



In the Loop

Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter



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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.

Worship...Growing Down Roots

Council Member: Barb Taskay

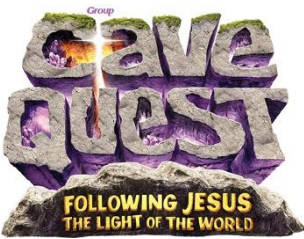
Welcome Pastor Erickson

Pastor Erickson, the Assistant to the Bishop of the Northern Illinois Synod and Director for Evangelical Mission, is leading us in Worship today.

Discipleship...Growing UP

Council Member: Christine Quemeneur

Vacation Bible School Kick Off Meeting Today!



We need to discuss the program and date for this year's VBS. All those who may be available to assist with VBS this year should attend the meeting after worship on April 10th.

Chris Quemeneur has made arrangements to share the *Cave Quest* VBS program materials with another church. Now we need to formulate a plan that will accommodate the most people.

This is a volunteer led program. As a result, what we can plan to do depends on the number of volunteers we have. **Please step forward in faith and help make VBS a success again this year!**

Outreach...Growing OUT

Council Member: Mary Beth Randle

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

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 to support the FISH Food Pantry in Lockport.

Fellowship...Growing Together

Council Member: Pat McIntosh-Oles

Book Club Update

Our next book is the classic *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen. We're meeting on Sunday, April 24th at a location to be determined. **Books Coming Up:** *Recognizing God's Grace* by Donna Conrad, and *A Book of Strange New Things* by Michael Faber.

We read a diverse variety of books. Soon we'll be choosing our next group of titles. Contact Cheryl Nabors with suggestions.

April Dinner with Friends at Davidson's

All are Welcome to join us on April 11th at 6:30 pm at Davidson's in Homer Glen. Sign up in the *Welcome Room*. Come out, have dinner (or just a drink and/or appetizer), and get to know someone at CoG a little better.

Sign Up to Bring Snacks for the Hospitality Table

On the Sundays when we don't have brunch, you can sign up to bring snacks. Snack ideas are: bite sized sweet rolls, pretzels, fruit, bite sized pieces of pastry, muffins, etc. These snacks help make CoG more welcoming and foster fellowship and conversation!

Facilities...Growing Buildings & 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!



Crosses Available - \$10

See Allen Kirkland to purchase a cross for \$10. These crosses are made with nails and wire and are available in several color combinations. Proceeds go to Cross of Glory.



Finance...Growing Generosity

Council Member: Bill Nabors

Update on Worship & Giving

April 3, 2016:

Attendance: 195
General Fund: \$1,788
Kid's Offering: \$16
Easter Plants: \$6
Yoga: \$143
Building Use: \$65

Generosity
changes everything

Order Manna Gift Cards from CoG

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. Some cards that are available: 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.

Redevelopment Report from Council

We have received an update from Pastor Gary Erickson, the assistant to the Bishop who is leading the redevelopment effort. The pastoral candidate that council met has declined the synod's call to serve at Cross of Glory.

Pastor Erickson will be preaching at Cross of Glory on Sunday, April 10th and April 17th.

He has also arranged for "supply" pastors to serve for the next few weeks and continues to work diligently to secure a new redevelopment pastor.

We know that God has great plans for us at COG, we ask that you continue to pray for His guidance.

Please keep Council, the pastors, and the redevelopment process in your prayers! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a council member:

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

Upcoming Events (www.crossofglory.com/calendar)

Sunday	04/10	VBS Kickoff Meeting – After Worship
Monday	04/11	Dinner with Friends at Davidson's – 6:30 pm
Saturday	04/16	Yoga All Levels: 9:30 AM with Tammy
Saturday	04/23	Serving at MorningStar Mission. Sign up in the Welcome Room.
Sunday	04/24	Book Club discusses <i>Pride and Prejudice</i>
Wednesday	04/27	<i>The Welcome Place</i> Preschool Open House – 4:00 to 7:00 pm

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