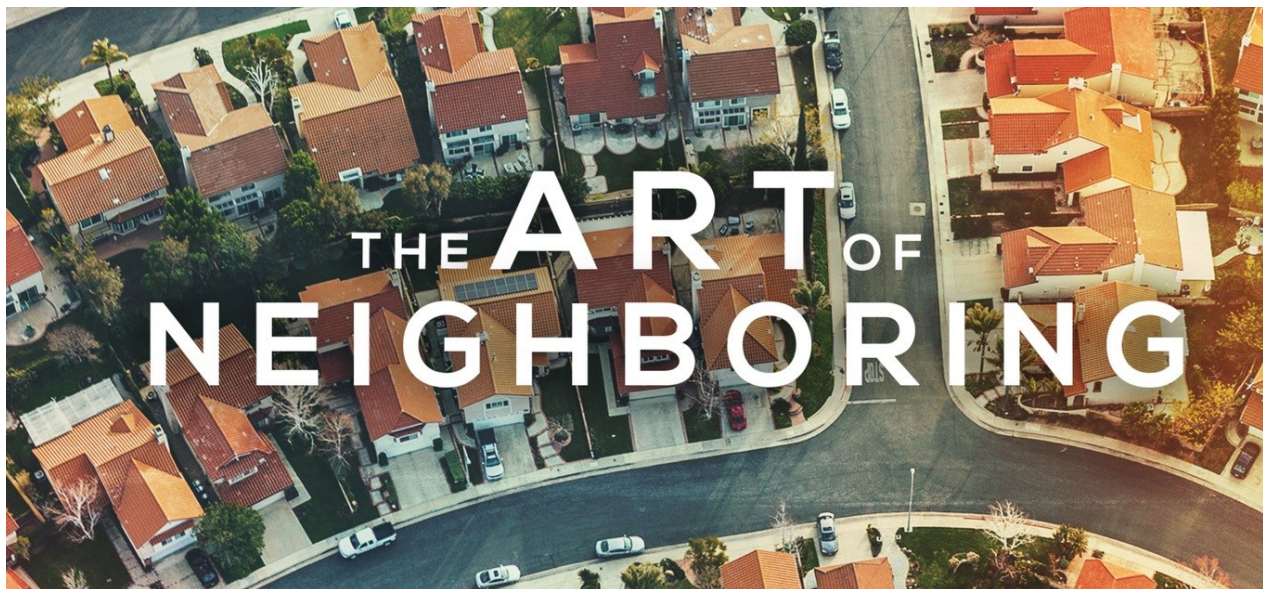
## MICHAEL CARD

The Lord bless you and keep you The Lord make His face shine upon you  
And give you peace And give you peace And give you peace forever

The Lord be gracious to you The Lord turn His face toward you  
And give you peace And give you peace And give you peace forever

The Lord bless you and keep you The Lord make His face shine upon you  
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## Message Notes

### Neighboring Part 3: A Good Place

1 John 4:7-11

→ rule #1 of being a new parent

#### #1 To be a good at neighboring, you need to be in a

\_\_\_\_\_.

→ why Jesus was in a good place - **John 15:9**

#### #2 Grace can only be \_\_\_\_\_.

→ replace or realign the self-talk - **vs. 7-11**

#### #3 Your cup overflows with \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_.

→ not a big deal - Luke 17:10

#### #4 Make \_\_\_\_\_ to ponder \_\_\_\_\_.

## Group Questions

### Neighboring Part 3: A Good Place

1 John 4:7-11

1. Share an example of how you've seen your community be extra neighborly in the past few months.
2. What are some things that tend make you drift into a bad place? How have you learned to compensate or cope with it?
3. Grace is not something that is given in a reciprocal way. Nor is it something that is agreed upon contractually. What does that mean?
4. You are the person you listen to the most. Do you find your self-talk to be uplifting and encouraging, or do you find it to be critical and judgmental? Why is it important to be aware of that?
5. **Read John 15:9.** Jesus perfectly received the love that his Father had for him, and that allowed him to perfectly forward it to the people around him.  
  
How can PRIDE prevent a person from perfectly receiving God's love?  
  
How can SELF-DESPAIR prevent a person from perfectly receiving God's love?
6. When you realize that you're not taking care of yourself the way you should, you can quickly let yourself be consumed with guilt. Why do you think that is?
7. Do you feel like there's an area of your life where you want to take better care of yourself? What will it look like for you to be overflowing with grace as you work to address it?

