

# In The Loop

Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter  
August 3, 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 worshiping 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

## Welcome Visitors

Cross of Glory Church is a community of Christians, deeply rooted in Lutheran theology and tradition, and praising God with contemporary music and meaningful messages. Growing from those Lutheran roots, we reach out to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, proclaiming God's love and acceptance of all people. We are energized by living in God's grace daily, bringing meaning and joy to our lives, and empowered to serve others.

We offer education and fellowship programs for children, youth, and adults. We serve the community with food and clothing collection programs. Visit our web page, [crossofglory.com](http://crossofglory.com) or our Facebook page for more information.

## Worship...Growing Down Roots

Council Member: Barb Taskay

### CoG Sermons are Online

Did you miss a sermon at Cross of Glory Lutheran Church? Be sure to see the latest sermons on the church website!

<http://crossofglory.com/category/sermons/>

## Discipleship...Growing UP

Council Member: Tammy Kjos

### Summer 2014 LYO

During the summer months our youth can be involved in our Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO) program. Youth gather regularly to participate in games, food, outings, and learning! LYO is open to youth, 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade, and is free (fees may apply for some outings).

#### Ice Cream Socials / Games / Snacks

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

**Last Date:** August 4<sup>th</sup> (6:30 to 8:00 pm)

For more information, please contact the church office or Mr. Dan Murtaugh.

## Outreach...Growing OUT

Council Member: Alicia Joebgen

### VBS is This Week

Vacation Bible School "FIRE" 2014 is this week at Cross of Glory Lutheran Church. The daily sessions will run from 9:00 am until noon. Nicole Nelson is the director and creator of the program!

### The Welcome Place Preschool is Accepting Registrations Now

The Welcome Place Preschool, a ministry of Cross of Glory, is about to start our 13th year of service in our community. What a blessing the first 12 have been. So many wonderful children we have gotten to know and love. Some are even in high school now.

We still have spots open for the 2014-2015 school year and we're asking for your help to fill in those empty spots.

If you would please spread the good word about our program to families in your neighborhood we would appreciate it.

If you have a child in our program now and you get someone to sign up, we will credit your account \$25!!!

### Blood Drive – September 4<sup>th</sup>

Community Blood Drive on Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Sign up in Welcome Room.

## Preschool Program Information

It is our mission to help children develop the gifts they have been given in order to grow up into individuals who know they are loved and set free to make a positive difference in this world.

We strive to fulfill our mission through these strategic actions: Showing Love, Teaching Faith, Developing Skills (Spiritual, Academic, and Social).

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Jamie Knutson, Preschool Director

### For 3 Year Olds (3 by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>)

Tuesday and Thursday: 8:45 - 11:30am

### For 4 Year Olds (4 by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>)

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Morning Class 8:45 - 11:30am

Helping your children prepare for kindergarten.

Call 708-301-3883 for any information or visit [www.CrossofGlory.com/preschool](http://www.CrossofGlory.com/preschool).

## Fellowship...Growing Together

Council Member: Lisa O'Malley

### Adult Monthly Lunch Ministry!

We meet once a month to connect, reconnect, give and receive support, and have fun!

Our next lunch date will be Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 at Honey Fields in Lockport. Please sign up in the Welcome Room. Please sign up so that reservations can be made!

If you have questions, see Laura Uzzardo or Lisa O'Malley.

### Book Club Update

The next book is *The Art of Fielding* by Chad Harbach. We will discuss the book on Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

## Finance...Growing Generosity

Council Member: Mary Beth Randle

### Manna Gift Card Program

When you purchase these gift cards, you get the full value and CoG also receives a percentage of the face value. Some cards are available for immediate purchase (see Cheryl Nabors). The cards are sold on a first come, first serve basis. There are also order forms in the welcome room. You can fill out an order form. Your order will be ready next Sunday.

In May the Manna program raised \$281. Let's keep the momentum going into the summer months. Remember to order gift cards for your summer fun.

#### Cards Available Today – See Cheryl!

Speedway (\$25, \$100), Jewel (25, 100)  
Target (25), Kohl's (25), Walmart (25)  
Meijer (25), CVS (25), Walgreens (25)  
Panera (10, 25), Starbucks (25)  
Outback (25), Darden-Olive Garden (25)  
Chili's (25), Barnes & Noble (25)

### Update on Worship & Giving

#### July 20, 2014

Attendance: 59  
General: \$2,852  
Casa: \$5  
Building Use: \$25.65

### Women's Retreat September 12-14

This year's Women's retreat is quickly approaching! We will be going to the Country Inn and Suites in Naperville from September 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is *Faith over Fear*.

We all have fears. Some are very specific and concrete like snakes, elevators, or spiders. Others are more general like the

dark, the unknown, or danger in the world. God has created each of us as a woman of purpose. Each of us has a life that God intends us to live. How often do we let our fears paralyze us from realizing God's full potential for our lives?

Give yourself permission to get away this year! Take time away from your family and go ahead and miss a game or practice without guilt. Make time for you to renew your spirit with Christ. As women we tend to run for everyone else in our lives and put our needs for spiritual filling last. If we fill our cups first, the other tasks in our lives will be much easier to handle.

Friday night will be a dinner social to let us catch up with one another and get acquainted with people we may not know. Saturday morning we will begin to learn about God's promises for our lives in a fun interactive environment that will encourage each of us in our faith walk, no matter where we are in our level of understanding. We will conclude Sunday morning with devotions and worship and be finished by noon so we can get back to our families and responsibilities. Participants are able to come for all or parts of the weekend and there are scholarships available to help offset the cost of the retreat for those with financial hardship.

Join us for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and learning. In this safe environment, we will discover how to overcome and conquer our fears and live our lives full of faith to free us to be the women God created us to be.

Registration forms are available at church or online. Please contact Nicole Morin or the church office for more information.

#### Upcoming Events ([www.crossofglory.com/calendar](http://www.crossofglory.com/calendar))

Mon	08/04	VBS – 9:00 am to Noon (through Friday)
Mon	08/05	LYO – 6:30 pm
Sat	08/09	Yoga & Meditation – 8:00 am; Beginners at 9:30 am
Tue	08/12	Book Club – 6:00 pm
Fri	08/15	Lunch Ministry – Honey Fields in Lockport at 12:30 pm
Sat	08/23	Serving at MorningStar Mission
Thu	09/04	Blood Drive – 2:00 to 6:00 pm
Fri	09/05	Free Family Outdoor Movie Night at Sunset - <i>Frozen</i>
Sun	09/07	<i>Get the Scoop</i> – After Worship
Fri	09/12	Women's Retreat – through Sunday, 09/14

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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:

Pastor Dorothy Wilcox, Senior Pastor  
[PastorDorothy@CrossOfGlory.com](mailto:PastorDorothy@CrossOfGlory.com)

Laura Uzzardo, Parish Administrator  
[Laura@CrossOfGlory.com](mailto:Laura@CrossOfGlory.com)

Mimi Pappas, Nursery Attendant

Bob Bejlovec, Maintenance

### Council:

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

### The Welcome Place Preschool:

Jamie Knutson-Zahora, Director  
[Jamie@TheWelcomePlace.org](mailto:Jamie@TheWelcomePlace.org)

Phone: 708-301-3883

### 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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