

In The Loop

Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter
August 24, 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 worshipping 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 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

Back Yard Bible Study – Thursdays

Tammy and Andrew Kjos are hosting a six week, Backyard Bible Study on the book of John, at their home. This bible study started Thursday, August 21st at 6:30 pm, but you can join any time. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. No bible study experience necessary. Contact the church office for the Kjos' address.

Get the SCOOP Sunday - Sept. 7th

Get to know Cross of Glory a little better on Sunday, September 7th, after service. Immediately following service, you will have the opportunity to discover all the exciting things going on at Cross of Glory. You will discover opportunities for you and your family to grow in discipleship, to make friends, helps others in need and how you can share your time and talents at Cross of Glory. After visiting our information tables you can enjoy a free, yummy scoop of ice cream.

Outreach...Growing OUT

Council Member: Alicia Joebgen

Blood Drive – September 4th

Community Blood Drive on Thursday, September 4th from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Sign up in Welcome Room or online at ht.heartlandbc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/2023439.

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 years 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 get someone to sign up, we will credit your account \$25!!!

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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www.CrossofGlory.com

Jamie Knutson, Preschool Director

For 3 Year Olds (3 by Sept. 1st)

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

For 4 Year Olds (4 by Sept. 1st)

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.

Fellowship...Growing Together

Council Member: Lisa O'Malley

Book Club Update

The next book is *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats* by Jan-Philipp Sendker. We will meet on Monday, September 15th at 6:00 pm. The location is TBD. Hope you can join us for a great discussion! Remaining books are:

- *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio
- *Finding Me* by Michelle Knight
- *The Possibilities* by Kauai Hart Hemmings
- *The Non-standard PFC* by Marshall Trieber
- *The Knife Man* by Wendy Moore
- *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin
- *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd
- *The Closer* by Mariano Rivera

Free Family Outdoor Movie Nite! FROZEN!!! Friday, Sept 5 @ Sunset

Come and enjoy the movie! Movie should start approximately 7:30 pm. Bring your chairs/blankets and enjoy the FREE Movie Night. Movie will be played indoors if the weather is bad. EVERYONE is invited!

CoG's First Talent Show: Saturday, September 20th at 6:00 pm

This is our first talent show and we want YOU to show us what your gift is. Would you like to perform at our talent show? Can you sing, dance, do magic, dramatic reading, etc...? All ages welcome.

Sign up to share your talents with us! Come sit in the audience and support the acts! Contact the church office & we will add you in!!! Sign up by 9/07.

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 Laura Uzzardo). 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 and your order will be ready next Sunday.

In July, the Manna program raised \$120. Let's keep the momentum going this summer. Remember to order gift cards for your summer fun.

Cards Available Today – See Laura!

Speedway (\$25, \$100), Jewel (25, 100)
Target (25), Kohl's (25), Walmart (25)
Meijer (25,100), CVS (25), Walgreens (25)
Panera (25), Chili's (25),
Darden (25), Barnes & Noble (25)

Update on Worship & Giving

August 10, 2014

Attendance: 100
General: \$3,105
Kids Offering: \$28
Casa: \$40

Women's Retreat – Sep. 12-14

Let Nicole know today if you need
a room reserved!

This year's Women's retreat is quickly approaching! We will be going to the Country Inn and Suites in Naperville from September 12th - 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.

Upcoming Events (www.crossofglory.com/calendar)

Thu	08/28	Back Yard Bible Study at the Kjos Home – 6:30 pm
Sat	08/30	Yoga & Meditation – 8:00 am – at Healing Gardens
Sat	08/30	Yoga & Meditation for Beginners at 9:30 am – at CoG
Thu	09/04	Blood Drive – 2:00 to 6:00 pm
Fri	09/05	Free Family Outdoor Movie Night at Sunset - Frozen
Sun	09/07	Get the Scoop – After Worship
Fri	09/12	Women's Retreat – through Sunday, 09/14
Mon	09/15	Book Club – 6:00 pm – Location TBD
Sat	09/20	CoG Talent Show

The monthly newsletter can be viewed at crossofglory.com/category/newsletter

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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:

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Laura@CrossOfGlory.com

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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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