

## Welcome to Cross of Glory!

We are glad you have joined us for worship today. We ask those joining us for the first time to please stop by the Welcome Table (at the door) and pick up an information packet and CD to learn more about us.

### Our Mission Statement



### Services:

Sunday: 9:00 am & 10:45 am  
Wednesday: 6:00 pm

### Ministers:

All Members of Cross of Glory

### Staff:

**PJ Malin**, Senior Pastor (Ext 15)  
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### Sermon Blog

pastorpjsermons.blogspot.com

## Special Announcements

### Special Congregational Meeting

Join us on Sunday February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at noon to vote on the Proposed Budget for 2010. Contact Pastor PJ with any questions on the budget or the special meeting. A quorum (10%) is needed to conduct business.

### NIS 2010 Congregational Resourcing Event

The Northern Illinois Synod's Congregational Resourcing Event (CRE) in Malta, Illinois on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, is one of our synod's finest events. Everyone (council members, teachers, musicians, staff, leaders, and volunteers) can take advantage of this learning event to strengthen skills, gather resources, network with others, and discover new ways to enhance congregational and individual ministries. Come, experience and bring home new ministry tools. Brochures are available in the Worship Room on the information table. Fill out the registration form and be sure to turn it in by Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> to any staff or council member. Get more information on CRE at <http://www.nisynod.org/cre>.

### Double the Scoops...

Cold Stone will donate a generous portion back to Cross of Glory for every purchase made ALL DAY today (10 am to 9:30 pm) when you mention "Cross of Glory Church". Come watch our CoG "Celebrity Scoopers" mix your ice cream creation...

12:30 to 2:00 – Pastor PJ, Mr. Dan, and Laura

2:00 to 3:30 - Teachers from The Welcome Place Preschool

\$10 Cold Stone Gift cards are available at the Manna Express table TODAY.

## Cross of Glory is Reaching & Serving...

Council Contact: Beth Gervase

### Blood Drive

The next blood drive at Cross of Glory will be on Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2 to 6 pm. Sign up in the Welcome Room. All donors will be entered in a drawing for a Gas Gift Card.

### Preschool Making Health Kits

People who must flee their homes quickly often do not have time to pack essential items. **Health Kits** can help refugees maintain personal hygiene while living in exile. Items may also contribute to a new start for those who can return home.

Lutheran World Relief has completely exhausted their supply of Health Kits in response to help for Haiti. Our Preschool and the good folks of Cross of Glory would like to help the relief effort by donating health kits for Lutheran World Relief. We are recommending that each child/family bring at least one Health Kit. **We will collect the Health Kits through the month of February** and in this way our students can learn how to care for our neighbors. There will be a box outside the preschool for donations.

#### Health Kit Contents:

- One hand towel, dark color recommended
- One washcloth, dark color recommended
- One bath-size bar (4 to 5 oz) of soap, any brand, in its original wrapping
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- One sturdy comb, remove packaging
- One metal nail file or nail clippers with file attached, remove packaging (do not substitute cardboard emery boards for the file)
- Six Band-Aids (or similar brand), preferably ½" to ¾"; secure together with a rubber band.

### Youth Mission Trip to Casa

There is a sign-up sheet for Casa Jovenes Tres in The Welcome Room. This will be the third group of CoG youth to serve at Casa de los Angeles. **Anyone interested must sign up by February 14<sup>th</sup>.** See Dan Murtaugh for full information.

### Help Casa de Los Angeles

From Donna... "Casa de los Angeles is in a very tight situation right now... trying to meet our expenses from week to week. With thousands of supporters and volunteers who know very well the good work that happens here, we believe that if each of you is able to give something... as small as it may seem, we will be able to continue to help the families in our care."

Checks to *Casa de los Angeles* can be placed in the offering or sent to CoG.

## CoG is Welcoming & Nurturing...

Council Contact: Bonnie Marszalek

### Casa Fundraiser - *Candlelight Yoga*

CoG is hosting Candlelight Yoga on February 26<sup>th</sup> to benefit Casa. Join us for an extremely relaxing meditative yoga class by candle light. This is a great way to encourage a healthy mind and body and raise funds for Casa at the same time! Class will be suitable for beginners and Janet will offer more challenging modifications for those interested in more of a challenge. Janet is excited to volunteer her time and talents to help us raise funds for our mission in Mexico, Casa de los Angeles. 100% of the proceeds go to Casa. Please invite friends, co-workers and family. Bring: a yoga mat (We have several extra mats for you to borrow if necessary.)

