

In The Loop

Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter
March 9, 2014

Welcome to Cross of Glory

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.

Our Welcome Statement

Cross of Glory is Your Welcome Place.

We recognize the importance of worshipping with a diverse group of people of any color, age, creed, ethnicity, physical and mental abilities, addictions, legal record, economic status, station in life, life circumstances, marital/family status, heterosexuals, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender people, their partners and their families. We welcome all into full participation in the church life, ministry of the congregation, sacraments, and rites of the church. We are all one in God's eyes, and everyone has a place in the family of God. It is with love and in celebration that we affirm this position.

"There is no longer Jew nor Greek, there is no longer slave nor free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:28

Soup Suppers and Wednesday Worship During Lent

Join us on Wednesdays during Lent for **Soup Suppers** and then worship with music and reflection on the previous Sunday's sermon and reading. Soup will be served at 6:00 pm and Worship will start at 6:45 pm. What a great way to connect as we lead up to Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Suppers will be on March 12, 19, 26 & April 2 & 9.

Barb Corcoran will be overseeing the suppers. We are looking for people to sign up for soup, bread, set-up and clean-up for each Wednesday. Sign-up in the Welcome Room, or call the church office.

What The World Needs Vegetable Soup Drive

Inspired by our third guiding principle, **We Have What the World Needs**, Cross of Glory is now collecting soup (preferably vegetable soup and stew) for donation to the FISH Food Pantry in Lockport. This is an immediate need because it is not available through their normal supply channels. The **CoG WTWN Vegetable Soup Drive** will run until Palm Sunday and our goal is to collect 600 cans.

Worship...Growing Down Roots

Council Member: Barb Taskay

Keep a Holy Lent

See how you can "Keep a Holy Lent" by clicking <http://crossofglory.com/40-ideas-for-keeping-a-holy-lent/>

Holy Week Activities and Worship

We will be holding a Seder Meal on Thursday, April 17th (time to be announced). Our Good Friday service will be held at 7:00 pm. Easter Sunday Services will be at 9:30 and 11:00 am.

Power Point Operators

We are looking to add to our Power Point Operator Team. If interested please contact Laura in the church office. We can easily train anyone on a Sunday!

Additional Red Bibles Available

We now have an additional 16 large print bibles available at worship. Thank you to Bill and Cheryl Nabors for this donation.

Discipleship...Growing UP

Council Member: Tammy Kjos

T.E.L.L.

Teen Education for Lifelong Leadership is our educational program for youth from 6th through 12th grade. It takes place Monday nights from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The youth spend time interacting with each other to experience God through games, food, and conversation. There is no fee for the program, but we will accept a free will donation towards our Children's Ministry.

Dates: March 10, 17, 31
April 7 (6:30 to 8:00 pm)

Outreach...Growing OUT

Council Member: Alicia Joebgen

Blood Drive - March 13th 2 to 6 pm

Come and donate at Cross of Glory as we host for Heartland Blood Center. Call the church office to set up an appointment time (708) 301-6998. Walk ins are very welcome too. Everyone has something to offer! Please [click here](#) to schedule your appointment!

Easter Egg Hunt Candy Needed

We are starting to plan for the Easter Egg Hunt. Please start to bring in **small wrapped candy** that will fit into plastic Easter eggs. More information will be available soon.

Fellowship...Growing Together

Council Member: Lisa O'Malley

Book Club - Today

The next book is *Half the Sky* by Nicholas Kristoff and Sheryl WuDunn. We will meet on March 9th at 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to join the discussion. See Cheryl Nabors for location information.

Along with discussing *Half the Sky*, we will be accepting donations to collect \$125 to purchase a microloan from the ELCA Good Gifts catalog which will **help a woman start her own small business: sewing, weaving or running a storefront.**

Other books we are discussing in 2014 are:

What Alice Forgot by Lianne Moriarty

Orange is the New Black by Piper Kermin

Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline

Speak to Cheryl Nabors for information about the book club or microloan program.

