

# In The Loop

November 6<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## Special Meeting

On Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm the Council is hosting a very important meeting. The Council is recommending Cross of Glory make a public statement that we are a welcome place for everyone through becoming a *Reconciling In Christ* church (RIC). The meeting will offer more information about what this is and what it means. We will have another ELCA pastor share the story of how their congregation became an RIC church and what it has meant for them. At a later date we will have a congregational vote about becoming an RIC church, so please come, be informed, and be involved.

## 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*

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

### Community Thanksgiving Worship

Cross of Glory will be hosting the **Community Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, Nov 23 at 7:00pm**. Every year churches in the area partner together for a Thanksgiving service. It is a time when we all work together for the glory and praise of God. I think this is what being the body of Christ is all about, so I hope you can all join in the celebration.

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

### Fellowship...Growing Together Council Member: Lori Anderson

### Women’s Comedy Club Event

Hey CoG Ladies! The November Women’s Event will be on **November 19<sup>th</sup>**. We thought it would be a fun idea to go to a Comedy Show! We will be going to the Comedy Shine in Aurora, IL. Tickets are \$20 a person, there is also a one drink minimum (non-alcoholic drinks count). *Please let us know by November 12<sup>th</sup>* if you will be attending, so we can get tickets! As always please invite your friends to join in a fun ladies night out! Please let Sharesa or Amanda know if you will be bringing additional guests!

The Comedy Shrine - Our Main Stage presents “Whose Line?” improv comedy similar to ABC’s “Whose Line Is It Anyway?” TV show. This show features professional improvisers with audience interaction.

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

If you can give Rachael Ray a run for her money, CoG needs your recipes in the following categories:

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



You can either submit your recipes electronically to [cog.cookbook@yahoo.com](mailto:cog.cookbook@yahoo.com) or put them in the box located at the back of the worship area. Please limit your recipe submission 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. Submit those recipes now! We are collecting them for a limited time only!

Questions? Team members are Debbie Murtaugh, Melissa Murtaugh, Chris Quemeneur, Michelle Kruse, Jim Sotzen, Lora Livingstone, Cheryl Nabors and Lori Anderson.

### Book Club Update

The next book we are reading is *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* by Stieg Larsson. You are welcome to read the book and join the discussion. We have not established the next meeting date and time.

### Free Calendars



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

## Outreach...Growing Out

Council Member: Cheryl Nabors

### Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Over the next few weeks, we will be collecting food donations for Thanksgiving baskets. If you can donate food, please put it in the box labeled 'Food Donations'. If you donate gift cards, please give them to Laura in the office. Thank you for your help. *The food baskets will be assembled after worship on November 20<sup>th</sup>.* If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 708.301.6998.

Suggested items (take this list shopping with you!): Canned Gravy or Gravy Mix, Instant Potatoes, Canned Sweet Potatoes, Stuffing, Canned Cranberries, Bread Mix, Canned Vegetables, Cookies & Candies, Jell-O's and Puddings, Juice, Jewel or Dominick's Gift Certificates.

### Cross of Glory Car Magnets

Let's spread the word about CoG. Be sure to pick up your car magnet. They were donated by a church member to help us outreach to our community.



## Finance...Growing Generosity

Council Member: Debra Waller

### Manna Ministry

By purchasing gift cards, you help support the church. It's not too early to begin accumulating gift cards for **Christmas**.

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

### Stewardship Update

The Stewardship Team is inviting our congregation to make pledges for the upcoming year about what we plan to give. This is something God asks us to do - to budget and plan our giving to the Lord. By submitting our pledges, our church is able to have an idea of the resources God has given us for ministry in the upcoming year. Pledge Sunday is November 13<sup>th</sup>

The Stewardship Team is planning a special breakfast on that day and is accepting RSVPs now. You can email Councilwoman Deb Waller with your reservation [dwall60441@yahoo.com](mailto:dwall60441@yahoo.com).

### Update on Worship & Giving

**October 26<sup>th</sup>** (Attendance: 28)  
General: \$177

**October 30<sup>th</sup>** (Attendance: 182)  
General: \$6,105  
Casa: \$35  
TELL: \$50-  
Building Use: \$150  
Kid's Offering: \$36

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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

### Staff:

**PJ Malin**, Senior Pastor (Ext 15)  
[PastorPJ@CrossofGlory.com](mailto:PastorPJ@CrossofGlory.com)

**Laura Uzzardo**, Parish Administrator  
[Laura@CrossOfGlory.com](mailto:Laura@CrossOfGlory.com)

**Mimi Pappas**, Nursery Attendant

**Bob Bejlovec**, Maintenance

### The Welcome Place Preschool:

**Jamie Knutson-Zahora**, Director  
[Jamie@TheWelcomePlace.org](mailto:Jamie@TheWelcomePlace.org)  
Phone: 708-301-3883

### Christian Care and Counseling Center

Phone: 815-485-2531

### Casa Hogar de los Angeles:

**Donna Quatham**, Missionary  
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Web: [www.casadelosangeles.org](http://www.casadelosangeles.org)

### Sermon Blog:

[pastorpjsermons.blogspot.com](http://pastorpjsermons.blogspot.com)

### Kids Klub Page

[crossofglory.com/kids-klub](http://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  
Love Changes Everything

### Upcoming Events for Cross of Glory

([www.crossofglory.com/calendar](http://www.crossofglory.com/calendar))

Mon	11/07	TELL – 6:30-8pm
Mon	11/07	Men's Bible Study – 8:15 pm (Every Monday)
Wed	11/09	SEE – 6:00 pm
Wed	11/09	Wednesday Worship – 6:00 pm
Wed	11/09	Pastor PJ's Bible Study – 7:15 to 8:15 pm (Every Wednesday)
Wed	11/09	RISEN– 6:00 pm
Sun	11/13	Pledge Sunday Breakfast/Breakfast
Sat	11/19	Women's Event – Comedy Club
Sun	11/20	Thanksgiving Baskets Assembled
Wed	11/23	Community Thanksgiving Worship – 7:00 pm

The October newsletter can be viewed at [www.crossofglory.com/newsletters/](http://www.crossofglory.com/newsletters/)