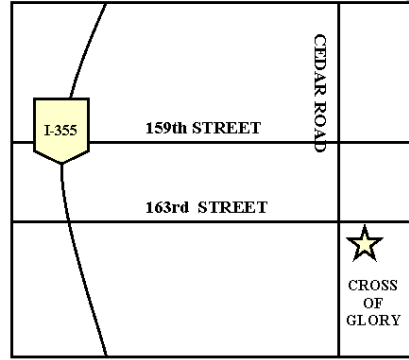




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Pr DANA O'BRIEN

Hi Everybody!!

My name is Dana O'Brien and I'm your new pastor. I grew up in Greendale WI, a suburb of Milwaukee (which means I'm a lifelong Packers fan). I have two adult daughters - Courtney who lives in Chicago with her husband and my two-year old grandson, and Michelle, who is doing a psychiatry residency in Tucson. I officially became a pastor in 2010 and prior to that, I was a lawyer at Quarles & Brady, a corporate law firm in Milwaukee. My first call was to Atonement Lutheran Church in Racine WI where I served for almost five years as an associate pastor and mission developer responsible for starting a second worship site. I then served as associate pastor at a larger congregation in Kasson MN for a little over a year.

I like to tell people that I no longer work - since I quit my job at Quarles, my life is one big vacation. I say that because I just love what I do. In addition to sharing God's love with those I meet, I like to read, watch and play sports (more watching than playing) and walk my two dogs.

I am a strong proponent of the missional church, in which we see ourselves as agents of God's Kingdom in this world, invited to participate in God's redemptive work of healing and freeing and blessing all the people God so loves. I already know that I am blessed with a bunch of really gifted people here at Cross of Glory who are more than willing to stretch themselves and get things done, and I look forward to exploring God's call for us in this community.

Thank you all for making my first couple of weeks here such a welcoming and fun time. I am excited to journey with all of you, as together we increasingly see our faith as relevant to all aspects of our lives, and live as disciples of Jesus wherever we are.

**I Need Your Help**

One of the hardest things about becoming a new pastor is getting to know everyone in the congregation. And it's even harder when, like me, you're just not great with names. So I'm hoping all of you can help me out here.

In an attempt to get to know everyone, I plan to visit as many people as possible over the coming months. And I would really love it if you - yes you reading this right now - would like to be one of the people I visit.

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SUNDAYS 9:30 AM**

Holy Communion and a nursery at all services.  
All are welcome!

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**Our Guiding Principles**

- Jesus is Lord
- Everyone Is Welcome
- The World Needs What We Have
- Everyone Has Something To Offer
- Love Changes Everything

**Our Mission Statement**

To be a community of faith in which everyone lives life in the LOOP of God's saving grace by: reaching and serving, welcoming and nurturing, worshiping and teaching, and giving and sending.

**Council Members:**

Reach out to a council member with any questions or concerns.

- Bill Nabors, Finances
- Mary Beth Randle, Outreach
- Pat McIntosh-Oles, Fellowship
- Bill Bavirsha, Facilities
- Barb Taskay, Worship
- Christine Quemeneur, Discipleship

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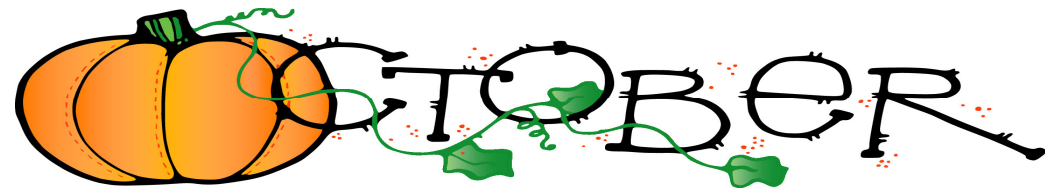
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Pastor Dana.....Cont from Pg 1

The idea is to sit and chat a bit to help me to get to know you - a little about your family, your likes and dislikes, where you see yourself in a few years, etc. - nothing too difficult. And I'd be happy to share a bit about me too, if you're interested.

We can meet anywhere you like - your place, my place, some other place like a coffee or fast-food place - wherever works for you. (I'll even spring for some coffee if that provides an added incentive.) Just give me a call (414-916-3241) or shoot me an email ([dana@crossofglory.com](mailto:dana@crossofglory.com)) and we can set up a time. Thanks!!

**FELLOWSHIP DATES**

Mark your calendars!

