



In the Loop

Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter



SUNDAY, JULY 3, 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.

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

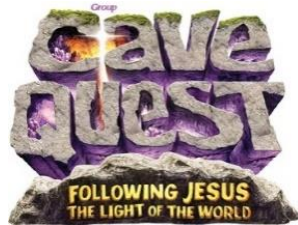
Council Member: Christine Quemeneur

Vacation Bible School – July 11th to 14th

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

Register by June 19th. \$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*.



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.

Save the Date! CROP Walk is September 25th

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.

Blood Drive – July 28th

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church Blood Drive

Thursday, July 28 from 2:00PM - 6:00PM

Appointments are encouraged!



Fellowship...Growing Together

Council Member: Pat McIntosh-Oles

LYO – Summer Youth Program

This is a free program of fellowship, games, snacks, bible talk, and more for children entering 6th grade up through 12th grade. **6:30 to 8:00 pm on 7/11, 7/25, and 8/8.**

Dinner with Friends – July 19th at Portillo's

This ministry encourages fellowship and lets members get to know each other "outside of church". You are always welcome! **July 19th at Portillo's – 6:30 pm**

Lunch Bunch – Wednesday, July 26th at 12:30 pm

We've restarted the lunchtime fellowship program. Join us at **Blueberry Hill** in Homer Glen. Please sign up in the Welcome Room. All are Welcome!

Book Club Update

Our next book is *The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank. We will meet on Saturday, July 9th at **8:30 am** at Cross of Glory to discuss the book, then afterwards, we'll head up to the Holocaust Museum in Skokie at about 10:00 am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Other books coming up are...*The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto* by Mitch Albom, *China Dolls* by Lisa See, *In the Woods* by Tana French, *The Girls of the Atomic City* by Denise Kiernan, and *Songs of Willow Frost* by Jaimie Ford.

Contact Cheryl Nabors for more information.

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.

Men's Group

This group meets irregularly on Monday evenings for fellowship and to do repair projects around the church. If you'd like to help, contact Bill Bavirsha for more information.

Finance...Growing Generosity

Council Member: Bill Nabors

Update on Worship & Giving

June 26, 2016: Attendance: 55

General Fund: \$3,494

Kids: \$1 / Crosses: \$80

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 June, the program brought in \$150. 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, is in conversation with the candidate that recently met with members of Council. Pray for us!

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

Saturday	07/09	Book Club – 8:30 am discussion, followed by the Holocaust Museum
Monday	07/11	LYO Summer Youth Program – 6:30 pm (also on 7/11, 7/25, and 8/8)
Wednesday	07/19	Dinner with Friends – Portillo's - New Lenox – 6:30 pm
Saturday	07/23	Serving at MorningStar Mission. Sign up in the Welcome Room.
Tuesday	07/26	Lunch Bunch – 12:30 pm at Blueberry Hill – Homer Glen)
Thursday	07/28	Blood Drive – 2:00 to 6:00 pm

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