

# In The Loop

Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter  
March 30, 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

## 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 April 2 & 9.

Barb Corcoran is 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 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Our Good Friday service is at 7:00 pm.

Easter Sunday Services are at 9:30 am and 11:00 am.

If you can volunteer at the Good Friday or Easter please contact Laura in the church office.

### Easter Lily & Tulip Sale

A great gift for your family, friends, and neighbors. All plants will be used to decorate for the Easter services. You may pick up your order after the service you attend. You can also have your plants marked "in Honor of" or "in Memory of" a loved one. Order forms are in the Welcome Room. Each plant is \$15 each. We will also accept donations. Orders due by April 13<sup>th</sup>.

### 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!

### Thank You...

...to **Barb Corcoran** for hosting our **Soup Suppers**. Be sure to help Barb with set up and clean up each Wednesday during Soup Suppers.

## Discipleship...Growing UP

Council Member: Tammy Kjos

### T.E.L.L.

**Teen Education for Lifelong Leadership** is our educational program for youth from 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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 31  
April 7 (6:30 to 8:00 pm)

## Outreach...Growing OUT

Council Member: Alicia Joebgen

### Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. If you can volunteer it would be appreciated!

## Fellowship...Growing Together

Council Member: Lisa O'Malley

### Book Club Update

The next book is **Orphan Train** by Christina Baker Kline. We will meet on Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to join the discussion. See Cheryl Nabors for location information.

Other books we are discussing in 2014 are:

**What Alice Forgot** by Lianne Moriarty

**Orange is the New Black** by Piper Kermin

## Finance...Growing Generosity

Council Member: Mary Beth Randle

### Update on Worship & Giving

#### March 19, 2014 (Wednesday)

Attendance: 28

General: \$311

#### March 23, 2014

Attendance: 104

General: \$4,115

Kid's Offering: \$14

Building Use: \$72

### 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 Laura Uzzardo). 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!

Jewel / Speedway (25, 100)  
Target / Walmart

**Vacation Bible School 2014  
FIRE is the title this year  
August 4-8 (New Week)**

\$10 child/\$30 Family Max  
Aug 4-8 9:00 am to Noon

Registration will start May 1<sup>st</sup> and will stay open until we meet our maximum. Spots go fast, so be sure to register early. Registration Forms will be available in the Welcome Room and Online on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The more adult volunteers we can get the more spots we can offer to the children. Contact the church office to sign up to volunteer; there is also a sign up in the Welcome Room.

Our scripture this year are stories with **FIRE** and wilderness themes – how God contacts us and leads us through anything. We are also in need of fake Christmas trees, canoes, tents, and other things related to the great outdoors for decorations.

Nicole Nelson will be the director again. She is also the creator of the program!

**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 2 more Soup Supper. Next one is April 2<sup>nd</sup>*

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

Wed	03/26	Soup Supper at 6:00 pm; Worship at 6:45 (also on 4/2, and 4/9)
Mon	03/31	Holy Communion Class – 6:00 pm (also 4/7 & 4/14)
Mon	03/31	T.E.L.L. – 6:30 to 8:00 pm (also 4/7 & 4/14)
Sat	04/05	Yoga & Meditation – 8:00
Sat	04/05	Yoga & Meditation for Beginners – 9:30
Sun	04/06	Confirmation Class (also on 5/4)
Sat	04/12	Easter Egg Hunt 1:00pm
Sat	04/12	Yoga & Meditation – 8:00
Sat	04/12	Yoga & Meditation for Beginners – 9:30
Tue	04/29	Welcome Place Preschool Open House 4-7 pm

The monthly newsletter can be viewed at [crossofglory.com/category/newsletter](http://crossofglory.com/category/newsletter)

**ELCA GLOBAL LINKS**

Stay informed. Be inspired. Get involved.

[download.elca.org/ELCA Resource Repository/ELCA Global-Links Newsletter.pdf](http://download.elca.org/ELCA Resource Repository/ELCA Global-Links Newsletter.pdf)

**South Africa:What it means to walk and serve “hand in hand”**

The job of the 60 YAGM (Young Adults in Global Mission) scattered across the globe is to “accompany” - to walk with the people in our new communities, to share their sorrows, their victories, their lives for the short time we cross paths,” says Rachel Swenson, who is serving for a year in South Africa with the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program. See [www.ELCA.org/Living-Lutheran/Blogs/2014/02/140220b-On-accompaniment](http://www.ELCA.org/Living-Lutheran/Blogs/2014/02/140220b-On-accompaniment).

**Welcome Place Preschool  
Open House Tue, April 29<sup>th</sup>  
4:00 to 7:00 pm**



Your Welcome Place

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**Contemporary Worship:**

Sunday: 9:30 am



**Ministers:**

All Members of Cross of Glory

**Staff:**

**Pastor Dorothy Wilcox**, Senior Pastor  
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**Laura Uzzardo**, Parish Administrator  
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**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:**

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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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