



Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter

July 5, 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 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)

For more information, contact Laura Uzzardo or Tammy Kjos.

Donations Needed for VBS

In order to make this a successful program for our community the church relies on donations to help keep the costs down. Items are needed for snacks, decorating, or presentations. The full list is posted in the Welcome Room. If you can help with any item(s), please contact Laura at the church office by email, phone, or at the church or mark your name on the list. Please know, you do not have to sign up for the whole amount.



Items need to be at church by Sunday, July 12th. Non-food items will be returned to you after VBS. We also will accept financial donations.

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! 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)

Dates: 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

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.

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.



Serve at MorningStar Mission

Each month there are volunteer slots available to serve at MorningStar Mission in Joliet on the 4th Saturday of the month. Our next service date is July 25th. Sign up in the Welcome Room.

LOMC Swing Choir Coming to CoG

Summer is an amazing and busy time! There is so much to do and Cross of Glory is no exception!! We are blessed to have the 2015 Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center (LOMC) Swing Choir performing for us on Tuesday, July 7th at 7:00 pm. We would love to have as many members, friends, family, neighbors, strangers, etc. join us!! These high school students spread God's Word through song and dance. They are truly a treat to see!!

We will have a pot luck dinner for the choir at 5:00 pm! Burgers and buns will be provided. Everyone else should bring what you can. I will put a sign-up sheet in the welcome room.

Movie Night – July 17th

Bring the family and enjoy *Big Hero 6*. This will be a great chance to continue the relationships forged at VBS.

CoG Marches in Local Parades



Canal Days in Lockport



Homer Parade

CoG Shows Support at Pride Parade

On Sunday, June 28th, several members of Cross of Glory Lutheran Church marched with the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches at the Pride Parade in Chicago.



Hundreds of marchers representing dozens of churches showed their support for LGBT rights and were enthusiastically greeted by the throngs lining the parade route.

Fellowship...Growing Together

Council Member: Pat McIntosh-Oles

Summer Brunch Bunch Meals

Join the **Brunch Bunch** following our church service. Mark your calendars for July 19th, and August 9th! 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 if you would like to help with set up or clean up.

Dinner Fellowship

We have scheduled the next dinner on July 23rd at 6:30 pm. We are planning on meeting at the Patio in Orland Park. Join us – this is great way to connect with others and share your ideas and concerns!

Book Club Update

The next book is *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. We will meet on Thursday, July 16th 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 28, 2015 (Attendance: 51)
General Fund: \$7,132
(3% of General = \$214)
Casa: \$25
Building Use: \$83

Upcoming Events (www.crossofglory.com/calendar)

Tue	07/07	LOMC Swing Choir at CoG – Pot Luck at 5:00 pm, Choir at 7:00 pm
Sat	07/11	Yoga & Meditation for Beginners – 9:30 am
Mon	07/13	Vacation Bible School – Continues through Friday, 7/17
Thu	07/16	Book Club – 6:00 pm at Cheryl Nabors' home.
Fri	07/17	Movie Night – <i>Big Hero 6</i>
Sun	07/19	Brunch Pot Luck After Service
Thu	07/23	Dinner at the Patio in Orland Park – 6:30 pm
Sat	07/25	Serve at MorningStar Mission in Joliet – 4 th Saturday of the month

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

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.

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)

Your purchase makes a difference. In May, the Manna program raised \$244.

Facilities...

Growing Buildings and Grounds

Council Member: Bill Nabors

Community Center Meeting Space in Homer Glen

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



Your Welcome Place

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

14719 West 163rd 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:

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Council:

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

The Welcome Place Preschool:

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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
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