

# Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



**Pentecost 15**  
***Sunday, September 10, 2023***

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1011 W Jomax Road  
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***Sunday 9am Worship***

Pastor Paul Mueller  
Mr. Andrew Aguilar, Principal

# WELCOME to our worship center

Blessed to be a member of

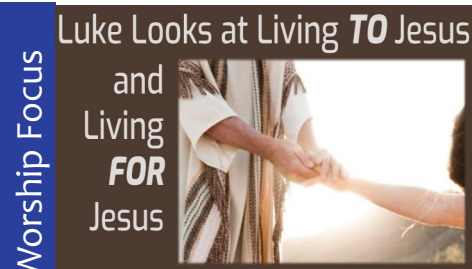


*God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament. As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power will fill you.*

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

As Christians we know God expects us to live for him. "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31). As the giver of all we have, God deserves to be honored in everything we do.

We also know God expects us to live our lives for others. He says, "Serve one another in love" (Galatians 5:13). But, what does this mean to us in terms of how we live our daily lives?

The gospel of St. Luke chronicles the life Jesus lived for us—he literally lived our life for us to save us. In Luke, Jesus demonstrates what it really means to live to and for him through his words, his actions and his interactions with people he encounters. Pastor Mueller begins a sermon series on these accounts: "Luke Looks at Living TO Jesus and Living FOR Jesus". Today our theme is "Seek Ye First" (Luke 6:24-34).

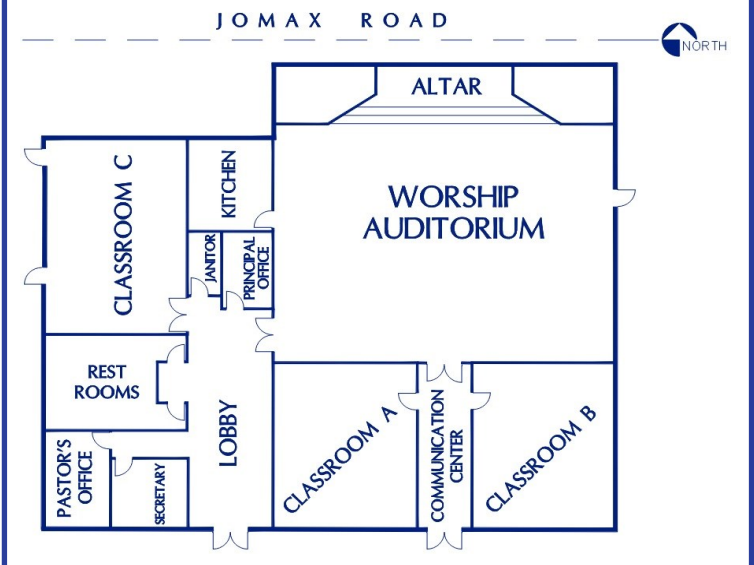
## VISITOR INFORMATION

**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.

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:

- Using the **friendship register** at the end of each row to connect with us today.
- Emailing us at [church.secretary@crossofglory.org](mailto:church.secretary@crossofglory.org)

## CHURCH MAP



## FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

- Restrooms with changing tables located in lobby.
- Nursery for toddlers 2 years and younger accompanied by adult in Classroom A.
- **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!

### Gathering Rite on the Word of God

(CWH633 Sung Responses)

M: We worship 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:



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food  
of your ho - ly Word; take your truth, plant it  
deep in us, shape and fash - ion us in your like - ness,  
that the light of Christ might be seen to - day in our acts of  
love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -  
fill in us all your pur - pos-es for your glo - ry.



God's people long to gather together for strength from him and for mutual encouragement. The beginning of this worship service focuses on the Word of God and its power to bring us to faith.

"And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe. "

(1 Thessalonians 2:13)



*"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 disci-  
ples, "If you forgive  
anyone his sins, they  
are forgiven". The pas-  
tor speaks for God and  
announces God's for-  
giveness to those who  
made confession.*

**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:**

2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence,  
true hu - mil - i - ty; test our thoughts and our  
at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of your pu - ri - ty.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your ma - jes - tic  
love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can  
nev - er fail, let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.

