



# In the Loop

## Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 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](http://crossofglory.com) or our [Facebook](#) page for more information.

### Worship...Growing Down Roots

Council Member: Barb Taskay

#### Volunteers Welcomed

There are so many ways that you can help us with our worship service...music, usher, worship coordinator, communion assistant, assisting minister. Contact Barb Taskay if you can serve.

### Discipleship...Growing UP

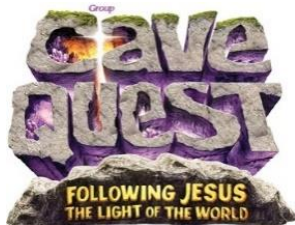
Council Member: Christine Quemeneur

#### Vacation Bible School – July 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>

Open to children 4 years old (4 by 7/1/16) thru 5th Graders

Register before June 12 (Hurry! Registration Space is Limited!)

\$15 per child (Children of volunteers get 50% discount)



Get more information at <http://crossofglory.com/vacation-bible-school-2016-cave-quest>

### Outreach...Growing OUT

Council Member: Mary Beth Randle

#### Contribute to the Cereal Drive



We have started a new Cereal Drive. Bring a box of cereal every week and place it under the altar! Donations go to FISH Food Pantry.

Please continue to bring general food donations as well. Place those items in the donation barrel in the *Welcome Room*.

#### Parade Marchers Needed

Spread the Love! Show the community who we are! March in the **Canal Days Parade** in Lockport on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Line up at 5:00 pm. Sign up by Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### Other Parades this Summer:

- Homer Township Parade – Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>
- Chicago Pride Parade – Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>

#### 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. See the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Room.

#### Lockport Resource Center Needs Help

Volunteers are needed Tuesday's 10-1, Wednesday's 1-4, Friday's 10-1, and Saturdays 10-2 at the LRC Thrift Shop. Contact Cheryl Nabors or call the store (815) 838-9615 with questions, visit the web site [LockportResource.org](http://LockportResource.org) for more information or connect with them on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/LockportResource](http://www.facebook.com/LockportResource).

#### Save the Date! CROP Walk is September 25<sup>th</sup>

CoG is participating in this annual event to raise money to fight hunger. Proceeds benefit our local FISH Food Pantry and support the overall ministry of Church World Service, especially grassroots development efforts around the world.

### Fellowship...Growing Together

Council Member: Pat McIntosh-Oles

#### Lunch Bunch – Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm

Join us at **Homer's Café** at 15756 S. Bell Road in Homer Glen. Please sign up in the Welcome Room. All are Welcome!

#### Joliet Slammers Baseball Games

We have two dates set up. Always a fun time with little cost. \$8 / Person. Sign up by May 31st. The dates are: Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:05pm (Star Wars Night & Fireworks) and Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:05pm (Family Sunday & Olympic Day).

#### Book Club Update

Our next book will be *The Book of Strange New Things* by Michael Faber. Discussion will take place on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm (location to be announced).

#### Dinner with Friends – June 21<sup>st</sup>

This ministry encourages fellowship and lets members get to know each other "outside of church. You are always welcome! Next date - **June 21<sup>st</sup> – Culver's in Lockport – 6:30 pm**

## Facilities...Growing Buildings & Grounds

Council Member: Bill Bavirsha

### Community Garden Committee Forming



If you would like to help us start up a community garden, please contact Bill Bavirsha. We have a lot of space available and this would be a great service to our members and to our neighborhood.

### 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!



### Beautification Fundraiser

To offset the cost of mulch and other outdoor projects, you can purchase a cross for \$10. These crosses are made with nails and wire and are available in several colors and combinations. Check out the display in the *Welcome Room*. They are available at worship or from Laura.

### Building a Trades List

We would like to build a list of members who work in the building trades. Speak to Laura Uzzardo or Bill Bavirsha.

## Finance...Growing Generosity

Council Member: Bill Nabors

### Update on Worship & Giving

May 15, 2016:

Attendance: 76

General Fund: \$2,530

Kids: \$4 / Casa: \$20

Yoga: \$10 / Crosses: \$50

## 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 April, the program brought in \$117. Let's keep the momentum going.

## Council Meetings

Council holds an open monthly meeting - usually on the second Tuesday of the month. If you have an issue to be discussed, please submit your request to one of the Council members so you can be placed on the agenda.

## Redevelopment Report from Council

Pastor Gary Erickson, the assistant to the Bishop who is leading the redevelopment effort, has met with a second pastoral candidate who, as of May 16<sup>th</sup>, is still prayerfully considering the Spirit's call. Council has no other information on this candidate.

We know that God has great plans for us at COG, we ask that you continue to pray for His guidance and for Council, the pastors, and the redevelopment process! 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](http://www.crossofglory.com/calendar))

Thursday	06/02	Book Club discussion of <i>The Book of Strange New Things</i> – 6:30 pm
Sunday	06/12	<b>Brunch</b> after Worship
Friday	06/17	March in Lockport Canal Days Parade – Line Up at 5:00 pm
Tuesday	06/21	<b>Dinner with Friends</b> – Culver's in Lockport – 6:30 pm
Wednesday	06/24	<b>Lunch Bunch</b> – Homer's Café in Homer Glen – 12:30 pm
Saturday	06/25	Marching in Homer Township Parade
Saturday	06/25	Serving at MorningStar Mission. Sign up in the Welcome Room.
Sunday	06/26	Marching in Chicago Pride Parade
Tuesday	06/28	Movie Night (\$5 Tuesdays at Marcus in Orland Park)

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