

# Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



**Pentecost 14**  
**Sunday, September 11, 2022**

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10111 W Jomax Road

Peoria, AZ 85383

***Sunday 9am Worship***

Rev. John Ehlers, Pastor

Mr. Andrew Aguilar, Principal

# 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.*

Growing in Faith — Living in Grace — Sharing His Glory

## ABOUT US

*The continuing purpose of this congregation, as a gathering of Christians, is to spread to all people in God's world the glory of the cross of Christ, by sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ on the basis of the Holy Scriptures.*

Today's Worship Focus

## HARD TRUTHS



"He's lost." We use that term not only to refer to someone who is bewildered about where they are but also to refer to someone who is in a helpless, hopeless state. Mankind's natural state is one of complete spiritual helplessness, a profound lostness. It manifests itself in countless ways. The one who simply wants God to leave him alone: lost. The one who feels she can handle life on her own: lost. The one who thinks he has the right to repent of his sins on his own timetable and on his own terms: lost. The one who thinks God owes them in some way: lost. Wandering around physically lost can lead to winding up in bad places. But the hard truth is that wandering around spiritually lost puts you in the worst place of all. Fortunately, Jesus does not leave us alone in our lostness. He relentlessly seeks us. He involves the rest of the Christian community in seeking the lost and rejoicing over the found.

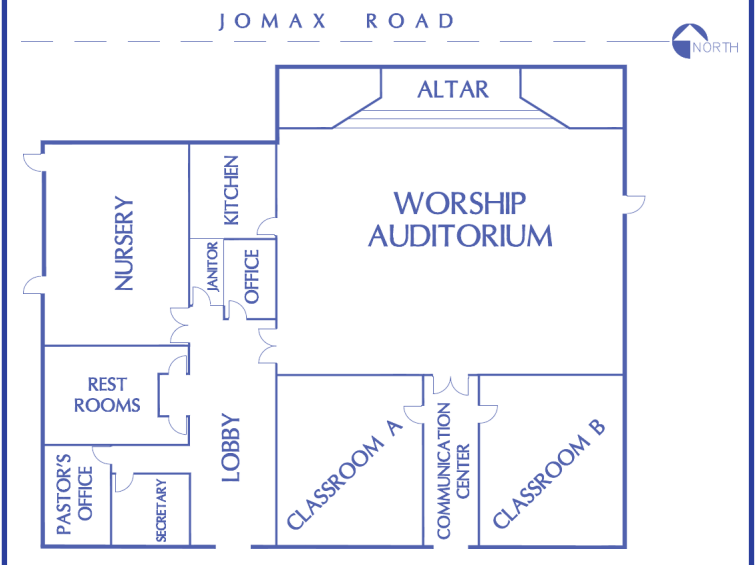
## VISITOR INFORMATION

**New to Cross of Glory?** We are so glad you joined us today! We invite you to stay after the service to chat and join us for coffee time followed by Bible study.

Would you like to learn more about us? We'd love to get to know you better as well. Connect with Cross of Glory by either:

- Filling out a **Connection Card** in the chair pocket in front of you and handing to the usher after the offering.
- Emailing us at church. [secretary@crossofglory.org](mailto:secretary@crossofglory.org)

## CAMPUS MAP



## FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

- Restrooms with changing tables located in lobby.
- Nursery for toddlers 2 years and younger accompanied by adult directly across the lobby.
- **Children in Church Program:** Worship is a family affair, something that children best learn from their parents. We encourage parents to guide their children through the service. We invite children to come forward for the Children's Message during the service. Let's work together to bring up the next generation in the Word of the Lord!

# The Service

## Opening Hymn: How Great Thou Art

CWH 612



*Hymn of praise, prayer,  
or reflection on the  
season of the church  
year.*

*We follow the advice of  
the Apostle Paul to  
“teach and admonish  
one another with all  
wisdom through  
psalms, hymns, and  
songs from the Spirit,  
singing to God with  
gratitude in your  
hearts.”*

*(Colossians 3:16)*



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der  
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der  
3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,  
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion



con - sid - er all the works thy hand hath made,  
and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees;  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!