**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:



3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds, help us grasp the heights  
of your plans for us, truths un - changed from the  
dawn of time, that will ech - o down thro' e - ter - ni - ty.  
And by grace we'll stand on your prom - is - es, and by faith we'll  
walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your  
Church is built, and the earth is filled with your glo - ry.

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### Catechism Review: Second and Third Petition

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Your kingdom come.

*What does this mean?*

**C: God's kingdom certainly comes by itself even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may also come to us.**

M: *How does God's kingdom come?*

**C: God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives his Holy Spirit, so that by his grace we believe his holy Word and lead a godly life now on earth and forever in heaven.**

M: Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

*What does this mean?*

**C: God's good and gracious will certainly is done without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.**



*For five centuries, Martin Luther's Small Catechism has served as the basic instruction book for the church. It directs us to God's Word and points to the only source for spiritual life, the Means of Grace: the Word and Sacraments. As lifelong students of the Catechism, we review these important truths from God's Word as we continue to grow in a deep appreciation for all that Jesus has done as our Savior.*



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



The LORD told the prophet Ezekiel if he didn't warn the Israelites about their sin, he was going to hold Ezekiel accountable for their blood.



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."

*M: How is God's will done?*

**C: God's will is done when he breaks and defeats every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh, which try to prevent us from keeping God's name holy and letting his kingdom come. And God's will is done when he strengthens and keeps us firm in his Word and in the faith as long as we live. This is his good and gracious will.**

## Prayer of the Day

*(Spoken by Minister)*

M: O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## First Reading

*Ezekiel 33:7-11*

<sup>7</sup>"Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>When I say to the wicked, 'You wicked person, you will surely die,' and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. <sup>9</sup>But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.

<sup>10</sup>"Son of man, say to the Israelites, "This is what you are saying: "Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?" <sup>11</sup>"Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?'

## Psalm

*Psalms 32*

M: Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven,

**C: whose sins are covered.**

M: Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them

**C: and in whose spirit is no deceit.**

M: When I kept silent, my bones wasted away

**C: through my groaning all day long.**

M: For day and night your hand was heavy on me;

**C: my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.**

M: Then I acknowledged my sin to you

**C: and did not cover up my iniquity.**

M: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."

**C: And you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

M: You are my hiding place;

**C: you will protect me from trouble.**

M: Many are the woes of the wicked,

**C: but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him.**

## The Children's Sermon

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

## Second Reading

Galatians 2:11–16

<sup>11</sup>When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. <sup>12</sup>For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. <sup>13</sup>The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.

<sup>14</sup>When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, "You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?"

<sup>15</sup>"We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles <sup>16</sup>know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.



Paul is put in the uncomfortable position of having to confront Cephas (also known as Peter). In doing so, Paul wins Peter over to the truth of the gospel.

## Sermon Hymn: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

CWH 766



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of  
2 Still your chil - dren wan-der home-less; still the hun - gry  
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re -  
4 Sent from wor - ship as your ser - vants, forth in your dear

