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	Ministry

Join Us on Sundays
9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m.
We have a place for you!



Thou Shalt Not Forget

Two Sunday services...

Please be aware that there will be two Sunday services, starting on Sunday, September 18. Times are 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

SEE and TELL

CoG's youth programs, SEE and TELL, both end registration on September 18. Call the church office for details.

Ladies Nights Out

The Women's Retreat will be from September 9 through October 2. Registration is through September 11. Contact Nicole Morin at (708) 326-4782 or the church office with any questions.

Book Club

The Book Club will be discussing "Sarah's Key" on Thursday, September 15. Location to be announced.

Happy Anniversary

CoG's 30th anniversary is on Sunday, September 25!! Mark your calendars...there will be special activities at the church after services.

More information at Crossofglory.com

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September 2011

Join us for Worship:

Sundays
9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
Starting 9/18

CoffeeHouse Worship:

Wednesdays
6:00 p.m.
All with Holy Communion.
All are welcome!

Staff:
PJ Malin, *Pastor*

Laura Uzzardo,
Parish Administrator

Mimi Pappas,
Nursery Attendant

Bob Bejlovec
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Jamie Knutson
Director - The Welcome Place Preschool

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Director - The Welcome Place Christian Care & Counseling Center

Please e-mail Laura Uzzardo if you prefer to receive your newsletter via e-mail: laura@crossofglory.com
If you would like to be taken off our mailing list please give Laura a Call at **708-301-6998**.

Thank You.

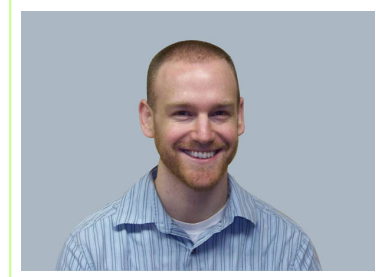
Michael and Lisa O'Malley, *Editors*

It's Happening Again!

Pastor PJ Malin

The last time we set out to participate in a modern day feeding miracle, God far surpassed what we imagined was possible. Our goal was to collect 5,000 cans of soup or chili. Through God's moving in our church and community, we collected over 6,500 cans!

Well, it's happening again!! While delivering cans to local food pantries, they told us that there is a big need for cereal. So this summer we set the goal of collecting 400 cereal boxes by September 25, which just so happens to be Cross of Glory's 30th Anniversary. Cereal boxes average around 10 servings per box. Collecting 400 boxes would equate to feeding another 4,000 people.



Again our imaginations were too small for God's miracles. We have already collected and distributed 528 cereal boxes!!! Thanks to everyone who has been participating, we've been able to give large donations of cereal to places like the FISH Food Pantry, New Lenox Food Pantry, Elsie's Food Pantry, Together We Cope, and Christ United Methodist Food Pantry.

The Outreach Team, which is heading up this feeding campaign, said we were thinking too small. They upped our goal to 800 boxes by September 25! If (or should I say when) we reach that goal, we will have fed 8,000 people!!! How cool will that be?!!?

So thank you for all your help and please keep it coming. The Food Pantries we are visiting all tell us their supply

is low and the need is high. Let's change that together and collect 800 boxes of cereal by September 25.

We invite you to celebrate this miracle with us on September 25 for our 30th Anniversary celebration. After our 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. services, we will have a party with food, live music, jumpies, bags, and games for people of all ages.

Speaking of worship, here are two other big services in September that I'd like to invite you to. On September 11 at 9:30 a.m., we will have a special service, remembering 911 and honoring our soldiers and veterans.

The following week, September 18, is National Back to Church Sunday. If you haven't been to worship in a while (or ever), we invite you to come for the kick off of our new series called "Back to the Future." We will be thinking about where we have been and where we are going in life? Through the series we will discover God's vision for our future and chart a path to success in every key area of life. So join us for the kickoff on September 18 at 9 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. You could also come to our Wednesday service on September 21 at 6 p.m.

Know that Cross of Glory is Your Welcome Place! See you soon!

The Constant Volunteer

Soon after joining CoG and volunteering for various programs, Mike and I noticed that one particular lady kept popping up at all the various doings. That would be Caryl Hruska, who has been a member of CoG for nine years.

How did she hear about our church? "I came to this church because my daughter and granddaughters attended."

After "sitting back as a bystander" for a year, Caryl says she needed to get involved at church. She then started a prayer group that she's still involved in and since then she has been involved with the Call Team, Kids Klub, Counting Team, News Mailing, SEE, and the Outreach Team. Let me add that she also helps serve meals to the homeless at the Morningstar mission in Joliet...and has delivered food for both the soup and cereal drives. She is always offering to help whenever it is needed.