March Women's Event

"A TASTING OF BEERS"
Saturday, March 15th 6:30pm
At Cross of Glory

This month we're inviting all ladies to share some fellowship while we taste different types of beer. Two years ago we had this same event and it seemed to be very popular, so let's try this again. We will have some different tasting tables, but you are welcome to bring a small taste of your favorite beer or any other favorite beverage.

You are also welcome to bring a small appetizer/dessert to share, but not necessary! Invite a friend.

For the community service component of this event, please bring some "family friendly" cheeses to be donated to the Lockport FISH Food Pantry!

This event is being hosted by Lisa O'Malley and Laura Uzzardo.

Finance...Growing Generosity

Council Member: Mary Beth Randle

Update on Worship & Giving

March 2, 2014

Attendance: 98

General: \$5,979

Kid's Offering: \$14

Children's Ministry

(Holy Communion): \$155

Building Use: \$155

Manna Gift Card Program

Manna in 2014

Last year the program raised \$2,338.44. Let's keep the momentum going. In February, the Manna program raised \$130.

You can purchase gift cards at full value while CoG receives a percentage of the card. Some frequently purchased cards are available for immediate purchase (see Cheryl Nabors). The cards will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. If you are looking for a specific card or many cards, please fill out an order form. Your order will be ready next Sunday.

\$25 Cards Available Today!

Barnes & Noble / Carson's / Chili's /
Coldwater Creek / CVS / Darden
Jewel / Olive Garden /
Staples / Starbucks / Speedway
Target / T.J. Maxx / Walmart

2014 Lenten Soup Drive

Cross of Glory is collecting soup for the FISH Food Pantry in Lockport. Their most pressing need is for vegetable soup because it is an item they can't order from the food repository. If everyone brings one can of soup to worship each week, we can surpass our goal of 600 cans of soup over the next six weeks.



Soup Suppers and Wednesday Worship During Lent

OMG ...No need to cook dinner on Wednesdays during Lent!

Join us for "Great Soup and Warm Fellowship" plus a special message from Pastor Dorothy. Let us serve YOU! And...why not bring friends? Drop-ins are WELCOME!

If you would like to bring soup, etc. the signup sheet is in the Welcome Room or you may contact Barb Corcoran.

There will be 5 Soup Suppers starting on March 12th

Upcoming Events (www.crossofglory.com/calendar)

Sun	03/09	Book Club – <i>Half the Sky</i>
Mon	03/10	Men's Bible Study: Every Monday at 8:15 pm
Mon	03/10	Holy Communion Class – 6:00 pm
Mon	03/10	T.E.L.L. – 6:30 to 8:00 pm
Wed	03/12	Soup Supper at 6:00 pm; Worship at 6:45 (also on 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, and 4/9)
Thu	03/13	Blood Drive – 2:00 to 6:00 pm
Sat	03/15	Women's Event <i>A Tasting of Beers</i> - 6:30 pm
Sun	04/06	Confirmation Class (also on 5/4)

The monthly newsletter can be viewed at crossofglory.com/category/newsletter

ELCA GLOBAL LINKS

Stay informed. Be inspired. Get involved.

download.elca.org/ELCA Resource Repository/ELCA Global-Links Newsletter.pdf

Lutherans, Anglicans, Episcopalians Call for Peace, Prayer in Ukraine

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), and Anglican, Episcopal and Lutheran leaders have issued a call to peace and prayer for Ukraine in a March 5 statement.

In their statement, the leaders also asked for members of the denominations to pray throughout the season of Lent "for wisdom, peace and justice to prevail in Ukraine."

The statement is available [here](#).



Your Welcome Place

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

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Contemporary Worship:

Sunday: 9:30 am

Ministers:

All Members of Cross of Glory

Staff:

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Laura Uzzardo, Parish Administrator
Laura@CrossOfGlory.com

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Bob Bejlovec, Maintenance

Council:

Barb Taskay, Tammy Kjos
Alicia Joebgen, Lisa O'Malley
Mary Beth Randle, Dana Baker

The Welcome Place Preschool:

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Guiding Principles:

Jesus Is Lord
Everyone Is Welcome
We Have What The World Needs
Everyone Has Something To Offer
Love Changes Everything

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.

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*



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