

In The Loop

December 4th, 2011

Our Welcome Statement

“Cross of Glory is Your Welcome Place! At Cross of Glory **Everyone Is Welcome.** That is one of our Guiding Principles. And we mean everyone – people of every race, gender, class, denomination, ability, and sexual orientation are welcome here. You are welcome no matter who you are, where you’ve been, or what you’ve done. We promise to welcome you and make you feel right at home.”

We ask those of you visiting with us for the first time to please stop by the Welcome Table and pick up an information packet.

Cross of Glory is Growing in Every Direction

Our Vision

Like a tree, a healthy church is a *church that is growing in every direction...*

DOWN (roots) through *Worship*
UP through *Discipleship*
TOGETHER through *Fellowship*
OUT through *Outreach*

Christmas Poinsettia Sale

You can order a beautiful Poinsettia plant for Christmas. Order forms are located in the back of the church or ask Laura for one. It’s that time again to place your Christmas Poinsettia order. Your order will help to decorate the church for the Christmas Eve Worship Services. You can pick up your poinsettia after the service you attend. Your order can also be made in Remembrance or In Honor of a special person in your life. Names will be in the Christmas Eve Program. All plants are \$16 each and orders are due by December 18th.



Worship... Growing Down Roots Council Member: Dan Skowron

Christmas Programs & Services

We have set the dates and times for our Christmas Eve Services, Visit with Santa, and the Children’s Program. Mark your calendars.



- Visit with Santa – Dec 10th 10am-1pm
- Children’s Program – Dec 18th 10:00 am (one service)
- Christmas Eve Worship
 - 4:00 pm
 - 6:00 pm (Barn Service)
 - 11:00 pm
- Christmas Day Worship Service
Sunday 10:00 am with Hymns and Prayers

Children’s Christmas Pageant and Worship Service

On Sunday, December 18th we will be having our annual Children’s Christmas Pageant. This will be our one and only worship service for that Sunday at 10 am. We would love to have your child participate in this program. There will be 2 practices and they are mandatory. They will be Wednesday’s, December 7th & 14th from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. There are speaking parts, non-speaking parts, and there will be a few to sing too! There’s something for children of all ages. BUT, we truly ask that you fill out the signup form letting us know your child(ren) will be participating and turn it in by December 4th.

Volunteers Needed!

Jr. and Sr. High Youth are Needed as Narrators and for a Musical Solo.

Fellowship...Growing Together Council Member: Lori Anderson

Free Calendars

Free 2012 Cross of Glory Calendars are available at the back of the worship room.

Cross of Glory Cookbook Hey, good lookin’! Whatcha got cookin’?

CoG needs your recipes for:

- appetizers & beverages
- desserts
- soups & salads
- cookies & candy
- vegetables & side dishes
- vegetarian dishes
- main dishes
- this & that
- bread & rolls

You can submit your recipes electronically to cog.cookbook@yahoo.com or put them in the box located at the back of the worship area. Please limit your submissions to one per category. If you submit a recipe for each of the nine categories, you can also select a prize from our kitchen gadget mystery basket. We’re collecting for a limited time only!

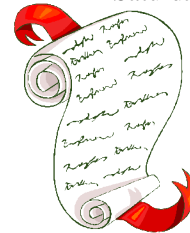


Team Members: Debbie Murtaugh, Melissa Murtaugh, Chris Quemeneur, Michelle Kruse, Jim Sotzen, Lora Livingstone, Cheryl Nabors, Lori Anderson.

Outreach...Growing Out Council Member: Cheryl Nabors

Visit with Santa

Our 2nd Annual Visit with Santa is on Saturday, December 10th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Children will have a chance to meet Santa, have their picture taken, make some crafts, and eat some snacks. Join us for some fun and fellowship as we celebrate the Christmas season.



Volunteers and donations are needed for Visit with Santa. See the volunteer and donation signup sheets in the Welcome room.



Let's Feed 12000!

One of the biggest requests from Food Pantries is foods with protein. Our goal is to collect 12000 cans by Easter! We will have boxes on the alter for you to bring your donation up before, during, or after service. As we collect the food, we will donate it to local food pantries. We are collecting the following foods:

- Canned Chicken
- Canned Turkey
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Stew (Like Dinty Moore)
- Pork and Beans
- Peanut Butter

Christmas Angel Giving Tree

If you are able to help a child please be sure to take an Angel, but be sure to sign out any name you pick so we can keep tabs. On each Angel is the age of the child and some suggested gift ideas for them. Return the gifts by Sunday, Dec 18th. Each gift must be wrapped and have the Angel, with their assigned number, attached to each gift. Or you can place all the wrapped gifts in a bag with the Angel attached to the bag.

Book Club Update

The next book is *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford. We will take a little break for Christmas and meet on Sunday, January 8th at 6:00 pm.

The other books we are reading after that include: *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Jenkins, *Heaven is for Real* by Todd, Sonja, and Colton Burpo, *Every Last One* by Anna Quindlen, *The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls, *Day After Night* by Anita Diamant, and *The Edge of Grace* by Christa Allen

Everyone is welcome to read the books and join us for a great discussion.

Finance...Growing Generosity

Council Member: Debra Waller

Pledge Cards

Please turn in your Pledge Form as soon as possible.

Manna Ministry

By purchasing gift cards, you help support the church. Manna has added many new vendors. Below is a list of the new vendors. If you would like to order any of these cards, there are new order forms in the Welcome Room.

- DSW Shoes - \$25
- Ross Dress for Less - \$25
- Burlington Coat Factory - \$2.5
- Cabela's - \$25 / \$100
- Groupon - \$25
- IHOP - \$25
- Mariano's Fresh Market - \$25 / \$100
- Yardhouse - \$25

If you are interested in learning more about this program or placing an order, please contact Cheryl Nabors.

Facilities...

Growing Buildings and Grounds

Council Member: Chuck Fisher

Thank You

Thanks to the Men's Group for setting up the big Christmas tree.



Your Welcome Place

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Services:

Sunday: 9:00 am and 10:45 am

Wednesday: 6:00 pm

Ministers:

All Members of Cross of Glory

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PastorPJ@CrossofGlory.com

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Laura@CrossOfGlory.com

Mimi Pappas, Nursery Attendant

Bob Bejlovec, Maintenance

The Welcome Place Preschool:

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Donna Quatham, Missionary

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Sermon Blog:

pastorpjsermons.blogspot.com

Kids Klub Page

crossofglory.com/kids-klub

Mission Statement:

To be a community of faith in which everyone lives life in the LOOP of God's saving grace by: reaching and serving, welcoming and nurturing, worshiping and teaching, and giving and sending.

Guiding Principles:

Jesus Is Lord

Everyone Is Welcome

We Have What The World Needs

Everyone Has Something To Offer

Upcoming Events for Cross of Glory

(www.crossofglory.com/calendar)

Mon	12/05	Men's Bible Study – 8:15 pm (Every Monday)
Wed	12/07	Wednesday Worship – 6:00 pm
Wed	12/07	Children's Program Practice – 6:00pm (also 12/14)
Wed	12/07	Pastor PJ's Bible Study – 7:15 to 8:15 pm (Every Wednesday)
Sat	12/10	Visit with Santa – 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Sun	12/18	Children's Program – 10:00 am (ONE Service Only)

The December newsletter can be viewed at www.crossofglory.com/newsletters/

