

Services:

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

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March 7th, 2010

In The Loop

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



Special Announcements

Easter Egg Hunt – March 27th

Cross of Glory will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for the youth in our community on March 27th from 10:00 to Noon. Our needs include:

- Hardboiled Eggs – 10 dozen
- Candy to fill Eggs (small pieces, individually wrapped)
- Cookies – 10 to 12 dozen
- Juice – 6 to 8 Gallon Jars
- Egg Dye Kits – 6 to 8
- Vinegar
- Plastic cups/bowls

Helpers are also needed at the event. There is a signup sheet in the *Welcome Room*. Beth Gervase is our point person (nanagervase@comcast.net).

Updating Church Directory

We are updating information for our Church Directory and data base. Forms are available on the white table in the worship room. Please have them turned in by March 7th. Any questions please ask a staff person for assistance. An updated directory should be available by the end of March.

Get Lent and Easter Info at www.CrossOfGlory.Com

Check out the “LENT” Button on our webpage for service times and daily Lenten devotions. Easter morning services will be held at 7:30, 9:00 and 10:45 am.

CoG is Reaching & Serving...

Council Contact: Beth Gervase

Easter Outreach - Adopt a Block

Here's a new way to do outreach this Easter...

Everyone is invited to adopt their block this Lent. We will each be responsible for spreading the news about our Easter services on our block. Here's how...

- a) Estimate how many homes are on your block.
- b) Give this number and your address, to the staff. You will receive that many door hangers.
- c) Deliver the door hangers to each house on your block.
 - Safe way: Place door hanger on the doors.
 - Adventurous way: Knock on the door and hand deliver your door hangers...

Example: "Hey, I am ____ your neighbor at _____. If you don't already have a place to worship on Easter, I wanted to let you know about our church. (Hand door hanger) We'd love to have you join us."

- d) Say a prayer for the person/family after delivering the door hanger that they would have a greater awareness of God's love for them.

Save up to \$200-\$300 a week!

On Saturday, March 13 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm, there will be a Coupon Workshop. Participants will learn how to put coupons to use. The presenters have been able to save their families \$200-\$300 a week by using coupons. Sometimes they even make money when they shop! To register email pastorpj@crossofglory.com.

Update from Casa de Los Angeles

From Donna: "Saturday [March 5] will be the 9th anniversary of the opening of Casa de los Angeles...We are actually celebrating 10 years in 2010 because it was 10 years ago in September that I arrived. I hope that everyone can come to our 10th anniversary dinner on May 22!"

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

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. 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 1/2" to 3/4"; secure together with a rubber band.

CoG is Welcoming & Nurturing...

Council Contact: Bonnie Marszalek

March Women's Event –Movie Night

Each month the Women's Group does a fellowship event. For March we will be getting together to enjoy a movie – *The Time Traveler's Wife* on Friday, March 12th at 7:00 pm at Laura Uzzardo's home. You may bring a snack or beverage to share. This event is being hosted by Beth Gervase and Laura Uzzardo. For directions contact Laura at the church office (708.301.6998).

Blanket Buddies Wrap Up

In February the CLIMB Women's ministry gathered about 20 women together to make 4 fleece blankets for the children in the cancer center at Hope Children's Hospital. The kids will use them to stay warm while they are getting their treatments. Thank-you to the women who gathered to do this great outreach. We got to have food, fun and fellowship while serving some deserving kids in our area.

NIS 2010 Congregational Resourcing Event

The Northern Illinois Synod's Congregational Resourcing Event (CRE) in Malta, Illinois on Saturday, March 20th, 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. Get more info on CRE at <http://www.nisynod.org/cre>.

CoG is Worshiping & Teaching...

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

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.

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>

Candlelight Yoga Recap

On Friday, February 26th, with energy, yogis and candlelight, the worship area of Cross of Glory was set aglow. Our Candlelight yoga fundraiser for CASA

raised \$339.00 with 30 participants! WOW!! Thank you to all who participated and helped support CASA.

Our next Candlelight yoga fundraiser will be Friday, April 23rd at 7:00 PM. All proceeds will benefit *CASA Jóvenes 3*, our team of teenagers who will travel to CASA this summer to see and be God's work in action. For more information contact Tammy Mack

CoG is Giving & Sending...

Council Contact: Bill Nabors

Earth Week 2010

The week leading up to Sunday, April 25 will be Earth Week at Cross of Glory. It will be a fun week filled with activities for the whole family that will help us give thanks and care for our earth. We need people with a heart for caring for the earth to help us brainstorm and plan Earth Week 2010. If you'd like to help, email pastorpj@crossofglory.com.

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 Hospital.

Coffee and Snack Sponsorship

Generous sponsors donate \$10 a week to help Cross of Glory provide snacks and fairly-traded coffee. There is a signup sheet in the bookstore if you would like to help.

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 02/21/2010	Week of 02/28/2010
General Fund: \$2,528 / \$328	General Fund: \$6,374
Casa Offering: \$25	Casa Offering: \$130
	Yoga Fundraiser (Casa): \$339
	Cold Stone Fundraiser : \$108
	Building Use: \$150
Attendance: 168 / 21	Attendance: 248

Upcoming Events for Cross of Glory

Monday	03/08	T.E.L.L. – 6:30 pm
Monday	03/08	Men's Bible Study – 8:15 pm (Every Monday)
Wednesday	03/10	R.I.S.E.N – 5:00 pm; Holy Communion Class – 5:30 pm, S.E.E. – 6:00 pm
Wednesday	03/10	Mid-Week Coffeehouse Worship – 6:00 to 7:00 pm (Every Wednesday)
Wednesday	03/10	Pastor PJ's Bible Study – 7:15 to 8:15 pm
Friday	03/12	Women's Event – Movie Night at Laura Uzzardo's – 7:00 pm
Friday	03/12	Friday Night Group Bible Study – 7:00 pm
Saturday	03/13	Yoga Class - 8:00 am
Saturday	03/13	Coupon Workshop – 1:00 to 2:00 pm
Sunday	03/14	Worship Every Sunday at 9:00 and 10:45 am
Saturday	03/27	Easter Egg Hunt – 10:00 am until Noon
Sunday	04/04	Easter Sunday Services at 7:30, 9:00 and 10:45
Sunday	05/02	Spring Cleaning Day – After 10:45 service
Saturday	05/22	Landscaping Day
Saturday	05/22	Casa <i>Angeles y Milagros</i> Dinner at Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace

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...

Sunday, Mar 7	Matthew 14: 1-21	Leviticus 20-21	Proverbs 30
Monday	Matthew 14: 22-36	Leviticus 22-23	Proverbs 31
Tuesday	Matthew 15: 1-20	Leviticus 24-25	Ecclesiastes 1: 1-11
Wednesday	Matthew 15: 21-39	Leviticus 26-27	Eccl. 1: 12 – 2:26
Thursday	Matthew 16	Numbers 1 - 2	Ecclesiastes 3: 1-15
Friday	Matthew 17	Numbers 3 - 4	Eccl. 3:16-4:16:
Saturday	Matthew 18: 1-20	Numbers 5 - 6	Ecclesiastes 5:

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.

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).