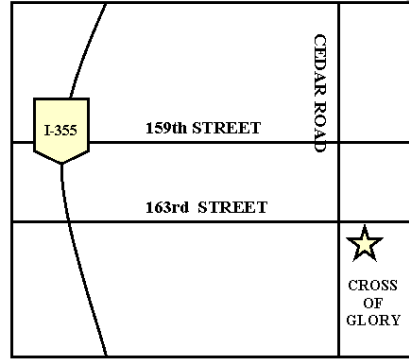




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COMING MAY 17th
OUR FIRST MINISTRY of ENCOURAGEMENT ('MOE') VISIT

On Wednesday, May 17, all of us at COG have the opportunity to participate in our first Ministry of Encouragement ('MOE') visit. We'll be going to the fire department just down the street from us on Cedar. IT's really exciting and I hope lots of you want to be involved. But first a little background on what exactly an MOE is.

And MOE is a short (about 15-20 minutes) visit to one of the various "care giving" organizations in and around the Lockport/ Homer Glen area. Our purpose is simple - to encourage the organization's workers in what they do. Organizations visited may include schools, hospitals or other health care agencies, public organizations like fire or police departments, or other social service agencies that serve children, the elderly, the poor, or the general public. Oftentimes the workers in these organizations operate out of the limelight in occupations where they are seldom, if ever, told how their work is appreciated and valued by the community.

We stop by -- bringing snacks, drinks, flowers and encouragement, and we present them with a certificate indicating how their efforts are appreciated by our church and our community. Although short, these visits are very powerful -- both for those of us visiting and for the workers at the organizations we visit.

On Wednesday, May 17th all of you who want to come along will meet at COG at 9:40 am for prayer. We'll then head over to the Homer Glen fire department a couple blocks away. We'll arrive shortly before 10 am, set up the table with food and flowers and then meet with the fire department personnel at 10. (Fire department personnel will be brought in from all three fire stations.) We'll introduce ourselves and thank them for what they're doing, then leave. We should be done by 10:15.

And if you can't come with us on Wednesday, you can still participate by contributing snacks, drinks, flowers or paper products for us to take along. We expect to meet with about 12-15 people, although any extra snack items will be kept at the station for those working the following day. We'll need desserts like cookies and bars, fruit, veggies and other snack-type items like chips or pretzels), drinks (soda and juice), and paper products (plates, napkins, cups and some silverware) Please sign up on the sheet in the Welcome Area and call contact Pastor Dana (414-916-3241) if you have any questions. Since this is our first MOE I'm hoping for a good turnout - maybe 6-10 people to come along and others to supply what we'll be taking along.

**JOIN US FOR
WORSHIP ON
SUNDAYS 9:30 AM**

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

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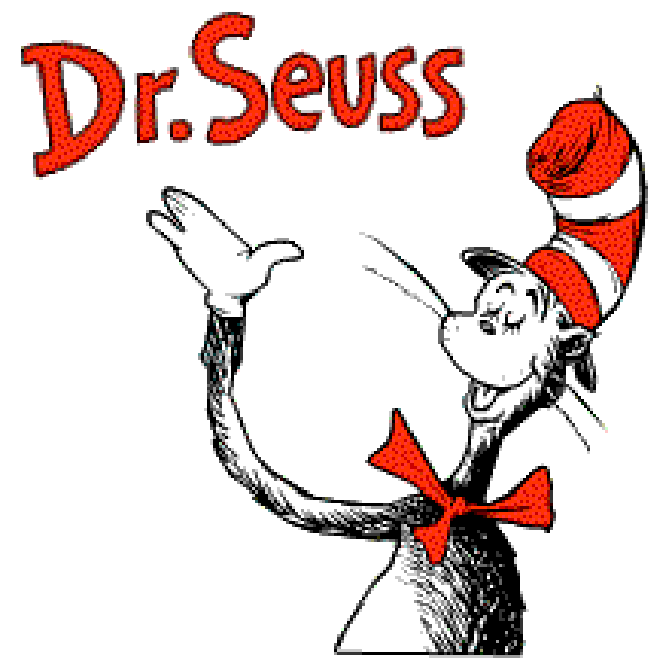


