



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

### Worship...Growing Down Roots

Council Member: Barb Taskay

#### Welcome Pastor Jess

Pastor Jessica Harren is serving as our Interim Pastor. We welcome her and hope that her time with us helps all of us grow in our faith.

#### Wear Red for Pentecost Sunday

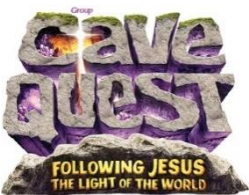


Pastor Jess has requested that we all wear red on Pentecost Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Red as the color of fire is used on this day when we remember the tongues of fire descended on the crowd in Jerusalem.

### Discipleship...Growing UP

Council Member: Christine Quemeneur

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



The next VBS planning meeting will be held after worship today.

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 to make VBS a success again this year!**

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### Outreach...Growing OUT

Council Member: Mary Beth Randle

#### 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 signup sheet in the Welcome Room.

**Jesus Taught us how to Serve Others**

#### 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. Volunteers sort through donations, set-up displays, and help customers. LRC will train. If you've always wanted to give back, stop by the store and fill out a volunteer sheet. The Lockport Resource Center and Thrift Shop is a Christian ministry organized and operated by the Lockport/Homer Area Ministerial Alliance (Cross of Glory is a member of LHAMA).

Please contact Cheryl Nabors or call the Thrift Store (815) 838-9615 with questions. Visit [LockportResource.org](http://LockportResource.org) for more information or find 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.

#### Food Pantry Donations Needed

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

#### Join us for Sunday Brunch

Our next brunch will be on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Join us for great food and fellowship. Bring a dish to share – or just come and enjoy!

## Dinner with Friends Schedule

This ministry encourages fellowship and lets members get to know each other “outside of church”. Please join us whenever you can! You are always welcome!

### May 11<sup>th</sup> – Sizzles in Lockport – 6:30 pm

Located at 571 E. Division Street - (There is limited outdoor seating. If we can't hang out there, we'll get our food and head back to CoG.)

### June 21<sup>st</sup> – Culver's in Lockport – 6:30 pm

## 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!



### 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*.

### Building a Trades List

We would like to build a list of members who work in the building trades. Leave your name with Laura or speak to Bill Bavirsha.

## Finance...Growing Generosity

Council Member: Bill Nabors

### Update on Worship & Giving

#### April 24, 2016:

Attendance: 57

General Fund: \$2,215

Building Use: \$305

*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 March, the program brought in \$151. 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 is 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))

Saturday	05/07	Yoga All Levels: 9:30 AM with Tammy
Tuesday	05/10	Council Meeting – 6:30 pm
Wednesday	05/11	<b>Dinner with Friends - Sizzles</b> in Lockport – 6:30 pm
Sunday	05/15	Brunch after Worship
Saturday	05/21	Serving at MorningStar Mission. Sign up in the Welcome Room.
Friday	06/17	March in Lockport Canal Days Parade – Line Up at 5:00 pm

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