



In the Loop

Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter



Easter Sunday - April 16, 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

Happy Easter

We welcome all to our Easter celebration. We're glad you've joined us today and encourage you to return often.



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.

Discipleship...Growing UP

Council Member: Christine Quemeneur

Confirmation Class

Confirmation classes are being held on Sundays after worship. They meet for 6 to 8 weeks each semester. 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

Easter Egg Hunt Recap



Waiting for 10 o'clock at the 0 to 3-year-old section

On Saturday, April 15th, we hosted our annual neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt. It was a beautifully warm sunny morning and we were able spread the eggs over a wide area of our lawn. We had a great turnout from the community. Participants made crafts and decorated Easter themed cookies. Thanks to the volunteers and staff that help make this a great success. It was smiles all around!

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. Mission staff prepares the food and our volunteers serve it.

Fellowship...Growing Together

Council Member: Maria Dziubczynski

Book Club Update

The next book is *All Is Not Forgotten* by Wendy Walker. We will meet on Sunday, May 7th at 6:00 pm. The location is TBD. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Cheryl Nabors with any questions.

Dinner with Friends – April 27th at Embers Tap House

Once a month, we plan a fellowship dinner outing in the community. Everyone is encouraged to join us. This is a great way to meet new friends and reconnect with old friends.



This month, we will once again meet at Embers Tap House at 933 S. State Street in Lockport. The last time we met there, everyone had a great time and really enjoyed the food.

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. Contact Laura Uzzardo for additional information.



Finance...Growing Generosity

Council Member: Bill Nabors

Update on Worship & Giving

April 9, 2017: Attendance: 92

General Fund: \$3,622 / Kid's: \$6

Capital Building: \$10 / Building Use: \$45

Easter Plants: \$26

Vanco's Give+ App Now Available



Ever wished you could make a donation to Cross of Glory using your phone? Inspired but forgot you check book? Great News!

You can donate to Cross of Glory (Homer Glen, IL not Peoria, AZ 😊 please) at any time using the convenient GIVE+ app. No registration needed. Vanco Payment Solutions has been administering the Simply Giving program for a number of years. Their GIVE+ app is now available for both Android and Apple devices. Check it out!

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.

Crosses Available

See Allen Kirkland to purchase a cross for \$10. These crosses are made with nails and wire and are available in several color combinations. Samples can be seen in the case in the *Welcome Room*. Proceeds go to Cross of Glory.



CoG T-Shirts



Check out the new CoG t-shirts that Allen and Bob Kirkland are wearing. Want some for yourself? Of course you do! Contact Allen to place your order. These shirts will help bring an identity to Cross of Glory as we reach out into our community. They're perfect to wear to (and in) parades and festivals.

Council Meetings

Council holds an open monthly meeting - usually on the second Tuesday of the month. This month's meeting is being held on April 18th. 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).

Vacation Bible School

VBS will take place during the week of July 10th. We'll meet from 9 to noon on Monday through Thursday. Each day's activities will focus on a different Dr. Seuss book or movie. We are anticipating a really fun time and are super excited! So, block out this week on your summer schedule and start telling your friends!

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. Please contact Tammy Kjos if you are interested in learning more.

Upcoming Events (crossofglory.com/cog-calendar)

Monday	04/24	T.E.L.L. (Teen fellowship and education group) – 6:30 pm
Monday	04/24	Movie Musical at Pastor Dana's House – Jersey Boys at 7:00 pm
Thursday	04/27	<i>The Welcome Place Preschool</i> Open House – 4:00 to 7:00 pm
Thursday	04/27	<i>Dinner with Friends</i> at Embers Tap House in Lockport – 6:30 pm
Sunday	05/07	Book Club – 6:00 pm – All Is Not Forgotten
Thursday	05/18	Community Blood Drive – 2:00 to 6:00 pm
Monday	07/10	Vacation Bible School 9:00 am to Noon (through Thursday)

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