**When:** Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 7- 8:15 PM

**Cost:** \$8.00

**Contact:** Janet Fender 815-838-5285

Tammy Mack 708- 334-8351

[www.fenderyoga.com](http://www.fenderyoga.com)

The Friday Night Group invites you to stay after yoga for a discussion of that week's ***Adventure Through the Bible readings*** from 8:15 to 9:00 pm.

### The Book Club – Everyone Welcome

This month we are reading *Three Cups of Tea* by Gregg Mortenson. Everyone is welcome to read the book and join in a great discussion. This book should interest both women and men as it shows how building schools can help win the hearts and minds of the people of Pakistan and Afghanistan. We will meet on Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Nabors' house. For information, contact Cheryl or Bill.

## Couple's Retreat

Friday, March 5 (6 pm) to Saturday (4 pm)

Does your relationship need a little R&R? Cross of Glory will be offering a retreat designed for couples who are looking to grow in their faith and in their relationship. The retreat will be held at:

**Comfort Inn & Georgios Banquets**  
8800 W 159th St., Orland Park.

If you would like to participate in this special event, here's how:

**Register:** To register call the church at 708-301-6998. Cost is only \$25 a couple! Register by February 14th.

**Reservations:** Staying at the hotel is NOT mandatory, but it would make it easier for you to fully participate in the experience. To make your reservations, call the Comfort Inn at 708-403-1100. Be SURE to mention you are with Cross of Glory to get the special rate of \$79.99. You'll want to book your hotel room ASAP to make sure there is a room available.

## Ladies' February Event - *Blanket Buddies*

We are inviting all ladies to join us on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 at the church as we make fleece knotted blankets for Hope Children's Hospital. To read more about the *Blanket Buddies* program, read the article at [www.southtownstar.com/neighborhoodstar/oaklawn/2011374,012610blankets.article](http://www.southtownstar.com/neighborhoodstar/oaklawn/2011374,012610blankets.article)

All the materials are being provided. If you would like, you can make a \$5.00 donation towards the materials. Beverages will be provided. You are welcome to bring an appetizer or snack to share. Come and join us for some fellowship as we provide some warmth for the kids. If you plan to attend, please let Mary Beth Randle, Cheryl Nabors or the church know.

## CoG is Worshiping & Teaching...

Council Contacts: Brian Gervase (Worshiping)  
Terri Niemeyer (Teaching Youth),  
Dan Malone (Teaching Adults)

## Breakfast with the Prayer & Care Team

Please join us for breakfast, Bible study and prayer before the 9:00 am worship service on Sunday 2/28 at 7:30 am. Call Della Bejlovec for details and to RSVP at 708-301-3094.

## Friday Night Group - Update

The Friday Night Group is discussing the *Adventure through the Bible* readings. We will also continue to discuss the highlights of Rick Warren's book, *The Purpose Driven Church*. We meet from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Contact Tom Waller for more information or feel free to come to our next meeting on Friday.

Join us after Candlelight Yoga for a discussion of that week's *Adventure through the Bible* readings.

## Volunteers Needed for Kids Klub

With the expansion to two services on Sunday, we need additional volunteers to serve as Kids Klub teachers. All teaching materials are provided to you and the more volunteers that we have on the team, the lighter the schedule will be for each teacher. Please consider donating your time and talk with a member of staff or Caryl Hruska, the Director of Kids Klub.

## Kids Klub Info Now Online

Thanks to the request of a parent and the help of Tammy Mack, we now have a Kids Klub Brief on our Kids Klub page online. This way parents can see what the lesson was from Kids Klub and talk to their children about it.

See: <http://crossofglory.com/kids-klub>

## CoG is Giving & Sending...

Council Contact: Bill Nabors

## Recycle Paper at CoG to Help Us Earn \$\$\$

Cross of Glory earns money for paper dropped off at our green and yellow Paper Retriever located in the parking lot. All proceeds benefit our Project 2nd Chance program. Please remember to bring your paper from the office, papers from school, newspapers, magazines, catalogs, and junk mail. But please, no metal, no glass, no plastic, and no corrugated cardboard!

