



# Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter

June 14, 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/>

## Discipleship...Growing UP

Council Member: Tammy Kjos

## VBS – Everest

This summer at Everest VBS, kids will go on an exciting, icy expedition to the slopes of Mount Everest where they'll discover



they can conquer challenges with God's mighty power! Be a part of Vacation Bible School at Cross of Glory. It's an adventure that'll help everyone involved begin or grow in their relationship with God!

**July 13-17 from 9:00 am to Noon**

**Cost: \$10 per child**

**Ages: 4 years old (by July 1st) through 5th grade (just finished grade)**

Register today at CoG to reserve your space. The form is also available on our website <http://crossofglory.com/category/vbs/>

**For more information, contact Laura Uzzardo or Tammy Kjos.**



## Help Wanted for VBS

We are in need of many volunteers (adults and teens). If interested, please let us know ASAP. There is a 50% discount for the children of volunteers. Training is on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm. There will be a background check on adult volunteers. It is such a rewarding experience. Contact Laura Uzzardo or Tammy Kjos.

## LYO - Lutheran Youth Organization

During the summer months our youth can be involved in our Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO) program. Youth gather regularly to participate in games, food, outings, and learning! LYO is open to youth, 6th to 12th grade, and is free (fees may apply for some outings).

### Tie-Dyeing...Ice Cream Socials... Games...Snacks...

**Story Time:** Current Events, Teen Issues, The Bible

**Service Projects:** Car Washes, Volunteering  
**Dates for 2015:** (Gathering on alternate Mondays from 6:30 to 8:00 pm)

**Starts Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**

**(Bring a plain white t-shirt for Tie-Dyeing)**



**Other Dates:**

**June 29, July 13 & 27, August 10 & 24**

For more information, please contact the church office or Mr. Dan Murtaugh.

## Outreach...Growing OUT

Council Member: Alicia Joebgen

## Help Spread the Word About Cross of Glory at the Homer Parade!

It's the parade time of year!! On June 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, Homer Township will host a community parade. CoG is part of this community, so what do you say we grab the kids, decorate wagons, bikes, scooters, and be part of this parade!! There is a signup sheet in the Welcome Room! Please let Alicia know if you are interested so that we have enough time to reserve a spot!!



## 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 June 27<sup>th</sup>. See the signup sheet in the Welcome Room.

## Help Showcase CoG by Marching in the 2015 Chicago Pride Parade

Cross of Glory will again be part of the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches marching in this year's Chicago Pride Parade on June 28<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet is in the Welcome Room for anyone interested in participating in the parade. If you have questions or would like further details, please see Dan Skowron.



## LOMC Swing Choir Coming to CoG

Save the Date! On Tuesday July 7<sup>th</sup>, the LOMC Swing Choir will be coming to CoG. We will provide these talented young people with a cook out dinner. Afterwards we will be treated to a lovely performance of singing and dancing.

Then we will need several gracious families to open their homes for the night so that the weary travelers can rest their heads. The next morning they will be off to bless another church with their lovely voices. So please save the date and look for more details to come soon!



## Fellowship...Growing Together

Council Member: Pat McIntosh-Oles

## Summer Brunch Bunch Pot Lucks

Come to the **Brunch Bunch** Pot Luck following our church service TODAY!!

Mark your calendars for 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.

## Dinner Fellowship at Nick's Barbeque

We have scheduled the next two dinners at Nicks in Homer Glen (159<sup>th</sup> and Bell Road). Join us on June 16<sup>th</sup> and July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm.



Those who came to the first dinner had a good time, good food, and a chance to make some new friends.

## Book Club Update

The next book is *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. We will meet on Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at Cheryl Nabors' home. See Cheryl for additional information. Upcoming books include and *The Closer* by Mariano Rivera

## Help Wanted

We're looking for people to help coordinate Movie and Game Nights for the summer, a 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

June 7, 2015 (Attendance: 45)

General Fund: \$2,700

(3% of General = \$81)

Casa: \$25

Kid's Offering: \$6

Building Use: \$135

VBS: \$615

**Budget Commitment: \$5,577** per week in *General Fund* donations must be received to meet 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 teacher gifts, 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), Kohl's (25),

Macy's (25), Buffalo Wild Wings (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 April, the Manna program raised \$190.**

## Facilities...

### Growing Buildings and Grounds

Council Member: Bill Nabors

## Community Center Meeting Space

Cross of Glory has space available for meetings and weddings. Rental fees start at \$25. Contact Laura Uzzardo for additional information. Tell your friends!



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](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 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*



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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

## Protein Food Drive for Lockport's FISH Food Pantry

Every summer, donations to food pantries go down as people get busier. To help offset that decline, we are collecting high-protein food items for the FISH Food Pantry in Lockport.

Starting next Sunday, please bring peanut butter, canned meats, chili, and beef stew. We also accept all kinds of other food donations as well as paper products like toilet paper and towels.

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

Sun	06/14	Pot Luck After Service
Tue	06/16	Dinner at Nick's BBQ in Homer Glen
Sat	06/20	<b>No 9:30 Yoga &amp; Meditation for Beginners today</b>
Fri	06/26	Joliet Slammers Game – 7:05 pm. <b>Sign Up Now!</b>
Sat	06/27	Yoga & Meditation for Beginners – 9:30 am
Sat	06/27	Marching in Homer Parade
Sat	06/27	Serve at MorningStar Mission in Joliet – 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month
Sun	06/28	Marching in Chicago Pride Parade
Tue	07/07	LOMC Swing Choir at CoG
Mon	07/13	Vacation Bible School – Continues through Friday, 7/17
Sun	07/16	Book Club – 6:00 pm at Cheryl Nabors' home.

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