

# In The Loop

Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter  
April 26, 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

## Survey Questionnaires

On Palm Sunday, we distributed a questionnaire at the conclusion of our *Giving In / Giving Up* stewardship series. If you did not receive one, additional copies are available. We invite you to consider your relationship with Cross of Glory and ...

- Think About It
- Pray About It
- Commit to It

Please place your responses in the offering basket or give them to Pastor Dorothy.

## Helping Illinois Tornado Victims

Individual and congregational donations can be sent to the:

Northern Illinois Synod  
Tornado Relief Fund  
103 W. State St.  
Rockford, IL 61101

If you prefer, Cross of Glory will forward your gifts to the fund. Make donations to Cross of Glory and designate them for the *Tornado Relief Fund* on the memo line.

## 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/>

## Discipleship...Growing UP

Council Member: Tammy Kjos

### Cross of Glory Study on NBC Series *A.D. The Bible Continues*

The twelve part continuation of *The Bible* series is being telecast on Sunday evening on NBC. We are hosting a Q&A Bible Study to talk about the story of the Book of Acts, on which the NBC series is based. We welcome all people (not just from Cross of Glory) and all questions, even skeptical ones, to the discussion each Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

## Outreach...Growing OUT

Council Member: Alicia Joejgen

### Prayer Open House on May 15<sup>th</sup>

Join us for a Prayer Open House on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. This is a chance to pray alone or with a group...a chance to pray for yourself...a chance to pray for our community, for CoG, and for the world. Prayer is one of the original seven Faith Practices of the ELCA.

Please contact Della for more information.

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

Are you interested in going to CASA de los Angeles from August 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> of this year? We've been unable to put together a youth group, as wished, so we have openings.

We are opening this opportunity to adults, but we have to decide if a group will go by Monday. If you are interested please let Pastor Dorothy or Laura know by TODAY (Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>).

## 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. Our next service date is May 23<sup>rd</sup>. See the sign up sheet in the Welcome Room.

## Fellowship...Growing Together

Council Member: Pat McIntosh-Oles

### LOMC Youth Retreat – May 16<sup>th</sup>

All Jr. High School kids and older are invited to attend the Youth Retreat at the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center. Join us for a day of zip lining (with a signed release form), team building, hiking, and exploring God's beautiful creation.

We will leave from Cross of Glory on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 am.

Please register by May 1<sup>st</sup>. You may contact Alicia Joejgen, council member, or the church office for more details.

### Summer Brunch Bunch Pot Lucks Start on May 17<sup>th</sup>

Is that your stomach we hear growling during church because you didn't have time to eat breakfast? Does the smell of coffee make your mouth water? Do you stay around after church or do you need something quick just to hold the kids over until you get on to your next event? Would you like to get to know more people at CoG?

COME to the BRUNCH BUNCH POT LUCKS following our church service!!

Mark your calendars for May 17<sup>th</sup>, June 14<sup>th</sup>, July 19<sup>th</sup>, and August 9<sup>th</sup>! Please feel free to bring your favorite casserole, potatoes, sweet rolls, bacon/sausage, coffee cake, fruit, ??? or just yourself!! Contact Pat McIntosh-Oles at [olespa@aol.com](mailto:olespa@aol.com) if you would like to help with set up or clean up.

### Adult Dining Ministry – May 19<sup>th</sup>

Since the Lunch Bunch Ministry has been so successful, we thought we would do dinner! Give your oven a rest and come out to dinner with some very cool CoG friends! Come and share your ideas as to what this group should be called!

Join us for Dinner at Nick's BBQ in Homer Glen on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Sign up in the Welcome Room by Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Book Club – Next Meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup>

The next book is *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin. We will meet on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Hope you can join us for a great discussion. See Cheryl Nabors for additional information about the book club. Upcoming books include...

- *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd
- *The Closer* by Mariano Rivera

## Baseball , Fireworks and Superheroes Joliet Slammers Game on June 26<sup>th</sup>

Let's go to the Joliet Slammers Game on Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:05pm. It's *Fireworks Friday* AND it's *Superhero Night*, (yes, you can wear a costume!)



Ticket Prices are \$10 (or \$8 if we get more than 20 people). Sign up NOW I need an idea of how many will be going by mid-May. Email Pat McIntosh-Oles at olespa@aol.com

## HELP WANTED

Looking for people to help coordinate Movie Night and Game Nights for the summer, snack coordinator for the Welcome Room, and help with set up and clean-up for our Brunch Bunch Pot Lucks. Contact Pat McIntosh-Oles at olespa@aol.com.



## Finance...Growing Generosity

Council Member: Mary Beth Randle

### Update on Worship & Giving

April 19, 2015

Attendance: 60  
General Fund: **\$2,784**  
(3% of General = \$84)  
Tornado Relief: \$349

### 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 from CoG

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.

Your purchase makes a difference.

Some cards are available for immediate purchase on most Sundays. 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),  
Kohl's (25), Macy'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)  
Dunkin' Donuts (10)

**In March, the Manna program raised \$244.00. In 2014, your gift card purchases raised \$2,728.90 for Cross of Glory.** Let's keep the momentum going in 2015!

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Your Welcome Place

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

14719 West 163<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Homer Glen, IL 60491

Phone: 708.301.6998 / Fax: 708.301.7126

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 McIntosh-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*



A Reconciling in Christ congregation  
of the  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

### Upcoming Events ([www.crossofglory.com/calendar](http://www.crossofglory.com/calendar))

Tue	04/28	<b>The Welcome Place Preschool Open House</b> – 4:00 to 7:00 pm
Wed	04/29	Q&A Bible Study on the TV series – A.D. – <i>The Bible Continues</i> – 6:30 pm
Thu	04/30	Life Line Screening@ doing health screenings at CoG
Sat	05/02	Yoga & Meditation for Beginners – 9:30 am
Thu	05/14	Community Blood Drive – 2:00 to 6:00 pm
Fri	05/15	<b>Prayer Open House</b> – 6:00 to 8:00 pm
Sat	05/16	<b>LOMC Youth Retreat</b> – leaving CoG at 7:00 am
Sun	05/17	<b>Brunch Bunch Pot Luck</b> – after service
Tue	05/19	<b>Adult Lunch Bunch Does Dinner</b> – Nick's BBQ in Homer Glen – 6:30 pm
Sat	05/23	Serve at MorningStar Mission in Joliet – 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month
Fri	06/26	Joliet Slammers Game – 7:05 pm. Sign Up now.

The monthly newsletter can be viewed at [crossofglory.com/category/newsletter](http://crossofglory.com/category/newsletter)