I see the stars, I hear the might - y thun - der,  
when I look down from loft - y moun-tain gran - deur  
that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing  
Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion



thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
he bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
and there pro - claim: “My God, how great thou art!”



*Refrain*  
Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior-God, to thee, How great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my



Sav-ior-God to thee, How great thou art! How great thou art!

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We call upon God to be present with us. We worship the triune God, remembering our Baptism in His name.



"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

Christ said to his disciples, "If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven". The pastor speaks for God and announces God's forgiveness to those who made confession.



The title of this prayer is "Kyrie" in Greek meaning "O Lord". It is a cry to the Lord for help and strength.

## Invocation

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

**C: Amen.**

## Confession

*(Spoken Responsively)*

**M:** If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

**M:** Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C: Holy God, gracious Father,  
I am sinful by nature  
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.  
I have not loved you with my whole heart;  
I have not loved others as I should.  
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.  
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins  
with his innocent suffering and death.  
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

## Absolution

*(Spoken Responsively)*

**M:** Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.**

## Lord, Have Mercy Kyrie

*(Spoken Responsively)*

**M:** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**M:** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**M:** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**M:** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

## Glory to God in the Highest

Tune: BEACH SPRING

1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en, peace to those he loves so  
2 On - ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who takes our sin a -

well. On the earth let all his peo - ple speak his  
way, now with him in tri - umph seat - ed— for your

grace, his won - ders tell: Lord, we praise you for your  
mer - cy, Lord, we pray: Je - sus Christ, most high and

glo - ry, might - y Fa - ther, heav - en's King; hear our  
ho - ly, Sav - ior, you are God a - lone in the

joy - ful ad - o - ra - tion and ac - cept the thanks we bring.  
glo - ry of the Fa - ther with the Spir - it, Three in One!

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This hymn of praise gives the congregation the opportunity to praise God and express joy because Jesus is our victorious Savior.

## The Word

### Prayer of the Day

(Prayed by Minister)

M: Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



The main thoughts of the day are collected or summarized in this short prayer.



The LORD called Hosea to seek his adulterous wife and love her again. This served as an object lesson, showing our God is a God who seeks and redeems those who are lost.

The Book of Psalms was the Old Testament hymnbook, prayer and liturgy book. It was used by worshipers at the temple. Many of the Psalms are the basis for our hymns and part of our liturgy is taken from the Psalms. The word "Psalm" comes from the Greek and means "a song sung to the accompaniment of a stringed instrument."

## First Reading

Hosea 3

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to me, "Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another man and is an adulteress. Love her as the LORD loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes."

<sup>2</sup>So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and about a homer and a lethek of barley.

<sup>3</sup>Then I told her, "You are to live with me many days; you must not be a prostitute or be intimate with any man, and I will behave the same way toward you."

<sup>4</sup>For the Israelites will live many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred stones, without ephod or household gods. <sup>5</sup>Afterward the Israelites will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They will come trembling to the LORD and to his blessings in the last days.

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 51D



1 God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on your grace I  
2 My trans - gres - sions I con - fess, grief and guilt my  
3 I am e - vil, born in sin; you de - sire all  
4 Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust by your wrath and  
6 Sin - ners then shall learn from me and to God re -



rest my plea; your com - pas - sions o - ver - flow,  
soul op - press; I have sinned a - gainst your grace  
truth with - in. You a - lone my Sav - ior are,  
judg - ment just, let my con - trite heart re - joice  
stored shall be; Sav - ior, all my guilt re - move,



blot out my trans - gres - sions now; wash me, make me  
and pro - voked you to your face; I con - fess your  
teach your wis - dom to my heart; make me pure, your  
and in glad - ness hear your voice; from my sins, O  
and my tongue shall sing your love; touch my si - lent



pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.  
judg - ment just, speech - less, in your mer - cy trust.  
grace be - stow, wash me whit - er than the snow.  
hide your face, blot them out in bound - less grace.  
lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise ac - cord.

