

In The Loop

Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter
November 9, 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.

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/>

Current Sermon Series - Life Under Construction

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| 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 |

Discipleship...Growing UP

Council Member: Tammy Kjos

Pastor's Adult Study - Wednesdays

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. 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 Joebgen

Community Blood Drive

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



Advent Workshop

Cross of Glory invites you to stay after service on November 23rd for an Advent Workshop. We will be packing up Thanksgiving Baskets to bless those less fortunate and then preparing for Advent with a little party!!

You will be able to make an Advent wreath for your family (cost is \$10) and kids will be able to make their own advent wreath -- on us!!

The Men's Club will be hosting a Chili cook-off and we invite everyone to bring a salad, side, or dessert to share. There will be awards for the best Chili!!

It will be a great afternoon of fellowship and fun, so please mark your calendars, but also RSVP so that we have enough supplies for the wreaths.

You may RSVP to Alicia Joebgen, Council Member, in person or via e-mail. By letting us know, we will be able to prepare enough materials for the Advent Wreaths.

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 call the Thrift Store (815) 838-9615 with questions. Visit LockportResource.org for more information or find them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LockportResource.

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 23rd. Stay for a few minutes to help in this great cause.

Fellowship...Growing Together

Council Member: Lisa O'Malley

Movie Night – This Friday

Movies tell stories, and great movies tell our stories. Come and enjoy one of Pastor Dorothy's favorite movies, *The Legend of Bagger Vance*, on Friday, November 14th at 7:00 pm. We'll provide the popcorn! If you want to, you can bring additional snacks and beverages to share.

The movie stars Matt Damon, Will Smith, and Charlize Theron, and was directed by Robert Redford.

Children will probably not be very interested and they might prefer to wait for our next Family Movie Night (which we hope to have soon). This movie is rated PG-13.

Santa's Coming to Cross of Glory



Santa Visits Cross of Glory on Saturday, December 13th. We will be providing **free photos**. Spread the word!

Do you want to help? Contact the church or Nicole Morin

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!

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

November 2, 2014

Attendance: 118
Kid's Offering: \$9
Building Use: \$130
World Hunger: \$110
General Fund: **\$4,865**

Budget Commitment:

\$5,577 per week in *General Fund* donations must be received in order to meet the expenses approved in our 2014 budget. **Over the past 5 weeks, we've averaged only \$3,651 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

14719 West 163rd Street
Homer Glen, IL 60491

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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
PastorDorothy@CrossOfGlory.com

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:

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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	11/10	T.E.L.L. 6:30 pm
Wed	11/12	Adult Bible Study – 6:30 pm
Thu	11/13	Community Blood Drive – 2:00 to 6:00 pm
Fri	11/14	Movie Night at CoG - <i>The Legend of Bagger Vance</i> at 7:00 pm
Sat	11/15	Yoga & Meditation for Beginners at 9:30 am – at CoG
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