

In The Loop

Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter
November 2, 2014

Welcome to Cross of Glory

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 or our Facebook page for more information.

Everyone is Welcome

This simple statement is one of our five guiding principles at Cross of Glory. Part of our Welcome Statement is *"We welcome all into full participation in the church life, ministry of the congregation, sacraments, and rites of the church."*

Visitors

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.

Confirmation Sunday

The following are being confirmed today:

-  Patrick Atkinson
-  Dwight Bejlovec
-  Elizabeth Ihrke
-  Hunter Kolbus
-  Daniel Lamphere
-  Cassandra Quemeneur
-  Sara Vickrey

Please extend a warm welcome to them, their families, and friends.

Worship...Growing Down Roots

Council Member: Barb Taskay

CoG Sermons are Online

Have you missed a sermon at Cross of Glory? Be sure to see the latest sermons on the church website!

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

New Sermon Series - *Life Under Construction*

- Oct 12 Building a Life that Matters
Matt 19:16-26
- Oct 19 Gathering a Construction Crew
Acts 2:42-47
- Oct 26 Engage a Master Designer
Psalm 139:1-8
- Nov 2 **Foundation is Critical
Matthew 7**
- Nov 9 Use the Best Material
Galatians 5: 13-15 and 22-26
- Nov 16 High Price of Short Cuts
Luke 12:13-21
- Nov 23 Furnish it with Love
1 John 4:7-18 & ff
- Nov 30 Let the Living Begin
John 10:1-10
(also Advent 1: Hope)

Discipleship...Growing UP

Council Member: Tammy Kjos

Pastor's Adult Study - Wednesdays

Note: There will be no Wednesday Bible Study this week.

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm where we are studying Luther's Small Catechism using a 6-week study designed for adults.

- What is a catechism and why did Martin Luther write one (or two)?
- How do Lutherans view the Bible?
- What is "the Law"?
- What does it mean to be Lutheran? How is that different from Roman Catholic or Baptist, for instance?

This class is for EVERYONE, high school age and up, new to Lutheran or lifelong member...new to CoG or member for years. ALL are welcome. Our conversation will be enriched by your participation!

Outreach...Growing OUT

Council Member: Alicia Joeberg

Community Blood Drive

Sign up now for our next blood drive to be held on November 13th from 2 to 6pm



GIFT OF LIFE

Advent Workshop

Start the Christmas season together at CoG. Stay after worship on November 23rd for fun and fellowship. See the monthly newsletter for more details.

Thanksgiving Food Basket Donations

Through November, we 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.



Suggested items: canned/bottled gravy or gravy mix, instant potatoes, canned sweet potatoes, stuffing, canned cranberries, bread mix, canned vegetables, cookies and candies, Jell-O's and puddings, juice, Wal-Mart, and Jewel gift cards. Better yet, order the gift cards through our Manna Gift Card Fundraiser.



Select \$25 grocery cards are available today!
See Cheryl Nabors.

We will be assembling the food baskets after worship on November 16th. Stay for a few minutes to help in this great cause.

Lockport Resource Center Needs Help

Are you looking to make a difference in our community? Volunteer at the LRC Thrift Shop. Volunteers are needed Tuesday through Saturday for 3 hours a week. High school kids can earn community service hours. Volunteer applications are available in the Welcome Room.

The Lockport Resource Center and Thrift Shop is a Christian ministry organized and operated by the Lockport/Homer Area Ministerial Alliance (LHAMA) and staffed by community volunteers.

Cross of Glory is a member of LHAMA. Our mission is to minister to people in need in Lockport Township and Homer Township.

Please contact Cheryl Nabors or the Thrift Store (815) 838-9615 with questions. Visit LockportResource.org for more information. You can also find them on Facebook www.facebook.com/LockportResource.

Crop Walk

Donations to the Cross of Glory team of twelve walkers for the September 28th walk total \$862. Donations may still be made at hunger.cwsglobal.org/goto/crossofglory.

Marathon Runners for Casa

Andrew Kjos, Mike O'Malley, and Lou Reddy recently ran in the Chicago Marathon as part of Team Casa to raise money and awareness for Casa de los Angeles. Donate at marathon.casadelosangeles.org/runners.

Fellowship...Growing Together

Council Member: Lisa O'Malley

Book Club Update

The next book is *Finding Me* by Michelle Knight. Stay tuned for the discussion date and meeting time. Hope you can join us for a great discussion! The remaining books are:

- *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

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. 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 October, the Manna program raised \$217. Let's keep the momentum going this fall. Cards are great for sending to your kids at college and make great last-minute holiday gifts.

Manna Cards Available Today

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

Update on Worship & Giving

October 26, 2014

Attendance: 63

General: **\$2,314**

Budget Commitment:

General: **\$5,577** per week



Demonstrate your Thankfulness this Season

Each holiday season, Cross of Glory anticipates and relies on a seasonal increase in contributions. It is through the donations of every individual and family in the congregation that we are able to carry on our work now and throughout the year.

If you need a convenient way to make recurring contributions or plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions.

To set up a recurring giving schedule, visit www.CrossofGlory.com/giving/, or if it's easier, complete a paper authorization form and return it to the church office.

Thank you for your generosity and support!



Your Welcome Place

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

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www.CrossofGlory.com

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
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
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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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Upcoming Events (www.crossofglory.com/calendar)

Mon	11/03	T.E.L.L. 6:30 pm
Wed	11/05	No Adult Bible Study this week
Sat	11/08	Yoga & Meditation for Beginners at 9:30 am – at CoG
Wed	11/12	Adult Bible Study – 6:30 pm
Thu	11/13	Community Blood Drive – 2:00 to 6:00 pm
Sun	11/16	Prayer Team Bible Study – 8:15 am
Sat	11/22	Serve at MorningStar Mission
Sun	11/23	Advent Workshop – After Worship
Sat	12/13	Visit with Santa – 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

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