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## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup>If anyone has caused grief, he has not so much grieved me as he has grieved all of you to some extent—not to put it too severely. <sup>6</sup>The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient. <sup>7</sup>Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. <sup>8</sup>I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him. <sup>9</sup>Another reason I wrote you was to see if you would stand the test and be obedient in everything. <sup>10</sup>Anyone you forgive, I also forgive. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, <sup>11</sup>in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.



A member of the church at Corinth had been lost in sin, but through loving church discipline, had been moved to repent. Paul encourages the members to lovingly welcome him back.

## Verse of the Day

(Spoken by Minister; Response sung by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. There is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. Alleluia. (Luke 15:10)



A verse from the Holy Scriptures is usually spoken to capture the theme of the service.

The sung response is taken from Romans 10:17



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the



mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le' lu - ia!



This hymn follows the theme of the readings and sets the stage for the sermon.

## Hymn of the Day: I Run to Christ

CWH 833



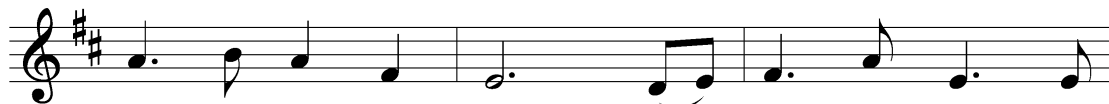
1 I run to Christ when chased by fear and find a ref - uge  
2 I run to Christ when worn by life and find my soul re -  
3 I run to Christ when stalked by sin and find a sure es -



sure. "Be - lieve in me," his voice I hear; his words and  
freshed. "Come un - to me," he calls thro' strife; fa - tigue gives  
cape. "De - liv - er me," I cry to him; temp - ta - tion



wounds se - cure. I run to Christ when torn by grief and  
way to rest. I run to Christ when vexed by hell and  
yields to grace. I run to Christ when plagued by shame and



find a - bun - dant peace. "I too had tears," he  
find a might - y arm. "The dev - il flees," the  
find my one de - fense. "I bore God's wrath," he



gent - ly speaks; thus joy and sor - row meet.  
Scrip - tures tell; he roars but can - not harm.  
pleads my case— my ad - vo - cate and friend.

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In the sermon the Pastor proclaims God's Word and applies that word to modern life and problems. He stresses both what God demands of us (the Law) and what God does for us through Jesus Christ (the Gospel).

## Sermon

## HARD TRUTHS:

Luke 15:1–10

### The found are left; the lost are found

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. <sup>2</sup>But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup>Then Jesus told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders <sup>6</sup>and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' <sup>7</sup>I tell you that in the same way there will



be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

<sup>8</sup>“Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ <sup>10</sup>In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

**Apostles' Creed**

(Spoken in Unison)



After hearing the word of God, the worshiper responds with this confession of faith.

The Apostles' Creed, developed over hundreds of years in the early Christian church, is a brief and simple statement of gospel truths taught by the apostles. Christians used it to tell others what they believed and also to confess their faith with one another as they met for worship.

**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.**

**Contemporary Band**

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

**Offering and Offering Prayer**

(Spoken by Minister)

The gifts of God's people are a response to God's blessings.

**Prayer of the Church**

(Spoken by Minister)

The apostle Paul encouraged young Pastor Timothy: " I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people ". (I Timothy 2:1)



*The **Aaronic Blessing** is the blessing that Aaron and his sons were to speak over the people of Israel, recorded in Numbers 6:23–27. The pastor offers the same blessing to the congregation as they are about to conclude their worship.*

## Blessing

**M:** 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.**

## Contemporary Band

Love Moved First

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## Call News

Pastor Ehlers has received a divine call to Trinity Lutheran Church in Saline, Michigan. Please keep him in your prayers.

## Trunk or Treat

# Save the Date!

## TRUNK OR TREAT

CROSS OF GLORY LUTHERAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 29, 2022

3:30-5:30 PM



The Trunk or Treat planning meeting is September 14 at 4:00 p.m. This event takes many people to make it a success. Please plan to attend if you are interested in helping with Trunk or Treat.

