

In The Loop

January 29th, 2012

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*

The Welcome Place Preschool Open House and Registration

The Welcome Place Preschool is in their 10th year of teaching children here at Cross of Glory. This is a wonderful ministry of Cross of Glory and we hope to continue this for many more years. There will be two open houses this year: Monday January 31st and Thursday April 26th, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. At the January 31st open house you have the option of also registering for the Fall Session. The program has classes for 3 and 4 year olds, and they have to be that age by Sept 1st.

Those that have had children in the program before or are members of Cross of Glory can take advantage of, Early Registration starting on January 9th. You can find more information on our website at www.crossofglory.com/preschool.

Worship...Growing Down Roots

Council Member: Dan Skowron

One Service on February 12th

The Cross of Glory Annual Meeting will take place on February 12th. We will have a single service at 10:00 am.

Discipleship...Growing UP

Council Member: Sally Beller

Welcome to New Members

Welcome to the following people joining Cross of Glory last week:

Ed Ciesla; Jennifer, Mike, & Paul Harris; Nicholas, Shannon, & Elijah Detman; Elaine Turkington; Debbie, Ryan, Anthony, & Joseph Schenk; Jeff, Katie, Morgan, Lauren, & Taylor Lane; Alicia, Miranda, & Nicholas Joebgen; Lexi Landin, Luna Petrosius, & Celeste Wallace; Lou Reddy

Fellowship...Growing Together

Council Member: Lori Anderson

Bunko Women's Event

Friday, February 24th at 7:00 pm!

- Lots of fellowship and fun!
- \$5 to play which goes towards prizes
- If you'd like, you're welcome to bring a small snack or dessert to share and a beverage of your choice.

We will be collecting for Cross of Glory's Protein Food Drive. For every ten nonperishable protein product items you bring in, you'll get one raffle entry!

No experience is necessary to play Bunko! And of course you are very welcome to bring a friend. Contact Karin Knutson, Nicole Morin, or Laura Uzzardo for more information.

RSVP to Laura (hopefully by Feb 20th) at the church office at (708) 301-6998 or at laura@crossofglory.com. You can also sign up on the sheet in the Welcome Room.

The Women's Group is called C.L.I.M.B. (Christian Ladies Inspired by Meeting and Believing). We have regular opportunities for women to relax, connect, pray, learn, and have fun. From movie-nights to weekend retreats to Bible studies to service projects, there are always new and exciting opportunities for women to get involved. If you are a woman who likes to meet new people, have fun, and grow in your faith, this would be a great ministry for you to be involved in.

Cross of Glory Cookbook

Hey, good lookin'!

Whatcha got cookin'?

CoG needs your recipes for:

Appetizers & Beverages ▪ Desserts
Soups & Salads ▪ Cookies & Candy
Vegetables & Sides
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. If you submit a recipe for each of the nine categories, you can also select a prize from our kitchen gadget mystery basket.

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

Let's Feed 12,000!

One of the biggest requests from Food Pantries is foods with protein. Our goal is to collect 12,000 servings by Easter! We have boxes on the altar for your donation. We are collecting the following foods:

Canned Chicken ▪ Canned Turkey
Canned Tuna ▪ Canned Stew
Pork and Beans ▪ Peanut Butter

On Monday, we took 1000 servings to the FISH pantry in Lockport. We currently have an additional 832 servings collected!

Book Club Update

Our next book is *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson We will meet on Sunday, March 4th at 6:00 pm to discuss the book.

Other books we are reading include: *Heaven is for Real, Every Last One, The Glass Castle, Day After Night, and The Edge of Grace.* Everyone is welcome to read the books and join us for a great discussion.

Mailing List Updates

Cross of Glory is working to update their e-mail lists for their CoG News. Please inform Laura if you would like to be added to or removed from our list or if you have a change of e-mail address!

Update on Worship & Giving

January 18th (Attendance: 30)

General: \$302

January 22nd (Attendance: 277)

General: \$3,737; Casa: \$10

Kids' Offering: \$40

T.E.L.L.: \$150 / S.E.E.: \$375

Manna Ministry

Manna sells gift cards for many stores and restaurants. A percentage of each gift card goes to CoG. If you are thinking about purchasing gift cards, this is a gift that gives twice. There are order forms in the bookstore. You can give your order to Cheryl Nabors or Laura Uzzardo or place it in the Bookstore mailbox to the right of Laura's office.

Annual Meeting

The Cross of Glory Annual Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday, February 12th, 2012 after a single service at 10:00 am.

This past Sunday we started handing out copies of the proposed budget and the list of Council Nominees for our vote of affirmation. Our Constitutional Bylaws also require that any proposal or proposals of business to be conducted at the Annual Meeting must be made in writing to the Council and such written notice is to briefly describe each proposal and the reasons for conducting such business at the Annual Meeting. These will be received until February 5th, 2012. You can find the Constitution and Bylaws in the Council book on the Welcome Table. To make proposals or to inquire more about the annual meeting, you can contact Pastor PJ or any member of Council.

This meeting should not be longer than one hour. Please mark your calendars now and be prayerful.

Kailyn Jean Shoup

Parents: Keith & Kelli Shoup

Sibling: Kolton, Kenton, Karson

Sponsors: Eric & Jaime Alexander
Ellie Cuiching

Elijah Brian Detman

Parents: Nick & Shannon Detman

Sponsors: Mary Detman, Dale Detman,
Hope Moran

Hannah Grace Murphy

Parents: Kevin & Christine Murphy

Sponsors: Jill Archer, Bryan Murphy

Pastor PJ's Jams

I was challenged by many friends, family, and congregation members to make a new CD this year. Well, I am taking that challenge, but I need YOUR help.



I created a Music Blog called "Pastor PJ's Jams." You can find it at: pastorjams.blogspot.com. I will post a video of one of my original songs each week. I need you to share your feedback about which songs should go on the CD. So either join the blog, subscribe, follow by email, or visit the site every Monday and Friday for new posts.

It would mean a lot to me to have you participate in the project. Thanks!

Pastor PJ Malin
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New Church Directories...

...are available in the Welcome Room

Your Welcome Place

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Services:

Sunday: 9:00 am and 10:45 am

Wednesday: 6:00 pm

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All Members of Cross of Glory

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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)

Mon	01/30	T.E.L.L. – 6:30 pm
Mon	01/30	Men's Bible Study – 8:15 pm (Every Monday)
Wed	02/01	Newsletter Folding
Wed	02/01	Wednesday Worship – 6:00 pm
Wed	02/01	Bible Study with Pastor PJ – 7:15 pm
Wed	02/01	S.E.E. / RISEN Resumes – 6:00 pm
Sun	02/12	One Worship Service – 10:00 am
Sun	02/12	Annual Meeting – After Worship
Fri	02/24	CLIMB Women's Group Event – Bunco – 7:00 pm

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