

# In The Loop

Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter  
March 22, 2015

## 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](http://crossofglory.com) or our Facebook page for more information.

### 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.

## Our Welcome Statement

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

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

### Worship Volunteers Needed

Please volunteer to help out at worship for the 11:00 am Easter worship. Talk to our Council Member of Worship, Barb Taskay, or with Laura Uzzardo.

## Soup Suppers, Worship, and S.E.E.

On each Wednesday in Lent (March 4, 11, 18, 25), we will have *Soup's On* worship -- soup and bread supper/potluck at 6:00 pm, coordinated by Barb Corcoran, then **SEE will meet from 6:45 to 7:30**, while adults have a brief worship and discussion.

## Easter Lily and Tulip Sale



Place your Easter Lily or Tulip order for the Easter Holiday today - \$15 each! This is a great gift idea for your family, friends, and neighbors. The plants will be used to decorate the church

for Easter Sunday worship and can be picked up after the service. Your flowers can be dedicated *in remembrance of or in honor of* a special person in your life.

Order forms are available now and they are due by next Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.



## Discipleship...Growing UP

Council Member: Tammy Kjos

### S.E.E. (Spiritual Educational Experience) Runs during Lent

S.E.E. is open to children that are 4 years of age up through 5th grade. The leaders are so excited to share all the fun interactive stories from the Bible.

There will be five classes in this session held on Wednesdays from 6:45 to 7:30 pm. February 25, March 4, 11, 18, and 25.

## Outreach...Growing OUT

Council Member: Alicia Joebgen

### Youth Mission Trip this Summer to Casa de los Angeles in Mexico

Youth interested in participating must be in high school. If you would like to get more information, please contact Dan Murtaugh.

### Serve at MorningStar Mission

Each month, there are volunteer slots available to serve at MorningStar Mission in Joliet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. See the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Room.

## Toilet Paper Drive for FISH

When Jim Naylor, the president of the FISH Food Pantry, was asked what people could donate, he stressed the need for toilet paper.

This is one of life's necessities than can't be purchased through the SNAP (aka Food Stamp) program.



Let's help FISH by collecting toilet paper during Lent. We took 379 rolls to FISH on Wednesday and they were extremely grateful. **Please bring a package each Sunday!** See Alicia Joebgen or Cheryl Nabors if you have any questions.

## Help the Lockport Resource Center

Cross of Glory is a member of LHAMA (the Lockport / Homer Area Ministerial Alliance). The Lockport Resource Center and Thrift Shop is a Christian ministry organized and operated by LHAMA and staffed by volunteers. Contact Cheryl Nabors or call the Thrift Store (815) 838-9615 with questions. Visit [LockportResource.org](http://LockportResource.org) for more information see [www.facebook.com/LockportResource](http://www.facebook.com/LockportResource).

## Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt is this Saturday

Join us on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> for our Community Easter Egg Hunt. Doors open up at 10:00 am. The egg hunt will be broken up into three different age groups and times. The kids can have fun gathering eggs, making a craft, enjoying a snack, and taking pictures with the Easter Bunny. Be sure to bring your camera and Easter basket.



**We are also in need of donations and volunteers. Individually wrapped candies for the eggs, cookies, juice, raffle prizes, set-up, and clean-up!** There is a sign up in the Welcome Room. But, candy can be dropped off anytime. For more details talk to Alicia Joebgen, Council Member, and Chris Quemeneur.

## Fellowship...Growing Together

Council Member: Pat McIntosh-Oles

### Book Club Update

The next book is *The Knife Man* by Wendy Moore. We will meet on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Location has not been decided. Hope you can join us for a great discussion. Upcoming books include...

- *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin
- *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd
- *The Closer* by Mariano Rivera

### Women's Events

#### Tile Art on April 17<sup>th</sup>

The April Women's Event will be *Tile Art* on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, led by Jackie and Virginia. Mark your calendar and watch for more details. **Note:** There will be a fee for this project.

## Finance...Growing Generosity

Council Member: Mary Beth Randle

### Update on Worship & Giving

#### March 15, 2015

Attendance: 83  
General Fund: **\$3,895**  
(3% of General = \$117)  
Kid's Offering: \$8  
Casa: \$40 / Easter Flowers: \$45  
Lent Wednesday: \$10  
Special Gift: \$300  
Building Use: \$44

#### Budget Commitment:

**\$5,577** per week in *General Fund* donations must be received to meet the expenses approved in our 2015 budget.

### Order Manna Gift Cards Today

Purchasing Manna gift cards is a great way to support CoG. You get the full value while CoG receives a percentage of the face value. Cards are great for everyday items like food and gas. They're ideal for college kids, teachers, family and friends. We have some \$10 cards available.

#### Many Manna Cards Available Today

Some cards are available for immediate purchase. The cards are sold on a first come, first served basis.

Speedway (\$25,\$100), Shell (100)  
Jewel (25, 100), Meijer (25,100)  
Target (25), Walmart (25), Carson's (25),  
Chili's (25), Buffalo Wild Wings (25)  
Whole Foods (25), Family Christian (25)  
Barnes & Noble (25), Starbuck's (25,10)  
Bed, Bath, and Beyond (25)  
Wendy's (10), Panera (10), Chipotle (10)

**In February, the Manna program raised \$195. In 2014, your gift card purchases raised \$2,728.90 for Cross of Glory. Let's keep the momentum going in 2015!**



### Your Welcome Place

#### Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

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Homer Glen, IL 60491

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[www.CrossofGlory.com](http://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](mailto:PastorDorothy@CrossOfGlory.com)

**Laura Uzzardo**, Parish Administrator

[Laura@CrossOfGlory.com](mailto:Laura@CrossOfGlory.com)

**Todd Mizera**, Worship Leader

[Todd@CrossOfGlory.com](mailto:Todd@CrossOfGlory.com)

**Mimi Pappas**, Nursery Attendant

**Bob Bejlovec**, Maintenance

### Council:

Barb Taskay, Tammy Kjos  
Alicia Joebgen, Pat Oles  
Mary Beth Randle, Bill Nabors

### The Welcome Place Preschool:

**Jamie Knutson-Zahora**, Director

[Jamie@TheWelcomePlace.org](mailto:Jamie@TheWelcomePlace.org)

Phone: 708-301-3883

### Our Guiding Principles:

Jesus Is Lord  
Everyone Is Welcome  
The World Needs What We Have  
Everyone Has Something To Offer  
Love Changes Everything

### Our 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](http://www.crossofglory.com/calendar))

Mon	03/23	T.E.L.L. – Mondays at 6:30 pm
Wed	03/25	Soup Supper Wednesdays – Supper from 6:00 to 6:30, Worship & Music from 6:45 to 7:30 (also on 3/25)
Wed	03/25	S.E.E. – Wednesdays from 6:45 to 7:30 pm (during Lent)
Sat	03/28	Yoga & Meditation for Beginners – 9:30 am
Sat	03/28	Community Easter Egg Hunt – 10:00 am
Sat	03/28	Serve at MorningStar Mission in Joliet – 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month
Sun	03/29	Palm Sunday service at 9:30 am
Thu	04/02	Maundy Thursday Seder Meal – 6:30 pm
Fri	04/03	Good Friday Worship – 7:00 pm
Sun	04/05	Easter Sunday Worship – 9:30 am and 11:00 am
Sun	04/12	Book Club - The Knife Man by Wendy Moore at 6:00 pm
Fri	04/17	Women's Event – <i>Tile Art</i>

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