Caryl has worked at RML Specialty Hospital in Hinsdale for 23 years in the food and nutrition department as a supervisor, although she is now part-time. "This job taught me that no matter how I feel, there are some people who are really hurting with their health and their lives and I am grateful to say a few words to them that might make their day a little better."

Caryl grew up in Hyde Park and now lives in a townhome in Romeoville with her sister. She has one daughter, two sons, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. "My joy is having been able to be a part in all their lives. I was fortunate to come from a family that put God first in their lives and living two doors down from church made us sure we were there every Sunday. My parents were always involved in church so the family was too."

Caryl loves the songs at CoG sermons and says the sermons "...give me the spiritual nudge to say 'hey this week will be okay' even if I didn't think it would. I have met so many great people at church and a lot of their life experiences have helped me along."



Being a teacher at Kids Klub is a big part of Caryl's church life. "If we as teachers can make them see God alive in their lives through the lessons and stories then they will get as much joy from church as we get from being a part of their lives at COG."

Caryl says the Outreach Team is looking for ways to make a difference in lives that need a hand. "This shows me that we never stop learning how we can help others and by this we are giving of ourselves."

In her spare time (!) Caryl likes to keep busy and walk, exercise, read, and volunteer at the Morton Arboretum in the Children's Garden. Does this lady ever sleep?! COG is lucky to have you, keep it up Caryl!!!



On September 11th Cross of Glory will be honoring all Veterans and all Heroes (Fire & Police) in our Community!!!

Also, please ask any veteran, or families of a veteran, in our community to worship **Sunday, September 11th 9:30 A.M.** For those veterans who are in active duty or no longer with us, bring a photo of them to display in the front of the church.

Please show your support and help COG celebrate and extend thanks to the veteran's who have helped defend our country and keep all of us safe, by attending this service. Spread the word! God Bless!



2011 Women's Retreat

September 30th to October 2nd
Country Inn and Suites
Naperville, IL

What are your dreams? Do you think that you are living out the dream that God has for you in your life? Do you know what God's dream for you is? These can be challenging questions for women at all levels of faith and stages of life. As our church has been exploring the dreams that God has for our congregation by growing in all directions, we will be exploring the dreams God has for each one of us as women in faith and how to truly have the dream life that God has planned for us.

¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹² Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will be found by you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile." *Jeremiah 29:11-14 (TNIV)*

Contact Nicole Morin at (708) 326-4782 or the church office with any questions.
Join us for a weekend of fellowship, spiritual renewal and relaxation!

*Anniversary poem for September 11th.
Read before the United States Senate
by Senator John Kerry on September 4, 2002.*

The Eleventh Of September
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*We mourn their loss this day this year
Those now with God, no danger near*

*So many loved ones left do stand
Confronting loss throughout our land*

*My heart goes out to those who do
No one can fathom what they view*

*I firmly pray for peace of mind
Dear God please help each one to find*

*And to our soldiers now at war
God guide above, at sea, on shore*

*They are the best, I have no doubt
Our country's pride, complete, devout*

*The finest force you'll ever see
All freedom grown through liberty*

*One final thought comes clear to me
For what must live in infamy*

*Absolutely - We'll Remember
The Eleventh - Of September*

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



Ed Bulthuis..... 9/01	Dan Kolbus..... 9/16
Chris Moffitt 9/01	Ayden Malin 9/16
Jamie Moffitt 9/01	Elsie Mock 9/17
Craig Mack 9/04	Rachel Schoenbeck 9/18
Matthew Tague 9/05	Jamie Knutson 9/19
Tami Taskay..... 9/06	Hailey Szrom 9/19
Brian Gervase..... 9/07	John Tague 9/21
Glen Schoenbeck..... 9/07	Corey Zahora 9/23
Jeff Paluch 9/07	Jodi Tanrikulu..... 9/23
Mike Kinney 9/09	John Parker 9/25
Christy Maurella..... 9/11	Candy Schoenbeck..... 9/25
Cheryl Martin..... 9/12	Barbara Corcoran..... 9/27
Zachary Marszalek 9/13	Colleen Ganzer 9/28
Patrick O'Malley 9/13	Caleb Srebro 9/28
Jim Sotzen 9/13	Tom Wilmsen 9/28
Michelle Ignasiak..... 9/14	Dan Murtaugh 9/29
Paul Niemeyer 9/14	Jeff Nelson 9/29
Nancy Reiter 9/15	Pam Szczesniak 9/29
	Jasper Porter 9/30