**Dinner With Friends:**

Join us for dinner at a local restaurant. 6:30pm . Sign up in the  
**Oct 18**, Nick's—Homer Glen  
**Nov 3**, Burger 21—Orland Park  
**Dec 6**, Paddy B's—Orland Park

**Sunday Brunches:** Once a month after service. All welcome to bring a dish to share if they wish.  
**\*\*Oct 16      \*\*Nov 13**

**COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**



Saturday, October 15th  
 10:00 am to 2:00 pm  
 Every Donor will receive a FREE long sleeved T-Shirt!

**AFFY TAPPLE SALE**



The Welcome Place Preschool is selling Affy Tapples again! There are order forms in the Welcome Room. If you are looking to order a large quantity you can talk with Laura in the office to discuss a deal!!  
 Orders due by Oct 16th and delivered on Oct 26th!

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

This group is moving from Tuesday to Wednesday nights at 7:15pm. They will be meeting in the Prayer Chapel. This is open to everyone!

**DEVOTIONS ANYONE?**

**With Pastor Dana**

For the last four years, I've facilitated a daily email devotions group. The group is made up of people in my prior congregations and those who have heard about it from friends or relatives. Each morning I send out a devotion - usually the devotion is written by someone else and then I comment. Sometimes we focus on particular topics or specific biblical books, and often the weekend devotions address the gospel for that Sunday. We're always looking for more people to join our group, so if you're interested just shoot me an email at [dana@crossofglory.com](mailto:dana@crossofglory.com) or give me a call at 414-916-3241.



**KIDS KLUB on SUNDAYS & WEDNESDAYS**

Kids Klub is our Christian Education program for children 4 years of age up through 5th grade. This is offered during service on Sundays, after the Children's Message, and now Wednesdays with a Fall and Spring session!

A fun way for children to learn the love God has for them and the world around them. This is through crafts, games, and bible stories.

We will start Kids Klub Wednesday program real soon!!! This was previously called S.E.E. Here are the dates for the Fall Session

**6:30 to 7:30 pm**  
**October 12, 19, 26 and November 2, 9, 16**  
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**T.E.L.L. IS BACK!!!**

T.E.L.L. (Teen Education for Lifelong Leadership) is for youth grades 6th through 12th. It takes place on Monday nights from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. The youth spend time interacting with each other to experience God through games, food, and conversation. They have enjoyed discussing through music and movies. There are two sessions a year, Fall and Spring. The next session dates are:  
**Sept 26, Oct 3, 17, 24, and Nov 7, 14**  
 None on Columbus Day & Halloween

Watch for details for Confirmation Classes to resume. This is for youth in 7th and 8th grade.

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**“He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”**  
**Isaiah 40: 29-31**

**The Welcome Place Preschool's Annual Trick or Treat Tailgate**

Come one, come all! Bring your family, friends, and neighbors! Come see the decorated car trunks filled with goodies! Come play the ghoulishly great games! Dress in your favorite costume and join in the costume parade inside! Try terrifying treats too!

**Sunday, October 30th**  
**at Cross of Glory**  
**1:00 to 2:30 pm**

**(Will all be held indoors if weather is bad)**

**Schedule of Events:**

- 12:45-1:00 Vehicles arrive to set up
- 1:00-1:30 Trick or Treat Time
- 1:30-2:30 Parade of Costumes, Crafts, Games, Cookies, & Best Trunk Awards

If you would like to decorate your vehicle and pass out treats or help with the event please contact the church office (708) 301-6998. Vehicles are asked to be decorated (preschool appropriate), and you need 3-4 large bags of candy for the many kiddies!, about 100 kids typically! There will be a prize for best decorated vehicle.

We are also looking for volunteers: games, crafts table, and treats table, set up, clean up. Donation of: Cookies, Juice, three (3) prize baskets for the winners of the Best Prize Trunk Awards.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS	
Sharyn Purtell.....	10/02
Paige Ignasiak.....	10/04
Pam Schultz.....	10/06
Michelle Deal.....	10/07
Caitlin Atkinson.....	10/08
Valerie Plotke.....	10/09
Blake Goodman.....	10/10
Edward Rafacz.....	10/10
Al Stasiak.....	10/10
Kelly Mizera.....	10/13
Nicole Morin.....	10/16
Bonnie Colvin.....	10/17
Grace Flynn.....	10/17
Katherine Oles.....	10/17
Terri Niemeyer.....	10/19
Christopher Mack.....	10/20
Kailyn Shoup.....	10/25
Jacob Capperino.....	10/27
Ryan Maurella.....	10/28