## Campus Ministry

Hello,

This is Pastor Pflughoeft. I am one of the pastors that is part of the Light in the Valley Campus Ministry leadership team.

Last week, we kicked off the year with a welcome-back party at Social Hall.

This week, we begin our weekly Bible study. The Bible studies will be held at Chick-fil-A at University and Mill. Here is the address: 25 W University Dr, Tempe, AZ 85281. The Bible studies will be every Thursday, usually at 6:30 p.m.

[Attached to this is a catalog of the Bible studies that will be offered this academic year.](#)

Please reach out to me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

In Christ,  
Pastor Chris Pflughoeft  
480-291-2928

Please contact Pastor Ehlers if interested in coordinating a carpool (602-904-3501).

## WELS Youth Night

Hello All,

Have you heard about WELS Youth Night? WELS Youth Night is a new synodical initiative to connect WELS teens at city events. The goal is to offer teens an opportunity to meet and connect with like-minded Christian teens living near them. Not all congregations have enough teens to offer a teen group, so this is an opportunity to connect those teens with those who may attend another WELS church in their area. The plan is to host three of these events per year.

WELS Youth Night Phoenix will be on Saturday, November 12, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Mesa.

In Christ,  
Pastor Chris Pflughoeft  
Youth and Family Pastor  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
Tempe, AZ  
480-291-2928

**Please contact Pastor Ehlers if you are interested in carpooling to these events (602-904-3501).**

## LWMS GRAND CANYON CIRCUITS WEEKEND RETREAT

**Camp Shadow Pines, Heber, Arizona**

**October 7-9, 2022**

### SPREAD THE WORD

“Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world” (Psalm 19:4). Guest Speakers: Ms. Emily Kom, LWMS past president, will address the topics of “Revitalizing Reporters” and “Missionary Journeys.”

Ms. Kay Retberg, a missionary wife, will share her experiences about returning home from a world mission field.

Saturday Evening:

Mr. Steven Bautista, a Christian entertainer and musician

Sunday Morning:

Worship service with Communion

**The Board recommendation for the Mission Fund (75%)** is #WM-2022-05: New World Mission Fields. Your gifts will allow for thorough follow-up research as well as multiple exploratory trips to each new location (Bangladesh, London, Senegal, Latin America and Thailand).

**The Board recommendation for the Freewill Offering** is #WM-2022-03: Repatriation Conferences. This will help to support our missionaries and their families as they transition back to life in the USA.

**NOTE:** There is road construction on Hwy 260. The camp is at mile marker 300.

For camp information, Google the following: Camp Shadow Pines, Heber, Arizona.

Please register with the mail-in form or online by September 17.

[www.gcwlwms.org](http://www.gcwlwms.org)

## THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

September 12, 6:30 p.m.	Vistancia Life Coaching Group
September 12, 6:30 p.m.	BIC Class
September 14, 6:00 p.m.	Growth Group w/ Tim Grams
September 15, 6:30 p.m.	New River Growth Group
September 15, 7:00 p.m.	Bibles and Brews for Women
September 18, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)
September 18, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
September 18, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)
September 18, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study x2

## LOOKING AHEAD

September 19, 6:30 p.m.	Vistancia Life Coaching
September 20, 4:30 p.m.	Bibles and Brews for Men
September 21, 6:00 p.m.	Growth Group w/ Tim Grams
September 25, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
September 25, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
September 25, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)
September 25, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study x2

<b>Worship Volunteers</b>	<b>September 11th</b>	<b>September 18th</b>	<b>September 25th</b>
<b>Counters</b>	Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa	Nick Nicholai Stacey Cornell	Judy Sasse Susie Cornell
<b>Cleaners</b>	-	-	-
<b>Communion Setup</b>	-	Shannon Gullerud	-
<b>Ushers</b>	Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger Kade Ehinger	Gary Jeffers Dave Goelzer Karen Goelzer Aaron Gullerud	Chris Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson Grant Stern
<b>Sunday Refreshments</b>	Rene Koutia	Mary Berggren Shannon Gullerud	Stacey Aguilar Karen Goelzer
<b>A/V</b>	Kelly Simpson/ Gus Koutia	Stacey Cornell Aaron Gullerud	-

## Meditations

The newest copy of *Meditations* is available, and we have extras located in the church entry. Also, it is time to renew our *Meditations* subscription. If you are interested in renewing or would like to begin receiving the quarterly, please let Liz know, and give her a check made out to Cross of Glory for \$20.

