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Cross of Glory Celebrates Fourth Annual Tree Lighting
Family and friends welcome to join in carol singing and holiday sweets

DEC. 3, 2011, Aberdeen, NJ — To ring in the holidays in a most celebratory fashion, the Cross of Glory Lutheran Church in Aberdeen will host its fourth annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Carol Sing on Sunday Dec. 11 at 5 p.m. More than 200 people are expected to join in the festivities, which will be held rain or shine at Cross of Glory, at 95 Cambridge Drive.

Santa Claus is expected to make an appearance with elves in tow, and the rafters of Cross of Glory will echo with the sounds of everyone's favorites Christmas tunes.

After the carols have been sung and the 30-foot tree in Cross of Glory's front lawn has been lit, revelers are invited into Fellowship Hall to enjoy home baked sweets and pastries alongside other refreshments provided every year by Delicious Orchards. The tree will remain lit every night from Dec. 11 until Jan. 5, 2012.

"This event is eagerly awaited by not only our growing congregation but by neighbors, family and friends, and this year we expect to be the biggest of all," declared Jeremy Samuelson, head of Cross of Glory's tree lighting committee. "You would have to be descended from Scrooge himself if you didn't want to take part in this tradition of ours at Cross of Glory."

Each year Delicious Orchards of Colts Neck donates a generous amount of pastries, cookies and apple cider to the event. That bounty is supplemented by home baked goods provided by Cross of Glory's churchgoers, many of whom volunteer to help Mr. Samuelson prepare for the evening's festivities.

To volunteer, or for further information about the event, please contact Mr. Samuelson at 732-583-1118, visit www.coglcnj.org, or check out Cross of Glory Lutheran Church's Facebook page.

About Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Founded in 1964, the Cross of Glory Lutheran Church is part of the New Jersey Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and is led by Rev. Gary E. Costa. With the support of over 300 members, the church runs a nursery school, stocks and supports the Matawan food pantry and provides other services to residents of Aberdeen and neighboring towns. For more information on Cross of Glory, please visit www.coglcnj.org, or our Facebook page.

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