## 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 9:30 a.m.

### 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](mailto:cog.secretary@crossofglory.org)

## Vistancia Life Coaching Group

Topic: Cornerstone

2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Mountain Vista Club

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

## Join Us for a Biblical Parenting Seminar!

Do you wonder what the Bible has to say about kids and parents? Join us on March 5 from 9 am-12 pm as Pastor Foxen leads us through Scripture to see what it has to say on the important relationship parents have with their children. The three-hour seminar will cover topics like spirituality, honesty, showing love, authority, and more. The format will include directed study and group discussion. Refreshments will be provided. If you would like to attend, please sign up here. Hope to see you there! Please sign up online if you are interested.



## Prayer Circle

Please send an email to [prayercircle@crossofglory.org](mailto: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 [cnaber42@gmail.com](mailto:cnaber42@gmail.com) 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](mailto:cog.secretary@crossofglory.org).

## 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.

## Mailboxes

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!

Jomax Worship Volunteers	February 20th	February 27th	March 6th
Counters	Moline/ Brooks	Moline/ Wempner	Moline/ Voigt
Cleaners	Coates/ Simkauskas	Kelley/ Grams	Plitzuweit/ Peterson/ Aguilar
Communion Setup	Shannon Gullerud	-	Liz Simkauskas
Ushers	Jon Naber Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson	Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger	Gary Jeffers Dave Goelzer Karen Goelzer
Sunday Refreshments	Kathy Collyard Andrea Semmann	Kathy Collyard Andrea Semmann	Rene Koutia
A/V	Levi Foxen Rene Koutia	Titus Patterson Chris Patterson	Kelly Simpson Gus Koutia

## THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

February 22, 9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
February 23, 9:00 a.m.	Mornings with Mommy
February 23, 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
February 24, 6:30 p.m.	Vistancia Life Coaching Group
February 25, 10:00 a.m.	Growth Group for Moms
February 27, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
February 27, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
February 27, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Vistancia, Lake Pleasant Elementary)
February 27, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)
February 27, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
February 27, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study
February 28, 6:00 p.m.	Growth Group with Tim Grams
February 28, 7:00 p.m.	Monday Worship Service (Jomax)

## LOOKING AHEAD

March 1, 9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
March 2, 6:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Soup Supper/Service
March 2, 8:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
March 2, 6:30 p.m.	New River Growth Group
March 4, 10:00 a.m.	Growth Group for Moms
March 6, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)
March 6, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
March 6, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Vistancia, Lake Pleasant Elementary)
March 6, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)
March 6, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
March 6, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study
March 7, 6:00 p.m.	Growth Group with Tim Grams
March 7, 7:00 p.m.	Monday Worship Service (Jomax)

## Guest Preacher

This weekend, Pastor James Mattek of Christian Family Solutions will be our guest preacher and Bible study leader. He will share more about the healing and helping ministries of Christian Family Solutions, which include Christian counseling, in-home care services, and senior living solutions. Pastor Mattek has served this ministry since 2004. Prior to joining the organization, Pastor Mattek was a parish pastor serving congregations in Watertown, WI and Findlay, OH. As Director of Ministry, Pastor Mattek provides doctrinal leadership and works in mission advancement. To learn more about Christian Family Solutions, please visit [www.ChristianFamilySolutions.org](http://www.ChristianFamilySolutions.org).

## Pastor Foxen's Call

Dear members of Cross of Glory,

I'm writing to inform you that this past Wednesday, February 2, I received a call to serve God's people by joining the One Africa Team in Lusaka, Zambia.

Specifically, I've been asked to serve on their Outreach Committee. The task of this team is three-fold: to cultivate relationships with potential shepherds across the continent of Africa, train these men to gather others around them to shepherd them using God's Word and the Sacraments, and support these men as they establish their own local churches.

Consideration of any call is difficult and time-consuming; this one will likely be more so because it will involve thinking about moving overseas and living in a vastly different culture. Still, I am confident that it will be a blessing to go through this process with you. Please, give me your thoughts and counsel on this. Above all, pray to our gracious Savior on behalf of me and my family and for the ministry here at Cross of Glory and in Africa.

Our God is good and gracious. He is the Lord of the Church and knows how best to care for it. How wonderful that we can be confident of this truth: that whatever decision is made at the end of this process, God will use it for the good of his people.

May God be pleased to bless us!

In Jesus,  
Pastor Foxen

## Movie with Mom

You are invited to come to Cross of Glory for our annual Mother/Son Night on February 25 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Bring low-back chairs, blankets, and your favorite candy. Popcorn, drinks, and a nacho bar will be provided. All are welcome.



# 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 is now on hospice as his fight with cancer nears its end.***

***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.***

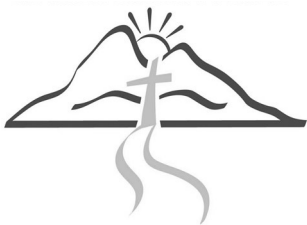
***Sara (Dan) McArdle, daughter of Martha (Scott) Wofford, Air Force Pilot, based in Little Rock, Arkansas.***

***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](http://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.