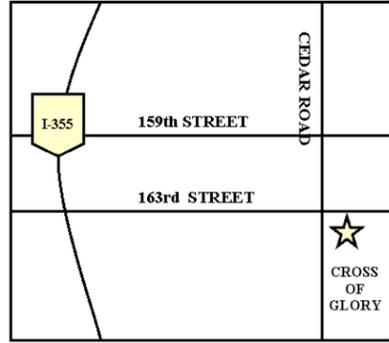




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FROM BUDS TO BOUNTIFUL YIELD
Pastor Dorothy Wilcox

While summer drifts by, plans are bustling at Cross of Glory! We've been very busy, and we are looking ahead to being even busier! God has an exciting plan for us, and we are preparing to step into it together!

Following Jubilee's success, we have set up the mortgage fund as planned, and it will help us survive the summer when so many offerings are missing, sadly. But God showed us in the abundance of Jubilee's total, which exceeded our hopes, that by His power working through us together, great plans lie ahead. God promised and then proved that we are not intended merely to survive: we are intended to Thrive as People of the One True God! We have contacted several roofing contractors and have had difficulty in obtaining quotations for repairing and replacing the roof and ceiling over the altar area, but God is showing us that there is another solution, and we are pursuing that in order that the roof can be completed during the summer. (More details when everything is set, and we'll let you know before construction begins.)

Together with you, we are working to re-energize our whole-congregation education and discipleship. In September, we will have an ice cream Sunday, where you can Get the Scoop on your ministry and mission at Cross of Glory. There will be information and opportunities for you and your family to participate. Mark the date, and Get the Scoop on **Sunday, September 7.**

We have a curriculum and resources to help SEE get started again. All we need now is enthusiastic and faithful commitment from several leaders so that the program can run. We have a leader and possible-co-leader for our Sunday morning Kids' Klub, and a strong and complete curriculum for then as well. Again, we need you and your children for the program to function.

We have some fun ahead, too. We are planning a Talent Show in September, and working on a Chili Cook-off or potluck when the Bears' season begins and the weather turns colder. We have ideas for pre-Advent and during-Advent gatherings, and we have even talked a bit about Lent! The year ahead will be full of opportunities of many kinds and for many ages!

Vacation Bible School "FIRE":
Prayers for an awesome week of
God's Stories and Adventures. Join
us for VBS Sunday, on August 10th at
9:30 am.

Adult Lunch Ministry: Join us on
Friday, August 15th at Honeyfields.
Be sure to contact the church if you
can join us.

Women's Retreat 2014: The date is
set for another renewing retreat.
See page 3 for more details!

Serve Dinner at MorningStar
Mission: The fourth Saturday each
month we serve dinner. What a great
experience and a good service to
others. For more information contact
the church office.

Blood Drive at Cross of Glory:
Thursday, September 4th from 2 to
6pm. Call to set up an appointment.
But, walk ins are welcome.

WORSHIP SUNDAY AT 9:30 AM

Cont....From Buds to Bountiful Yield

On the first Wednesday evening of each month you are invited to a special worship experience. One month will be a healing service, for instance, and another a prayer service, and another a blessing of pets and animals, and so on. We will have that schedule available when you stop at the Worship table to Get the Scoop.

We listened when members of the congregation expressed interest in Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. We are ready to present that for the congregation and open it to the community around us. Cross of Glory will pay the program expenses. However, the tuition from each participating household to Dave Ramsey is \$100. They do not provide scholarships for us. (be clear: Cross of Glory would spend money for the presentation, but receive no portion of that tuition. We would offer it as a ministry.) No date has been set for that, since we need a paid commitment from five families in order to form a class. Sign up when you Get the Scoop.

Speaking of classes, Wednesday evenings will also give you an opportunity to learn more about Lutheran faith, doctrine, and history. We will talk about Martin Luther and the ideas that caused this faithful Roman Catholic priest eventually to break with the church, and what that led to. Whether you are a life-long Lutheran, or new worshipper at CoG, you will learn in this class and have plenty of opportunities to ask questions.

The Council wants to hear your thoughts and ideas. We want to be able to answer any questions you may have. So we are scheduling Congregational Conversations - similar to the Q&A sessions we had with Jubilee - so that you can be more involved in what happens at CoG.

All this and much more is brewing at Cross of Glory. We are confident in God's commitment to us. We are excited to see how God takes these ministries from buds to bountiful yield by his power working through you!

Someone once said, "pray like it all depends on God; work like it all depends on you" and that is very true for us right now! God has showed us again that His plan for us and His commitment to us are opening up ahead of us. Together, as we step forward in faith and discipleship, that plan will unfold and we will grow: personally, spiritually, numerically, relationally, prayerfully. God plans for us to Thrive in His name. Thanks be to God!



YOUTH COLLECT \$500

What a great job our Summer Youth Group (LYO) did with the pancake breakfast. They were able to get \$500 in donations. The youth did the pancake breakfast to benefit Feed My Starving Children. At another date they brought the \$500 to FMSC and did volunteer work there.

Another fun event the group had was a Lock-In! Always a fun one for the kids.

In August the group will be having their last Monday night gathering.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- *July 31: VBS Volunteer Meeting 7:00 pm
- *August 1: Joliet Slammers Game
- *August 3: VBS Set Up After Worship (come help)
- *August 3: VBS Donations Turned In
- *August 4-8: Vacation Bible School
- *August 4: LYO 6:30 to 8pm
- *August 10: VBS Sunday at Worship 9:30 am
- *August 11: Youth Great America Trip
- *August 15: Adult Lunch Ministry 12:30 @ Honeyfields
- *August 23: MorningStar Mission Serving Dinner
- *Sept 1: Labor Day ~ Office Closed
- *Sept 5: Movie Night
- *Sept 7: Sunday Scoop After Worship
- *Sept 4: Blood Drive 2-6 pm
- *Sept 12-14: Women's Retreat
- *Sept 28: CROP Walk



For details on any of these events/programs contact the church office

**WOMEN'S RETREAT 2014
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 12-14th. 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.



MOVIE NIGHT AT CROSS OF GLORY

Free Family Outdoor Movie Night
Friday, Sept. 5th at Sunset
(Movie start time apx 7:30 pm)

Everyone is welcome. Bring your blankets and chairs as we enjoy the most popular movie "Frozen" outside.

Movie will be indoors if the weather is bad.

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"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13  
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**Get the SCOOP
on Ministry**

Sunday, September 7th

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS	
Dan Malone	8/02
Brooke Paluch	8/06
Nanette Fitton	8/07
Shelby Maurella	8/07
Beth Sexton	8/07
Sahmiya Arnold	8/08
John Szczesniak	8/08
Teagan Lilleberg	8/09
Ashton Guziak	8/10
Eden Leise	8/10
Ashley Hlavac	8/13
Ava Maurella	8/14
Richard Stedman	8/14
Jake Zacharias	8/14
Deanna Jaremowicz	8/19
Alexis Quemeneur	8/22
Anne Marie Uhrenbacher	8/23
Benet Bejlovec	8/24
Bria Chandarana	8/28
Andrew Kjos	8/28
Christian Knutson	8/31