



In the Loop

Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter



March 19, 2017

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 our neighbors by being a presence in our community, by sharing what we have, and by living out God's mission wherever we find ourselves. Visit crossofglory.com or [Facebook](#) for more information.

Worship...Growing Down Roots

Council Member: Barb Taskay

Volunteers Welcomed

There are a variety of ways that you can help during worship...music, usher, worship coordinator, communion assistant, assisting minister. Contact Barb Taskay.

Wednesday Night Lenten Activities

Soup Supper – 6:00 pm

Each remaining Wednesday in Lent, March 15, 22, 29 and April 5, we'll be having our regular soup suppers before our discussions of *The Shack*. The soup suppers start at 6 and *The Shack* discussions begin at 6:30. We will have a sign-up sheet for those that wish to bring soups, breads, desserts, etc. **Volunteers are needed for this Wednesday, March 22nd (soup and other food items).**

Discussion of *The Shack* – 6:30 pm

Each Wednesday during Lent, we'll be focusing on the movie *The Shack*, a modern-day parable that brings to life deep spiritual truths and highlights how healing can arise out of impossible tragedy. For anyone who may have wondered where God is in their pain, and for those who have questioned if God is there at all, *The Shack* presents an unforgettable encounter with a divine love that promises to never leave us. Starting Wednesday, March 8, after our meal, we'll watch a portion of *The Shack* and then discuss how its themes apply to our lives today. The principles of the movie speak to us all whether we have endured terrible tragedy and pain, or the more common struggles of everyday life. We hope to have some really good discussions using our guided discussion questions, so this is a great opportunity to bring friends to join us on Wednesday nights.

Discipleship...Growing UP

Council Member: Christine Quemeneur

Confirmation Class

Confirmation classes are being held on Sundays after worship. They will meet for 6 to 8 weeks for each semester, Fall and late Winter. Typically, students participate in two years of instruction (usually 7th & 8th graders) before affirming their baptism. Students who have completed two years of instruction will be invited to participate in the Rite of Confirmation during worship service.

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. **Volunteers are needed for next Saturday, March 25th. See the signup sheet in the Welcome Room.**

Easter Egg Hunt

Our Easter Egg Hunt will be held on the day before Easter. Saturday, April 15th.



Wrapped Easter Egg candy is needed for our Easter Eggs. We will also need volunteers to take eggs home and fill them with candy. Signup sheets to help with the egg hunt are in the Welcome Room.

Fellowship...Growing Together

Council Member: Maria Dziubczynski

Movie Musical at Pastor Dana's – **NEW DATE!**

On Monday, March 27, at 7:00 pm, everyone is invited to Pastor Dana's house to watch the movie musical *Mama Mia*. Bring a friend and join us.

Godspell at University of St. Francis

Katie Bavirsha is a member of the cast for this production. Performances will be held in the Sexton Auditorium at 500 Wilcox Street in Joliet on 3/30 (Thu), 3/31 (Fri), and 4/1 (Sat) at 7:30 pm and on 4/2 (Sun) at 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students and seniors. Signup sheets are available in the Welcome Room.

Book Club – Next Book

The next book is *Cross Roads* by Wm Paul Young. We have not yet finalized a discussion date or location. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Cheryl Nabors with any questions.

Facilities...Growing Buildings & Grounds

Council Member: Bill Bavirsha

Community Garden Update

Based on the level of interest expressed, we will be starting small with a few raised beds in the area south of the church. Some research and planning will still need to be done before we're ready to plant.

Community Center Meeting Space in Homer Glen

Cross of Glory has space available for parties, banquets, meetings and wedding receptions. Contact Laura Uzzardo for additional information.

Finance...Growing Generosity

Council Member: Bill Nabors

Update on Worship & Giving

March 12, 2017: Attendance: 84

General Fund: \$3,425 / Kid's: 10 / Casa: \$20

Capital Campaign: \$10 / Building Use: \$70

Order Manna Gift Cards from CoG

We have Manna gift cards for immediate purchase. You can also order gift cards and the cards will be here the next Sunday. Manna gift cards are a great way to support CoG. You get the full value while CoG receives a percentage of the face value. Cards are available for immediate purchase on most Sundays. To purchase, see Cheryl or Bill Nabors.

Offering Envelopes for 2017

The new offering envelopes for 2017 are now available. Please pick a box and write on the form your name and box number. We also offer an online giving program called Simply Giving. It is a very simple program to use. If you are interested you can access it through our website, or contact Laura in the office.

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. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a council member: Dana O'Brien (Pastor), Bill Bavirsha (Vice-President/Facilities), Mary Beth Randle (Secretary/Outreach), Chris Quemeneur (Discipleship), Bill Nabors (President/Finance), newly elected Maria Dziubczynski (Fellowship), Barb Taskay (Worship). Thanks so much to Pat McIntosh-Oles for her wonderful service as our past council representative on Fellowship!!

Mission Trip to Casa de los Ángeles

We will be sending a group to Casa de los Ángeles (a free daycare center in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico) this summer during the week of July 30th. There are approximately seven spots available on a first come first served basis for those who sign up and pay the deposit. Please contact Tammy Kjos if you are interested in learning more.



Upcoming Events (www.crossofglory.com/calendar)

- Sunday 03/19 **Confirmation Class** after worship
- Sunday 03/19 **Brunch** after worship
- Monday 03/20 **T.E.L.L.** meets- 6:30 pm (also 3/27)
- Wednesday 03/22 **Wednesday Lenten Soup Supper** at 6:00 pm and **Discussion of *The Shack*** at 6:30 pm
- ~~Monday 03/20 **POSTPONED!** Movie Musical at Pastor Dana's House - **Mama Mia** at 7 pm~~
- Saturday 03/25 Serve at MorningStar Mission
- Sunday 03/26 **After the Rain** family friendly Christian music event to benefit **Feed My Starving Children** 3:00 pm at Peace Lutheran in New Lenox
- Monday 03/27 New Date! Movie Musical at Pastor Dana's House - **Mama Mia** at 7 pm** ←
- Sunday 04/09 Palm Sunday
- Thursday 04/13 Maundy Thursday
- Friday 04/14 Good Friday
- Saturday 04/15 Easter Egg Hunt
- Sunday 04/16 Easter Sunday

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