## Bring in your Tab Tops

Please save your tab tops (from cans such as pop, soup and fruit) for Loyola Children's Hospita.

## CoG's Five Guiding Principles...



- J**esus is Lord
- E**veryone is Welcome
- W**e Have What the World Needs
- E**veryone has Something to Offer
- L**ove Changes Everything

## Update on our Worshiping and Giving

| Week of 01/31/2010            | Week of 02/07/2010    |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| General Fund: \$4,293 / \$245 | General Fund: \$3,285 |
| Casa Offering: \$25           | Casa Offering: zero   |
| SEE: \$350 / TELL: \$130      | SEE: \$50             |
| Food Pantry: \$50             | TELL: \$75            |
| Outreach: \$20                | Building Use: \$12    |
| Attendance: 149 / 41          | Attendance: 177       |

## Upcoming Events for Cross of Glory

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| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>02/15</b> | <b>No T.E.L.L. (President's Day Holiday)</b>  |
| Monday           | 02/15        | Men's Bible Study – 8:15 pm (Every Monday)  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>02/17</b> | <b>No Communion Class, R.I.S.E.N or S.E.E. (Ash Wednesday)</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>02/17</b> | <b>Ash Wednesday Services – Noon (Ash Distribution) and 6:30 pm (music at 6:00, full service at 6:30)</b>                           |
| Friday           | 02/19        | Friday Night Group – Bible Study ( <i>Adventure through the Bible</i> ) and <i>The Purpose Driven Church</i> (Chapter 13) – 7:00 pm |
| Saturday         | 02/20        | Ski Trip – 7:00 am  |
| Saturday         | 02/20        | Yoga Class - 8:00 am  |
| Sunday           | 02/21        | Worship Every Sunday at 9:00 and 10:45 am   |
| Sunday           | 02/21        | Ladies Event – Blanket Buddies – 6:30 pm  |
| Monday           | 02/22        | T.E.L.L. – 6:30 pm  |
| Tuesday          | 02/23        | Blood Drive – 2 to 6 pm   |
| Wednesday        | 02/24        | R.I.S.E.N – 5:00 pm; Holy Communion Class – 5:30 pm, S.E.E. – 6:00 pm   |
| Wednesday        | 02/24        | Mid-Week Coffeehouse Worship – 6:00 to 7:00 pm (Every Wednesday)  |
| Wednesday        | 02/24        | Pastor PJ's Bible Study – 7:15 to 8:15 pm   |
| Friday           | 02/26        | Candlelight Yoga Fundraiser for Casa de los Angeles – 7:00 pm   |
| Friday           | 02/26        | Friday Night Group Bible Study – 8:15 to 9:00 pm  |
| Sunday           | 02/28        | Special Congregational Meeting to Vote on the Budget – Noon   |
| Sunday           | 02/28        | Book Club – 6:00 pm at the Nabors' house ( <i>Three Cups of Tea</i> )   |

## Adventure through The Bible

Cross of Glory has embarked on an *Adventure through The Bible* in 2010. Our goal will be to read through the Bible in a year! Every week we will post readings for each day that should take around fifteen minutes. The sermons will be based on passages from the weekly readings. This week's readings are...

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| Sunday, Feb 14 | Matthew 1        | Exodus 20 - 21 | Proverbs 9  |
| Monday         | Matthew 2        | Exodus 22 - 23 | Proverbs 10 |
| Tuesday        | Matthew 3        | Exodus 24      | Proverbs 11 |
| Wednesday      | Matthew 4        | Exodus 25 -27  | Proverbs 12 |
| Thursday       | Matthew 5: 1-20  | Exodus 28 - 29 | Proverbs 13 |
| Friday         | Matthew 5: 21-48 | Exodus 30 - 32 | Proverbs 14 |
| Saturday       | Matthew 6: 1-18  | Exodus 33 - 34 | Proverbs 15 |

To read or listen to *Today's New International Version* (TNIV) Bible...  
<http://www.biblica.com/bibles/tniv>.

If you have a question about a reading, write it on *Pastor PJ's Facebook Wall*...  
[www.facebook.com/pastorpj.malin](http://www.facebook.com/pastorpj.malin).

## Prayer List

If you would like prayers this week for yourself or for someone else, you can write them in one of the Prayer Journals (at the left-front and left-rear of the *Worship Area*) or call the Ministry Center Office at (708.301.6998).