



In the Loop

Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter



SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2016

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.

Council Report

Cross of Glory's Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, February 21st, 10:45am, following worship. We learned that Pastor Kit's last Sunday with us will be April 3rd.

Council met with a potential redevelopment pastor last week. We will be sharing our impressions with each other and with the synod over the next few days.

Congratulations to new Council members Bill Bavirsha and Chris Quemeneur. If you have any questions, please contact one of the council members:

- Bill Bavirsha (Facilities)
- Mary Beth Randle (President/Outreach),
- Chris Quemeneur (Discipleship),
- Bill Nabors (Finance),
- Pat McIntosh-Oles (Fellowship),
- Barb Taskay (Secretary/Worship)

Worship...Growing Down Roots

Council Member: Barb Taskay

Live in Love Sermon Series

We gather to hear God's message of love for us, and to say "I love you" to God by declaring our commitment to Live in Love here at Cross of Glory. Commitment cards will be available to you the beginning of February and we invite you to prayerfully consider your investment in living the love of Jesus and sharing that love with others through the ministries of Cross of Glory. During our worship, we will respond to God's love for us by committing to Live in Love through our gifts of time, energy, finances and presence.



Easter Lily and Tulip Sale

Place your Easter Lily or Tulip order for the Easter Holiday TODAY! \$15.00 Each

A great gift idea for your family, friends, and neighbors. All plants will be used to decorate for the Easter Sunday Worship services and may be picked up after the service you attend. You may mark below if you would like to

dedicate your flowers either "In Remembrance of" or "In Honor of" a special person in your life. Donations will also be accepted to purchase flowers.

ORDERS ARE DUE BY SUNDAY, MARCH 20th

Please fill out the form below and turn in with payment. *Please make checks out to Cross of Glory*. You may place in the offering basket or drop off at the church office NOW!

Lent Wednesday Soup Suppers - March 9th & 16th

We will explore together the ways God invites us to "Faithful Living" as we reflect on Jesus' temptation experience in the wilderness and other scriptures that have something to teach us about living faithfully. We will do this through activities, stories, reflection, prayer, and music as we learn and worship. This will be for all ages, children through adults.



We will also be doing a special collection during these weeks for the ELCA World Hunger program that assists those who experience the daily reality of hunger.

6:00 pm - Soup Suppers

6:30 pm - Ponder, Pray, and Praise

We will have a sign-up sheet for those that wish to bring soups, breads, desserts, etc... Anyone wanting to volunteer these nights please contact the church office.

Discipleship...Growing UP

Council Member: Christine Quemeneur

Congregational Resource Event (CRE)

CRE is one of the Northern Illinois Synod's finest yearly events. Council, teachers, musicians, staff, volunteers, and leaders--just about everyone in a congregation--can take advantage of this learning event to strengthen skills, gather resources, network with others, and discover new ways to enhance congregational and individual ministries.

This year's event will be on Saturday March 12 at Kishwaukee Community College in Malta, IL. Copies of the brochure are available at nisynod.org/cre/.

Outreach...Growing OUT

Council Member: Mary Beth Randle

Food Pantry Donations Needed

Cross of Glory has a long history of helping the community and having wildly successful food drives. We need to show that spirit of giving every week.



Please bring your donations each week and place them in the donation barrel in the Welcome Room. We support the FISH Food Pantry in Lockport.

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. See the signup sheet in the Welcome Room.

**Jesus Taught
us how to
Serve Others**

Fellowship...Growing Together

Council Member: Pat McIntosh-Oles

Dinner with Friends

Join us for dinner on Tuesday, March 8th at Paddy B's at 6:30 pm. Paddy B's is located at 143rd and Will-Cook Rd.

Book Club Update

Our next book is *All the Stars in the Heavens* by Adriana Trigiani. We will meet on Sunday, March 13. Please contact Cheryl for location.

Books Coming Up: *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austin, *Recognizing God's Grace* by Donna Conrad, and *A Book of Strange New Things* by Michael Faber.

Facilities...

Growing Buildings and Grounds

Council Member: Bill Bavirsha

Community Center Meeting Space in Homer Glen

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



Finance...Growing Generosity

Council Member: Bill Nabors

Update on Worship & Giving

February 28, 2016:

Attendance: 72

General Fund: \$3,702

Kid's: \$3 / Casa: \$50

Bake Sale: \$409

Yoga: \$70

Generosity
changes everything

Order Manna Gift Cards from CoG

Unsure what to put in that Easter basket? How about a Manna gift card? Manna gift cards are a great way to support CoG. You get the full value while CoG receives a percentage of the face value. Some cards are available for immediate purchase on most Sundays. Those cards are sold on a first come, first served basis. See Cheryl or Bill Nabors to purchase a card.

Speedway, Shell, Jewel, Meijer, Target, Walmart, Buffalo Wild Wings, Starbuck's, Bed, Bath, and Beyond, Wendy's, Panera, Mariano's, Chipotle, Dunkin' Donuts, Chili's, and Outback (Bonefish)



In 2015, the Manna program brought in \$2,400. In February, the program brought in \$123. Let's keep the momentum going.



Upcoming Events (www.crossofglory.com/calendar)

Monday	03/07	T.E.L.L. – 6:30 pm (Mondays through March 14 th)
Tuesday	03/08	Dinner with Friends – 6:30 pm at Paddy B's
Wednesday	03/09	Lent Wednesday Soup Supper – 6:00 pm
Saturday	03/12	No Yoga Today
Sunday	03/13	Book Club – 6:00 pm
Saturday	03/19	Yoga All Levels: 9:30 AM with Tammy – New introductory sessions.
Sunday	03/20	Palm Sunday – Brunch After Worship
Thursday	03/24	Maundy Thursday Seder Meal – 6:30 pm
Friday	03/25	Good Friday – Cross Walk at Noon, Good Friday Service at 7:00 pm
Saturday	03/26	Serving at MorningStar Mission. Sign up in the Welcome Room.
Sunday	03/27	Easter Sunday Services at 9:30 and 11:00 am

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