



In the Loop

Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter



April 9, 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

Plenty of volunteer opportunities during Holy Week. We need PowerPoint operators, ushers and greeters. Contact Laura as soon as possible if you can help.

Easter Choir Forming



The Music Ministry of Cross of Glory Lutheran Church is looking for people for a choir on Easter Sunday.



All levels of talent and experience are welcome, but your enthusiasm is a must! Please see Todd Mizera for details.

Holy Week Schedule

- 04/13: Seder Meal Worship at 6:30 pm
- 04/14: Cross Walk at Noon
- 04/14: Good Friday Worship at 7:00 pm
- 04/16: Easter Sunday Services at 9:30 and 11:00 am

All of these services are wonderful opportunities for people to encounter God through different worship styles and new experiences. **Please invite your neighbors, friends, and family to come and meet God at Cross of Glory during Holy Week!**

Seder Meal Donations Requested

Our annual Seder Meal will be held on Thursday, April 13th at 6:30pm. We are in need of donations for the meal. If you can help with any of these items please let us know. Check the signup sheets for updates on what is still needed!

- 10 Plastic White Table Coverings
- 75 Bowls
- 75 Spoons
- 75 Clear Plastic Cups
- 75 Handi Wipes
- 75 Plates
- 4 Bunches Fresh Parsley
- 3)Legs of Lamb – preferably cooked, but if can't let us know
- 4 boxes Matza Crackers
- Matza Soup – looking for someone to get ingredients and prepare it
- 6 Bottles of Grape Juice
- 4 Jars Horseradish (not the sauce type)
- Serving Plates



Cross Walk – Friday at Noon

This annual Lockport-Homer Area Ministerial Association (LHAMA) event will kick off at Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church (925 E. 9th St. in Lockport).



Other stops are Lockport FISH Food Pantry (12:25 pm), First Congregational Church (12:50), First United Methodist Church (1:15), St. John the Evangelist Church (1:40), and Legacy Vineyard Church (2:00). A love offering is being taken for the Lockport Resource Center and the Lockport FISH Food Pantry. There will be an offering plate at each church. Please make checks payable to "LHAMA".

Participants can park at Shepherd of the Hill and walk to each of the other locations. There will be a bus at the last stop to take you back to Shepherd of the Hill.

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 for 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

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.

Easter Egg Hunt

Signup sheets to help with the egg hunt are in the Welcome Room.

On Saturday, April 15th, we will be hosting our annual neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt (divided by age groups). The Easter Bunny will be there ready to pose for pictures. The event starts promptly at 10:00 am but get there early so you don't miss out on any of the fun! The event is for the entire community so bring your neighbors and friends. Don't forget to bring a basket to hold your eggs!



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.

Facilities...Growing Buildings & Grounds

Council Member: Bill Bavirsha

Community Garden Update Meeting TODAY!

Based on the level of interest expressed, we are starting small with a few raised beds in the area south of the church. We will have a meeting today after worship.

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 2, 2017: Attendance: 98
General Fund: \$5,568 / Kid's: 5
Capital Building: \$10
Easter Plants: \$24

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.

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.

Easter Plant Sale – Deadline is TODAY

Order your Easter Tulips and/or Lily plants today! All orders will be used to decorate the church for Easter Sunday services. You may pick up your plant after the service you attend or pick it up the following Sunday. You may dedicate the plant "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one. Plants are \$12 each and order forms are available in the Welcome Room.

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)

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 (crossofglory.com/cog-calendar)

Sunday..... 04/09..... Community Garden Meeting after Worship
Thursday..... 04/13..... Maundy Thursday Seder Meal Worship – 6:30 pm
Friday..... 04/14..... Good Friday Cross Walk at Noon starting at Shepherd of the Hill in Lockport
Friday..... 04/14..... Good Friday Service at 7:00 pm
Saturday..... 04/15..... Easter Egg Hunt – 10:00 am
Sunday..... 04/16..... Easter Sunday services at 9:30 am and 11:00 am
Monday..... 04/24..... Movie Musical at Pastor Dana's House – *Jersey Boys* at 7:00 pm
Thursday..... 04/27..... The Welcome Place Preschool Open House – 4:00 to 7:00 pm
Sunday..... 05/??..... Book Club – 6:00 pm – *All Is Not Forgotten*

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