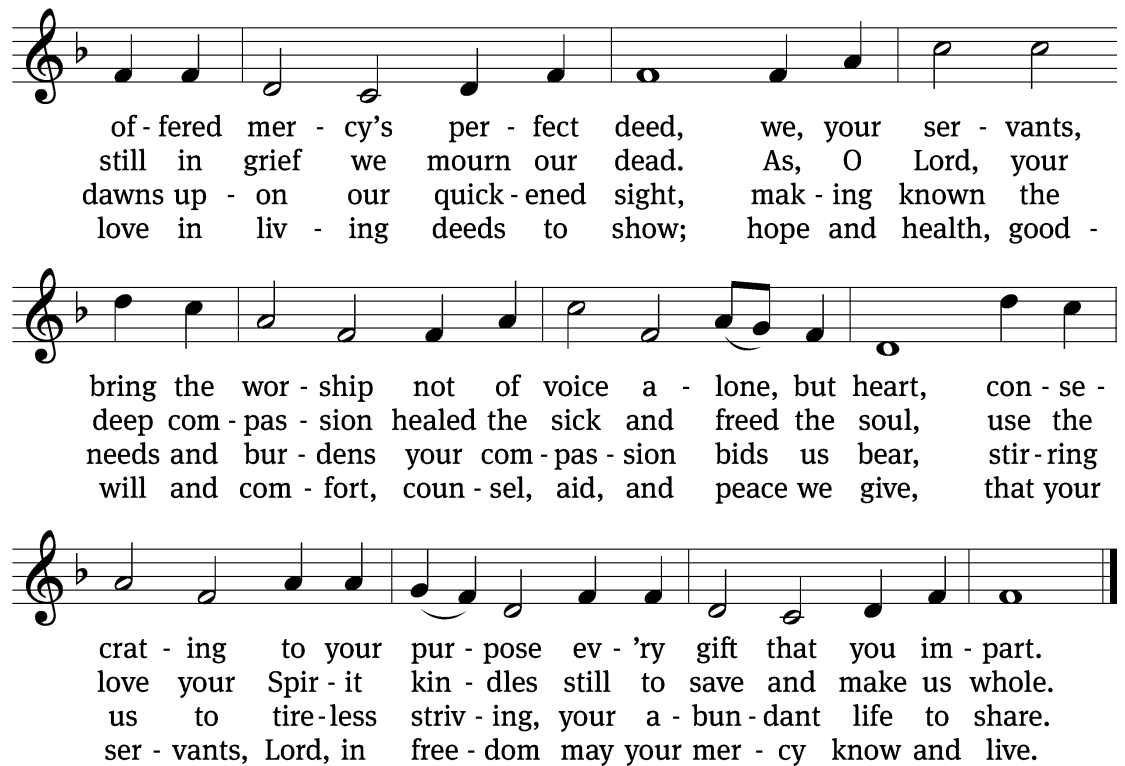


hu - man need, who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,  
cry for bread; still the cap - tives long for free - dom;  
veal - ing light in its height and depth and great - ness,  
name we go, to the child, the youth, the a - ged,



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





of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed, we, your ser - vants,  
 still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your  
 dawns up - on our quick - ened sight, mak - ing known the  
 love in liv - ing deeds to show; hope and health, good -

bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart, con - se -  
 deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the  
 needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear, stir - ring  
 will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, that your

crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift that you im - part.  
 love your Spir - it kin - dles still to save and make us whole.  
 us to tire - less striv - ing, your a - bun - dant life to share.  
 ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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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 Luke Looks at Living TO Jesus and Living FOR Jesus Seek Ye First...

Luke 6:24–34

<sup>24</sup> “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

<sup>25</sup> “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? <sup>27</sup> Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

<sup>28</sup> “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. <sup>29</sup> Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you— you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup> But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup> Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.



## 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.

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.

## Song of the Season: Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

Ensemble sings Vs. 1 & 2;  
Congregation joins for Vs. 3 & 4



*Dear refuge of my weary soul, on thee, when sorrows rise,  
on thee, when waves of trouble roll, my fainting hope relies.  
To thee I tell each rising grief, for thou alone canst heal;  
thy Word can bring a sweet relief for every pain I feel.*

*But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call thee mine;  
the springs of comfort seem to fail, and all my hopes decline.  
Yet, gracious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust;  
and still my soul would cleave to thee though prostrate in the dust.*

This is a hymn selected for the current church season that is generally new to our congregation, usually introduced first by a soloist, and repeated for several weeks to assist the congregation in learning the hymn.

### Congregation Sings:

3. Hast thou not bid me seek thy face, and  
4. Thy mer - cy seat is o - pen still; here

shall I seek in vain? And can the ear of  
let my soul re - treat; with hum - ble hope at -



sov' - reign grace be deaf when I com -  
tend thy will, and wait be - neath thy

plain?  
feet. No, Thy mer - cy ear seat of is

sov - 'reign grace at - tends the mourn - er's prayer.  
o - pen still; here let my soul re - treat;

Oh, may I ev - er find ac - cess to  
with hum - ble hope at - tend thy will, and

breathe my sor - rows there.  
wait be - neath thy feet.



