



Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter

September 20, 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

Changes...

At the Council meeting on September 15th, Pastor Dorothy tendered her resignation. Many of you received notification of this via a CoG Member News e-mail on that evening. Next Sunday, September 27th, will be her last day worshipping with us. Please keep her and CoG's future in your prayers.

Congregational Meeting

A few members have shared their opinions and vision for the future. Council will provide an update to the congregation on Wednesday, September 30th at 7:00 pm.

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

Be a S.E.E. Leader

We are going to have a S.E.E. program this fall to provide Christian education to our children and our community. We need a couple of volunteers to share the leadership of this program. Those interested in serving should contact Tammy Kjos.

Outreach...Growing OUT

Council Member: Alicia Joebgen

Serve at MorningStar Mission

Cross of Glory sends a team of volunteers on the fourth Saturday of each month to serve dinner at MorningStar Mission in Joliet. Sign up in the Welcome Room to serve on September 26th from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Flu Shot Clinic – September 27th

Flu shots will be available at CoG after church on Sunday September 27th. The cost will be \$18. Checks or exact change are preferred. Sign-up and insurance forms available in the Welcome Room. Questions? Talk with Pastor Dorothy or Alicia Joebgen.

Crop Hunger Walk – September 27th



CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by religious groups, businesses, schools and others to raise funds to end hunger in the U.S. and around the world.

Cross of Glory is participating in the 2015 Lockport CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, September 27th. Registration will be at 1:30 pm at the Dellwood Park band shell.

While this can be a nice "walk in the park", the purpose of this event is to raise money to fight hunger in the community and in the world. You can get a donation pledge envelope or set up an online donation site and tell your friends. You can donate online for CoG at <http://hunger.cwsglobal.org/goto/crossofglorygroup>

After the Rain, will provide the musical inspiration during registration. The walk will

step off at 2:00. The full distance is 3.5 miles but there is a shorter path available.

LifeLine Screening at CoG

Call 1-888-653-6450 to register or visit <http://www.lifelinescreening.com> for more information.

Protein Food Drive for Lockport's FISH Food Pantry

We took an additional 70 items last week for a total of 128 protein items.

Fellowship...Growing Together

Council Member: Pat McIntosh-Oles

Dinner with Friends at Paddy B's

Join your CoG friends for dinner at Paddy B's on Tuesday, September 22nd at 6:30 pm.

Paddy B's is located at 11969 W 143rd Street in Orland Park (at the corner of 143rd and Will Cook Road).

There is a lot going on at CoG. Members of Council will be on hand to talk with you. There is a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Room

Hospitality Helpers Needed

Contact Pat McIntosh-Oles at olespa@aol.com if you would like to help with setup or cleanup for any future fellowship events.

Book Club Update

Our next book is *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry* by Fredrik Backman. We are meeting on Sunday, October 25th. Location and time will be announced. Read the book and join us for a great discussion.

Books Coming Up:

- The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins
- Shaken Blessings* by Celeste Charlene Bolton
- All the Stars in the Heavens* by Adriana Trigiani
- How We Got to Now* by Steven Johnson
- Recognizing God's Grace* by Donna Conrad
- Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen
- A Book of Strange New Things* by Michael Faber
- Yellow Crocus* by Laila Ibrahim

Welcome Place Preschool

Our preschool is currently doing a fundraiser featuring delicious Affy Tapple products. There are order forms in the Welcome Room.



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!



Finance...Growing Generosity
 Council Member: Mary Beth Randle

Update on Worship & Giving

September 13, 2015 (Attendance: 51)
 General Fund: \$2,703
 Casa: \$20
 Special Gift: \$154
 Mission Fund: \$100

WOMEN'S 2015 RETREAT

Can I Get a DO OVER?

Come and join us for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and spiritual renewal at the Country Inn and Suites in Naperville.

The retreat will run from Friday, November 6th through Sunday, November 8th.

Join us for all or part of the weekend...dinner on Friday, the retreat on Saturday, and a worship service on Sunday.

Registration forms are available in the Welcome Room.

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 August, the Manna program raised \$91.**

ELCA GLOBAL LINKS

Stay informed. Be inspired. Get involved.
download.elca.org/ELCA Resource Repository/ELCA Global-Links Newsletter.pdf

Hurricane Katrina: 10 Years Later

On Aug. 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast. Approximately 90,000-square miles were declared federal disaster areas and 1 million homes and buildings were damaged or destroyed, making it the most destructive and costliest disaster in U.S. history.

ELCA members took action by offering their time and skills to volunteer in the area and by giving more than \$27 million to Lutheran Disaster Response to support recovery.



Your Welcome Place

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 14719 West 163rd Street
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Contemporary Worship:

Sunday: 9:30 am

Ministers:

All Members of Cross of Glory

Staff:

- Pastor Dorothy Wilcox**, Senior Pastor
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- Laura Uzzardo**, Parish Administrator
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Todd@CrossOfGlory.com
- Tami Taskay**, 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
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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 of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Upcoming Events (www.crossofglory.com/calendar)

Sun	09/20	Brunch after Worship
Tue	09/22	Dinner with Friends at Paddy B's in Orland Park – 6:30 pm
Sat	09/26	NO Yoga & Meditation for Beginners Today
Sat	09/26	Serve at MorningStar Mission – Sign up in the Welcome Room
Sun	09/27	Flu Shot Clinic – After Worship
Sun	09/27	Lockport CROP Hunger Walk – 1:30 pm registration, 2: 00 Walk
Tue	09/29	LifeLine Screening at CoG – 8:00 am
Wed	09/30	Congregational Meeting – 7:00 pm
Fri	11/06	Women's Retreat (through Sunday, 11/08)

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