

In The Loop

October 2nd, 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*

Worship...

Growing Down Roots

Council Member: Dan Skowron

Worship Volunteer Recruitment Day

Each week’s worship services would not be possible without the aid of volunteers from our congregation. For those of you who have wondered what it’s like to be a part of the worship team, here’s your chance. **Sunday, October 16th is Worship Volunteer Recruitment Day.** Representatives from the various worship areas will be available after each service to tell you what they do, answer any questions you have and, hopefully, get you signed up to participate as a volunteer. Where do you think you fit in? We are looking for:

- Worship Coordinators
- Ushers (kids welcome)
- Greeters
- Power Point Operators
- Sound Board Operators
- Camera Operators

- Musicians/Singers
- Kids Klub and 3 / 4 Yr Old Kids Klub
- Communion Ministers (teens welcome)
- Preaching & Assisting Team Ministers

This is a golden opportunity to serve God and serve the congregation.

Discipleship...Growing UP

Council Member: Sally Beller

Preschool Affy Tapple Fundraiser

The Welcome Place Preschool is a ministry of Cross of Glory. Proceeds help the program with supplies for the classrooms and scholarships for families in need. It would be great if the congregation could help out this ministry.



Orders and payment are due by October 13th and will be delivered on Monday, October 24th. What a great idea for class parties or special treats for your “trick-or-treaters”. Please turn in orders to Laura in the church office.

Trick or Treat Tailgate – 10/23

The Welcome Place Preschool Invites YOU to the annual Trick or Treat Tailgate event.

When: Sunday, October 23rd

Where: Cross of Glory Church

Time: Noon to 1:30



Come one, come all! Bring your family, friends, and neighbors! Come see the decorated car trunks filled with goodies! Come play the ghoulishly great games! Dress in your

favorite costume and join our costume contest! Try terrifying treats too!

Trick or Treat Tailgating will be from 12:00 to 12:30; **Games & Food** will go from 12:30 to 1:00; **Costume Contest** begins at 1:15.

If you would like to decorate your vehicle and pass out treats or help with the event please look for the signup sheet outside the preschool or contact the office.

Fellowship...Growing Together

Council Member: Lori Anderson

Young Adult Ministry

We are looking for people ages 18 to 30 to be a part of a Young Adult Ministry. This Ministry will mainly be online. We have a

message board/forum set up for: weekly updates, inspirational messages and information on upcoming events. We will also be meeting every other month for some fellowship and fun. If interested, please contact Amanda Sandy or the office.

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 or put them in the box located in the welcome room. 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!

Bears’ Squares Winners

1st Qtr (0-7) – Charlotte Meehan: \$50.00

2nd Qtr (10-17) – Charlotte Meehan: \$50.00

3rd Qtr (10-20) – Dawn Pechukas: \$50.00

4th Qtr (17-27) – Lindsey Sykora: \$100.00

Please see Laura after worship to collect your winnings! Thanks to all of you for helping to make our 30th Anniversary a huge success!!

Outreach...Growing Out

Council Member: Cheryl Nabors

Cereal Sundays Recap

Thanks to everyone who helped us double our original goal to collect 400 boxes of cereal this summer. **The total number of boxes collected was 822.** We provided cereal to seven different food distribution centers. The first and last deliveries were to our local FISH Food Pantry in Lockport. They were thrilled to get the donation since they were out of cereal and had no money available to purchase more.

CROP Walk – Today!

On Sunday, October 2nd, we will be walking with other churches to raise money for charities and awareness of poverty. CROP stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. 25% of the money raised will go to our local FISH Food Pantry.



This is our sixth year participating. Gather your families, kids, and friends together to walk with us. Dogs are also welcome to walk with us as long as they are on a leash.

To participate, get a CROP Walk registration form from the church or Cheryl Nabors and ask your family and friends to sponsor you. Registration is at 1:30 and Step off is at 2:00 pm at Dellwood Park. We will meet at the Egret Pavilion. Contact Cheryl Nabors with any questions.

This Sunday you can place donations in the Children's Offering Basket. All of the Children's Offering from September and this Sunday are going to the CROP Walk.

Or you can go online directly to the website and donate to the COG Team at www.churchworldservice.org/COG donate.

Facilities...

Growing Buildings and Grounds

Council Member: Chuck Fisher

Thanks for Your Help

Thank you to Al Stasiak for the work he did in the Courtyard by patching the walls and painting them. Thank you to Chuck & Brian Fisher for working on patching the hole in the parking lot.

Finance...Growing Generosity

Council Member: Debra Waller

Simple and Convenient Way to Give

Please consider signing up for electronic giving. CoG relies on the financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. Visit www.crossofglory.com and click the link to the electronic giving page.

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.

Update on Worship & Giving

September 21th (Attendance: 22)
General: \$125

September 25th (Attendance: 226)
General: \$4,389
Casa: \$20
CROP Walk: \$46.18
TELL & SEE: \$175



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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Laura Uzzardo, Parish Administrator
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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
Love Changes Everything

Upcoming Events for Cross of Glory

(www.crossofglory.com/calendar)

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| Sun | 10/02 | CROP Walk – Registration 1:30 pm, Step Off at 2:00 pm |
| Mon | 10/03 | TELL – 6:30 pm |
| Mon | 10/03 | Men's Bible Study – 8:15 pm (Every Monday) |
| Wed | 10/05 | Wednesday Worship – 6:00 pm |
| Wed | 10/05 | SEE – 6:00 pm |
| Wed | 10/05 | RISEN restarts – 6:00 pm |
| Wed | 10/05 | Pastor PJ's Bible Study – 7:15 to 8:15 pm (Every Wednesday) |
| Sun | 10/23 | Trick or Treat Tailgating – Noon to 1:30 pm |

The October monthly newsletter can be viewed at crossofglory.com/newsletters/