



# In the Loop

## Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2016



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 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

#### Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at CoG

This year, Cross of Glory will be hosting the ecumenical Thanksgiving service sponsored by LHAMA (the Lockport Homer Area Ministry Association – or something like that). The service will be on Sunday, November 20th at 5 pm. Pastor Dana will be preaching, the CoG band will be playing, we'll have communion, and we hope lots of you will be there. (We also hope lots of you will bring a pie or other dessert for some fellowship after the service.) This is a great opportunity to bring friends, worship with members of other congregations, and give the community a little taste of what worship looks like at CoG. And you are welcome to bring donations of non-perishable foods.

#### Volunteers Welcomed

There are a variety of ways that you can help during worship...music, usher, worship coordinator, communion assistant, assisting minister. Contact Barb Taskay.

### Discipleship...Growing UP

Council Member: Christine Quemeneur

#### T.E.L.L. Has Resumed on Mondays at 6:30pm

This program is for youth grades 6 through 12.

#### Kids Klub - Wednesday Fall Session 6:30 to 7:30pm

November 2, 9, 16

Kid's Klub is our children's program that is offered on Sunday morning from 9:30-10:30am and Wednesday evening from 6:30-7:30pm. It is for children 4 years old thru 5th graders and offers a bible lesson, crafts and games. We're pleased to have Pastor Dana taking part on Wednesdays this year!

#### Confirmation Meeting - November 6<sup>th</sup>

If you are in grades 7, 8 or 9 and are interested in being confirmed here at Cross of Glory, we'd like to meet with you to give you info on what's coming up and hear what you'd like to see as part of our confirmation classes. We'll have a short meeting on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> after worship. If you can't make it, but are interested in joining us for this exciting journey (yes, you heard me – I said "exciting!"), which will start up right after Christmas, please contact Dana O'Brien, Barb Taskay, or the COG office.

### Outreach...Growing OUT

Council Member: Mary Beth Randle

#### Collecting for Thanksgiving Baskets

Over the next few weeks, Cross of Glory will be collecting food donations for Thanksgiving baskets. If you can donate food, please put it in the box labeled 'Food Donations'. If you donate gift cards, please give them to Laura in the office. Thank you for your help. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 708.301.6998.

Have your donated items to church by Sunday, November 20th when we will be assembling the baskets.

Suggested items (take this list shopping with you!):

- Canned Gravy or Gravy Mix
- Instant Potatoes / Canned Sweet Potatoes / Stuffing
- Canned Cranberries / Canned Vegetables
- Bread Mix / Cookies / Candies
- Jell-O's / Puddings
- Juice
- Wal Mart and Jewel Gift Certificates (We have extra cards available to purchase)

#### Reach Out to Potential New Members!

We will have a New Member Sunday in early January. If you are interested in becoming a member, please speak with Pastor Dana or contact the church office.

#### Serve at MorningStar Mission November 26<sup>th</sup>

Each month, there are volunteer slots available to serve at MorningStar Mission in Joliet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. See the signup sheet in the Welcome Room.

#### Trick-or-Treat Tailgating at Cross of Glory

**TODAY from 1:00 to 2:30 pm**

Kids will trick or treat around decorated cars in the parking lot and then go into the church for a craft and refreshments. We are looking for donations: cookies, juice, and three prize baskets.

We also need families to sign up to have their car decorated and pass out trick or treat candy. We will have sign ups at the church, or contact Laura Uzzardo.

#### Contribute to the Cereal Drive

Bring a box of cereal every week and place it under the altar! Donations go to the FISH Food Pantry in Lockport. Please

continue to bring general food donations as well and place those items in the blue FISH donation barrel in the *Welcome Room*.

## Fellowship...Growing Together

Council Member: Pat McIntosh-Oles

### Book Club Update

Our next book is *In the Woods* by Tana French. We'll discuss the story on Sunday, November 6th at 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Other books coming up are...*The Girls of the Atomic City* by Denise Kiernan, and *Songs of Willow Frost* by Jaimie Ford. Contact Cheryl Nabors for more information.

## Facilities...Growing Buildings & Grounds

Council Member: Bill Bavirsha

### Community Center Meeting Space in Homer Glen

Cross of Glory has space available for parties, banquets, meetings and wedding receptions. Rental fees start at \$25. Contact Laura Uzzardo for additional information

### Men's Group

This group meets irregularly on Monday evenings for fellowship and to do repair projects around the church. If you'd like to help, contact Bill Bavirsha for more information.

## Finance...Growing Generosity

Council Member: Bill Nabors

### Update on Worship & Giving

October 23, 2016: Attendance: 86

General Fund: \$2,030

Kids Offering: \$2.84

### Noisy Offering – Bring Your Change

We're starting a new collection called "Noisy Offering". This will change from month to month on where the offering will benefit. At the beginning, we will be collecting for Lutheran World Relief (LWR), to help those affected by the Matthew Hurricane. We suggest that the children collect their coins so when it goes in the metal container it will be NOISY, but, paper money is also accepted. *The World Needs What We Have*.

## Order Manna Gift Cards from CoG

Manna gift cards are a great way to support CoG. You get the full value while CoG receives a percentage of the face value. Cards are available for immediate purchase on most Sundays. Those cards are sold on a first come, first served basis. See Cheryl or Bill Nabors to purchase a card.

Some cards that are available: Speedway, Shell, Jewel, Meijer, Target, Walmart, Buffalo Wild Wings, Starbuck's, Bed, Bath, and Beyond, Wendy's, Panera, Mariano's, Chipotle, Dunkin' Donuts, Chili's, and Outback (Bonefish). In 2015, the Manna program brought in \$2,400.

## Council Meetings

Council holds an open monthly meeting - usually on the second Tuesday of the month. If you have an issue to be discussed, please submit your request to one of the Council members so you can be placed on the agenda.

We know that God has great plans for us at COG, we ask that you continue to pray for His guidance! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a council member:

Dana O'Brien (Pastor)  
Bill Bavirsha (Facilities)  
Mary Beth Randle (President / Outreach),  
Chris Quemeneur (Discipleship),  
Bill Nabors (Vice President / Finance),  
Pat McIntosh-Oles (Fellowship),  
Barb Taskay (Secretary / Worship)

## Thank You from Troop 1509

Thank you so much for the opportunity for Brownie Troop 1509 of New Lenox to complete one phase of their service project. It is because of your willingness and openness to support our troop that we successfully raised \$281! Amazing!!!! We were richly blessed with support and kindness by the CoG community. Through your actions, of service and generosity we will complete our service project mission and pay it forward to many children and adults in need.

We are so grateful for all of your support and hope to work together again.

Kindly,

Ann Marie Rafacz & Becky Mullner

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

Sunday	10/30	TODAY - Trick or Treat Tailgate – 1:00 to 2:30 pm
Wednesday	11/02	Kids Klub Wednesday – 6:30 to 7:30 pm
Wednesday	11/02	Wednesday Night Bible Study – 7:15 pm
Thursday	11/03	Dinner with Friends Fellowship - Burger 21, Orland Park at 6:30 pm
Sunday	11/06	Book Club – 6:00 pm
Monday	11/07	T.E.L.L. (for Youth 6 <sup>th</sup> through 12 <sup>th</sup> grade) – 6:30 to 8:00 pm
Sunday	11/13	Brunch after Worship
Saturday	11/26	Serving at MorningStar Mission. Sign up in the Welcome Room
Saturday	12/03	Visit with Santa – 10:00 am to 1:00 pm – FREE PHOTO!

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