

**Services:**

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

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July 18<sup>th</sup>, 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**



**Cross of Glory is a Community of Faith...**

**New Directories Available at the Welcome Table**

Pick one up today for up-to-date contact info for our members!

**Cross of Glory Community Blood Drive**

FREE Oberweis gift card for all donors at Cross of Glory on Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 6 pm. Call to make an appointment time but walk-ins are also welcome. (708) 301-6998. There is a signup sheet in the Welcome Room.



**Let's Meet at the Water Cooler**

Let your voice be heard! Pastor PJ and the Council are eager to hear how you feel ministry is going in our congregation. What are you really excited about? What new possibilities are you dreaming up? What constructive feedback do you have? Meet with us on Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm or Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup> after the second service.

**Gospel Music Concert**

Join us for a night of worshipful music with Ricky Simmons on July 30<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7pm. The event is FREE to attend. We will have a free will offering to help support the ministry and music of Ricky Simmons.

## CoG is Reaching & Serving...

Council Contact: Beth Gervase

### CASA Jovenes Tres

Once again Cross of Glory will be sending a group of excited youth volunteers to CASA this summer! There will be various opportunities to support CASA Jovenes Tres in making this life changing trip. Continue to check the COG website for fundraising activities! Your spiritual and financial support is vital to the success of the team and is greatly appreciated!

### Upcoming Fundraisers

#### Stock Certificates

One of the ways this year's mission trip team is funding their trip is through a Stock sale. The stock sale is a way for the community of Cross of Glory to invest in these teens and help them reach their goal. There are two denominations of stock:

#### \$1.00 to \$50.00 Silver Stock Certificate

#### \$51 and Over Gold Stock Certificate

Silver stockholders receive a letter from the team and a chance to attend the thank you dinner when the team returns. Gold stockholders will also receive a small token from the San Miguel Mercado (market). Once the team's goal of airfare and housing is reached, any remaining funds that are earned will be donated to the daycare center of CASA de los Angeles.

If you have any questions or want more information talk to anyone on the CASA Jovenes Team.

## CoG is Welcoming & Nurturing...

Council Contact: Bonnie Marszalek

### Girls Just Wanna Have "S'more" Fun!!!

The CLIMB Women's Ministry is holding a gathering on Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The event will be hosted by Julie Stasiak at her home in New Lenox. You're invited for a relaxing girls evening out by the fire after a long week of VBS.

There will be s'mores and more. The s'more fixings and other snacks will be provided. Feel free to bring a snack to pass. All BYOB! Ask Julie or a staff member for her address and phone number.

### The Book Club

We will meet on Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 at the Nabors' home to discuss the book *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. Everyone is welcome to read the book and join us for a great discussion. For more information, contact Cheryl Nabors.

### Date Night Babysitting

On July 24<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 9 pm, the Wednesday Night Small Group will be hosting a party night for all your kids, which means you and your significant other can have a night out together alone! We will provide snacks, games, and movies. There will be no set cost. If you would like, you can offer a free will donation. All the money collected will go to support the ministry of the church.

### Holy Half Price Mondays

Cross of Glory is going to a Joliet Jackhammers Game! Join us on Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:10 PM. Ticket prices are \$5 per person. If you are interested please sign up ASAP in the Welcome Room or in the back of the church. You must sign up before July 28<sup>th</sup> with payment! If your child is attending with the LYO group please note this. The whole group will be seated together! If you've never been to a game it is a whole lot of fun at a great price!

### Help Needed to Cut the Field Grass!

Cross of Glory is looking for someone to help with the tall grass growing to the east of the parking lot. Do you know of anyone that would be able to donate their time and machinery to cut the grass back at least ten feet? The grass is very high and a regular lawn mower will not do the job. This tall grass has grown so high it has become a hazard because of the difficulty in seeing cars while trying to pull out of our lot. Please contact a staff person if you can be of help!

### Landscape Volunteers Needed

Please volunteer one day between now and October to pull weeds in our landscape beds. Please contact Susan Burner at [susanburner@gmail.com](mailto:susanburner@gmail.com) to schedule your day. Your help will be truly appreciated!

## Women's Retreat - SAVE THE DATE!!!

This year's Women's retreat is scheduled for October 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> in Naperville at the Country Inn and Suites (where we went last year). Our theme is ***Grace in Motion***. We have a block of rooms reserved, but you can also check their website as they run some great deals. We will have some scholarships available for those women who want to attend, but have a limited budget at this time. Stay tuned for more details.

## CoG is Worshiping & Teaching...

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

## Children's Choir

Cross of Glory will be assembling a Children's Choir for two performances this summer. The first performance is today, July 18<sup>th</sup>, and the next performance will be on August 15<sup>th</sup>. This is an exciting opportunity for our youth to be involved in the music at Cross of Glory. 4 year-olds through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join the choir regardless of experience level.

