

# Cross of Glory

## Jubilee Sunday

### FAQ Brochure

God has richly blessed Cross of Glory and the ministry we share. Cross of Glory has long celebrated our identity as a community alive in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We recognize both the shape of a cross and the vitality of a healthy tree as we speak of our community's ministry. We embrace the theology of Martin Luther and other ancient church teachers while strongly affirming that the Holy Bible is the only authoritative Word of God, the 'source and norm' of our practice and teaching. As we grow in our understanding of these, we grow our strong, deep roots as Christians. From those roots, we stretch in the warm light of God's love, reaching higher in our worship, love, and praise, and also wider in our service and relationships with others. Growth in any one direction leads us to growth in other directions, too, so that our growth is always cross-shaped and organic: deeper and higher, and wider and wider.

To help us continue to grow our ministry and witness, Cross of Glory will celebrate and strengthen our ministry with a **Jubilee Sunday** on May 18, 2014. **Jubilee Sunday** is a **one time** gathering of gifts that will help provide a firm foundation to our ministry and help us to be bold in God's mission.

#### **What is the purpose of our Jubilee Sunday?**

**Jubilee Sunday** will set us free from the encumbrances that have ensnared our ministry in the past year and provide a boost to launch us into innovative worship and mission.

This will be accomplished using your gifts to

- Establish a mortgage fund so that we can make our payment on time each month and then replenish the fund with our regular offerings.
- Repair the leaking and damaged ceiling over the band area.
- Replace the old sound board with a new one, eliminating radio interference and improving sound quality and dispersion.
- Enliven worship screens with updated software technology including music and media resources.
- Address additional enhancement to worship space that could include more efficient and sustainable lighting and new chairs if funds allow.

These goals will help us keep our building and worship space a safe and welcoming space for worship, and a blessing for all who enter to "come and see" God's life giving grace in Christ.

Another aspect of our **Jubilee Sunday** will be to share our gifts of time and ability in a ministry outside of our congregation. We will choose a project in which the whole congregation will be able to participate. On **Jubilee Sunday**, we as a congregation will

share in ministry to serve our local and global neighbors, which has always been a high priority to Cross of Glory.

**What is the goal of our Jubilee Sunday?**

The goal is our gathering of gifts of \$30,000 or more. This will enable us to accomplish our first four goals and may make inroads in accomplishing the fifth. This will ensure the safety and vitality of our building and our worship, the platform from which our ministry is launched. Additionally, The Northern Illinois Synod will contribute another \$5,000.00.

**How can we reach the goal of Jubilee Sunday?**

We can reach this goal *together*, by inviting you and the other disciples at Cross of Glory to participate in **Jubilee Sunday** on Sunday, May 18, 2014. This will be a **one time** gathering of gifts to help us revitalize and re - energize our worship and our building. In order to reach this goal, we anticipate that we will need at least one or two families to contribute at a level of \$3000 or more; another one or two at \$2000 or more; three or more who bless us by giving \$1500 or more; and so on. Every gift will matter: we can only succeed *together*.

**How can we share our gifts for Jubilee Sunday?**

At worship on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> gifts both large and small will celebrate generosity of God and the joy we have as a faith community at Cross of Glory. Since we will all be excited to hear the result of this gathering of blessings, the envelopes will be opened and counted right away. The total will be announced during the Celebration after worship.

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Gift Chart  
\$30,000 Goal

1	Gift	\$3,000
1	Gift	\$2,000
3	Gift	\$1,500
3	Gifts	\$1,000
5	Gifts	\$ 750
8	Gifts	\$ 500
10	Gifts	\$ 350
20	Gifts	\$ 200
33	Gifts	\$ 100

Many gifts under \$100