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

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

We speak to God as our Father as Jesus taught us. (Matthew 6)

## Offering Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

*If you brought a monetary gift today for the work of the church, please place your offering in the receptacle at one of the two entrances to the sanctuary either before or after the service.*

## Prayer of the Church

(Spoken by Minister)

## 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.



In the Blessing and Response, the minister speaks a summary of Ephesians 1. The congregation responds by singing the doxology (song of praise). Finally, the minister speaks the **Apostolic Blessing**. This is the blessing which the apostle Paul spoke as he concluded his second letter to the church at Corinth. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

## 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 bless - ings  
 flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;  
 praise him a - bove, ye heav - en - ly host; praise  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly 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.

## Ensemble

**The Deep Love of Jesus**  
 Congregation joins final 2 refrains

*Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;  
 rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me,  
 underneath me, all around me is the current of your love,  
 leading onward, leading homeward to your glorious rest above.*

### Refrain:

*Oh the deep, deep love, all I need and trust  
 is the deep, deep love of Jesus.*

*Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread his praise from shore to shore,  
how he came to pay our ransom through the saving cross he bore;  
how he watches o'er his loved ones, those he died to make his own.  
how for them he's interceding, pleading now before the throne. (Refrain x 2)*

*Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, far surpassing all the rest,  
it's an ocean full of blessing in the midst of every test.*

*Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, mighty Savior, precious friend,  
you will bring us home to glory where your love will never end. (Refrain x 2)*

**Congregation joins:**

Oh the deep, deep love, all I

need and trust is the

deep, deep love of Je - sus.

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## Ways To Serve

<b>Worship Volunteers</b>	<b>September 10th</b>	<b>September 17th</b>	<b>September 24th</b>
<b>Counters</b>	Judy Sasse Susie Cornell	Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa	Nick Nickolai Michael Ryan
<b>Communion</b>		Sharon	
<b>Cleaners</b>		Patterson	Martins/ Pappenfuss/Cape
<b>Ushers</b>	Chris Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson Grant Stern	Pedro Contreras Tanner Plizuweit Michael Radue Guy Robertson	Len Collyard Nick Nickolai Steve Semmann Sharon Wilson
<b>Sunday Refreshments</b>	Kathy Collyard Andrea Semmann	Ally Kelley Sharon Wilson	Mary Berggren Shannon Gullerud
<b>A/V</b>	Titus Patterson Isaac Patterson	Rene Koutia Gus Koutia	Kelly Simpson Pedro Contreras

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## Funeral Service for Bill Grams

The funeral service for Bill Grams will be held at Cross of Glory on Friday September 15th. Visitation will be at 4:30 pm with the service to follow at 5:30 pm



## Weekly QR Code

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# YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE

## Father Daughter Dance



Pick out your best  
sundress and grab your  
dad for a fun night of

Music  
Dancing  
Crafts  
Food

Cross of Glory  
September 22nd  
6 - 8 pm

Please RSVP by  
Sept 15th



## This Week At COG

### September 10

9:00 am	Jomax Worship (Live Streamed)
9:30 am	New River Worship Service
10:45 am	Everything New Bible Class
10:45 am	Contemporary Service
10:45 am	Kids Klub
4:00 pm	Confirmation Class

### September 12

6:30 pm	Church Council
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### September 13

10:00 am	Life of Christ Bible Study
4:00 pm	Trunk or Treat Planning Meeting

### September 14

9:30 am	Golden Agers Breakfast
10:00 am	Foundations of Faith Bible Class

## Next Week at COG

### September 17

9:00 am	Jomax Worship (Live Streamed)
9:30 am	New River Worship Service
10:45 am	Everything New Bible Class
10:45 am	Contemporary Service
10:45 am	Kids Klub
4:00 pm	Confirmation Class

### September 20

10:00 am	Life of Christ Bible Class
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### September 21

10:00 am	Foundations of Faith
6:30 pm	New River Growth Group

### September 23

9:00 am	Bibles and Brews Women's Bible Study
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## 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.*

**Grams Family** as they mourn the death of Bill.

**Loiselle Family** as they mourn the death of Marie.

**Pastor Jon Bergemann** as he deliberates the call extended to him by Cross of Glory.

**James family**, as they mourn the death of Violet.

**Norm Voigt**, for a recent hospitalization due to complications from leukemia.

### 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.

**Ben Weyer**, serving in the military, at El Paso, TX



**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.