**Please note: You may drop off your used *Meditations* at Cross of Glory. They will be sent to WELS Prison Ministry, which in turn ships them to prisons around the country for inmates to read. A marked box is provided on the counter below the mailboxes in the church entry.**

## Worship at New River

We are continuing worship at the Kiwanis Park in New River. We will worship using remote access and/or prerecorded sermons. **Pastor Freeman will be leading worship every third Sunday and offering Holy Communion at 9:15.**

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. The service time is 9:30 a.m.

## Kids Klub

September 18: The Fall and the Promise (Cassie A.)

September 25: God Calls Abram (Cassie A.)

October 2: God Answers Abraham's Prayer (Angela H. / Family)

October 9: The Test of Abraham's Faith (Elizabeth C.)

October 16: Isaac and Rebekkah (Andrea S.)

Kids Klub is a free Sunday morning club for kids ages 3 to 11 and offers a fun hour of activity. See above for the first six-week schedule. Parents are welcome to stay with their children for the hour or leave and come back at 11:30 to pick up their children. Each Sunday, a new Bible story will be taught and/or incorporated into the day's activity.

10111 W Jomax Road

10:30-11:30 A.M

## Positions Available

Church secretary - 10 hours per week

Two part-time to Full-time Preschool Aids

Please contact Liz at [cog.secretary@crossofglory.org](mailto:cog.secretary@crossofglory.org) for the application

## Growth Groups

### **Sunday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Kugler**

10:30-11:30 a.m. (starting September 11)

Topic: Jesus' "I am" Statements and Ten Lies about God

### **Sunday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Ehlers**

10:30-11:30 a.m. (starting September 11)

Topic: The Early Church in Galatia

### **Kids Klub**

Sundays 10:30-11:30 a.m. (starting September 11)

### **Bible Information Class (BIC) with Pastor Ehlers**

2nd & 4th Mondays

6:30 p.m. at church

### **Women's Bible Study**

Tuesdays 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. (starting October 18)

Topic: Book of Isaiah

Karen Jurado's House

### **Vistancia Life Coaching Group**

1st & 3rd Mondays

6:30- 8:00 p.m. at Mountain Vista Club (Vistancia)

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.

### **Growth Group with Tim Grams**

Wednesdays (starting September 14)

6:00 p.m. dinner & 6:30 study

Topic: Chosen Season 2

Gram's House

### **Bibles and Brews for Men**

Tuesdays 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Topic: Fighting to be Men of God

Gavin Jones' House

### **Bibles and Brews for Women**

Thursday night or Saturday morning (starting September 15)

Topic: Enough for Now - Unpacking God's Sufficiency by Sharla Fritz

Thursday night - Lake Pleasant Brewery

Saturday morning - TBA

### **New River Growth Group**

1st & 3rd Thursdays 6:30 p.m. (starting September 1)

Topic: New Life in Christ

Kiwanis Park

48606 N 17th Ave, New River

### **Golden Agers**

The group continues to meet on the second Thursday of each month at 9:30. Please email Judy Sasse (sasseja43@aol.com) several days in advance if you plan to attend the next event.

Brothers Family Restaurant

8466 W Peoria Ave, Ste 1, Peoria



# 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.*

**Velta Larson**, as she regains her strength after recovering from an infection.

**Gerry Ehlers**, the brother of Pastor Ehlers, who was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and is undergoing treatments. The cancer is spreading, and he began intense treatments on May 10 for three months.

**Pat Powell**, as she recovers from back issues.

**For the family of Gus Koutia in Lebanon**, as they face a food shortage due to the interruption of imports from Ukraine.

## 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.



## 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. 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.