Anyone interested should contact Henry in the church office. You can also contact Brooke Paluch, who will be helping to direct the choir, at [brooke.paluch@yahoo.com](mailto:brooke.paluch@yahoo.com). There will be a sign-up sheet in the Welcome area on Sunday after church.

## LYO (Lutheran Youth Organization)

During the summer months our youth (ages 6th to 12th grade) can be involved in our Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO). Youth gather every other Monday from 6:30 to 8:00 PM to participate in games, food, outings, and learning.

**Activities:** Tye Dyeing, Frisbee Golf, Ice Cream Socials, Games, Snacks

**Story Time:** Current Events, Teen Issues, The Bible

**Service Projects:** Car Washes, Volunteering

**Field Trips:** Great America, Bon Fire, Water Parks

### Remaining Dates for this Summer

July 26, August 9,  
August 23 (Jackhammers Game \$5)

## Diary of a Wimpy Christian Kid

There is a best-selling book series and movie entitled "Diary of a Wimpy Kid." It chronicles the adventures of a young junior high student who is, well, wimpy.

We are creating our own original version called "***The Diary of a Wimpy Christian Kid***." If we are honest, there is a wimpy kid in all of us. A little kid inside that is frightened, insecure, confused, and searching for love, acceptance, and purpose.

The Good News for Christians, however, is that we have a God who loves us, accepts us, and gives us the power to do incredible things! God says to us, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness," (2 Corinthians 12:9).

## CoG is Giving & Sending...

**Council Contact: Bill Nabors**

## Re-Use It Sale Fundraiser

The Coffee Moms with the support of the other Bible Studies at Cross of Glory will be hosting a church-wide garage sale (aka Re-Use-It Sale) on **August 14<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 3 pm!** All of the proceeds will benefit the church ministry.

We are asking that the members of Cross of Glory, you, to be thinking about and setting aside items to donate to the sale. Please have everything in good, working condition and NO electronics or exercise equipment.

The **drop off dates will be Sunday, Aug 8<sup>th</sup> from noon to 2:00 pm and Friday, Aug 13<sup>th</sup>** preceding the sale. If you need more information please contact Julie Malin at 815-600-0632. Be sure to tell your friends and neighbors! THANK YOU!!!

## Manna Express – Back-To-School Update

**Get ready for school with gift cards from our Manna Express ministry.** There are lots of options for clothes, groceries, restaurants, gas, office/school supplies, and more!

**You get the full value of the gift card** and Cross of Glory gets a percentage back from each card sold. Order today using the forms in the wicker basket in the Welcome Room and get delivery next week. Contact Cheryl Nabors with any questions.

## 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

**July 8<sup>th</sup>**  
 General: \$472  
 Attendance: 21

**July 11<sup>th</sup>**  
 General: \$6334  
 CASA: \$50  
 Building Use: \$259  
 VBS: \$10  
 Attendance: 166

### Financial Health Update

**Cash on Hand is Critically Short!**

Please visit  
[www.crossofglory.com/finance](http://www.crossofglory.com/finance) for more information.

**Please help us if you can** through an additional donation.

## Upcoming Events for Cross of Glory

Monday	07/19	<b>Vacation Bible School</b> Starts
Monday	07/19	Men's Bible Study – 8:15 pm (Every Monday)
Wednesday	07/21	Mid-Week Coffeehouse <i>Worship</i> – 6:00 to 7:00 pm (Every Wednesday)
Wednesday	07/21	Pastor PJ's Bible Study – 7:15 to 8:15 pm (Every Wednesday)
Thursday	07/22	Children's Choir Practice – 6:00 pm
Thursday	07/22	<b>Book Club</b> at the Nabors' – 7:00 pm
Saturday	07/24	Yoga Class - 8:00 am (Every Saturday)
Saturday	07/24	<b>Date Night Babysitting</b> - from 6:00 to 9:00 pm
Sunday	07/25	Worship Every Sunday at 9:00 and 10:45 am
Sunday	07/25	CLIMB Women's Group <b>S'more Fun</b> at Julie Stasiak's – 7:00 pm
Monday	07/26	LYO – 6:30 pm
Tuesday	07/27	Blood Drive – 2:00 to 6:00 pm
Thursday	07/29	<b>Water Cooler</b> meeting with Pastor PJ – 7:00 pm
Sunday	08/01	<b>Water Cooler</b> meeting with Pastor PJ – After Second Service
Saturday	08/14	Churchwide Garage Sale – 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Saturday	09/11	<b>CoG Car and Truck Show</b>

## 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, July 18	1 Corinthians 4	1 Kings 17	Amos 1
Monday	1 Corinthians 5	1 Kings 18	Amos 2:1 - 3:2
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 6	1 Kings 19	Amos 3:3 - 4:3
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 7:1-24	1 Kings 20	Amos 4:4-13
Thursday	1 Corinthians 7:25-40	1 Kings 21	Amos 5
Friday	1 Corinthians 8	1 Kings 22	Amos 6
Saturday	1 Corinthians 9	2 Kings 1-2	Amos 7

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).