**REGISTER NOW FOR
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

July 10-13 9:00 to Noon
Family Night July 13 at 6:30 pm

Four Days of Adventure
with Dr. Seuss

More details on page 3



Welcome Statement

We recognize the importance of worshipping with a diverse group of people of any color, age, creed, ethnicity, physical and mental abilities, addictions, legal record, economic status, station in life, life circumstances, marital/family status, heterosexuals, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender people, their partners and their families. We welcome all into full participation in the church life, ministry of the congregation, sacraments, and rites of the church. We are all one in God's eyes, and everyone has a place in the family of God. It is with love and in celebration that we affirm this position.

"There is no longer Jew nor Greek, there is no longer slave nor free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:28

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, worshipping and teaching, and giving and sending.

Council Members:

Reach out to a council member with any questions or concerns.
Bill Nabors, Finances/President
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Contact Cross of Glory Lutheran Church's office for more details on any of the upcoming program and events (708) 301-6998



FAMILY CELEBRATION MAY 5th

Bring some friends, and join us for a family fun night of great Mexican food! Doors open at 6:00pm and dinner at 6:30pm. Free Will Donations and proceeds will benefit the Casa de los Angeles Mission. In addition to terrific food there will be piñatas for the kids, split the pot, music, and raffles.

If you are interested in learning more about our mission trip to CASA please contact the office.

IRISH BEER TASTING EVENT

May 20 6-8pm

Come taste different Irish beers! Donations are optional but any \$\$ will go to Casa as part of this summer's Casa initiatives. Beer and pretzels will be provided but others can bring food or snacks if they would like. Questions or details ask Mike O'Malley, join us for this fun time.

WOMEN'S NIGHT May 25th 7pm




Mark Thursday, May 25th on your calendar for our Women's May event making a door decoration. Maria will teach everyone how to make it. Everyone will need to buy their own flowers (need 6 to 8 full stems of flowers) and 2 rolls of wired ribbons at least 2.25 inches wide. You can get the supplies at any craft store, but if you go to JoAnne Fabrics they are on sale for 50% to 70% off. This way everyone can pick their own colors and I will teach them how to make it. They can also buy at other craft store. You can bring a snack to share if you desire!

DINNER W/FRIENDS AND BRUNCH DATES

**May 18th 6:30 - Nick's B-Que in Homer Glen, 159th and Bell Road.

**May 21 & June 4 - Brunch after worship, bring a dish to share if you wish!

ARE YOU A 2017 GRADUATE?

 On Sunday, June 11 2017, we'll recognize recent graduates at our 9:30 worship service. We'll do a blessing during the service and then celebrate with a cake afterward. All graduations are achievements worth celebrating, so whether you're graduating from pre-school, kdg, elementary or middle school, high school, college, post-college, some job-related training, or anything similar, we'd like to recognize you. Please complete a sheet in the Welcome Area with info about you and what you're graduating from so we can include that information in an insert to the June 11 bulletin. And then join us for the celebration!

BOOK CLUB ~ MAY 7

Each month, you are invited to read and then discuss the book of the month. May's book is All Is Not Forgotten by Wendy Walker. It's a psychological thriller, which will keep you reading throughout. We meet on Sunday, May 7th at 6:00 pm at Cross of Glory, and you're welcome to come even if you haven't read all (or any) of the book. Please contact Cheryl Nabors with any questions.


COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, May 18th
From 2-6pm



Call to sign up, but walk ins are also welcome!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL July 10-13 9~Noon

 Each day's activities will focus on a different Dr. Seuss book/movie! For ages 4 thru 5th grade. Cost is \$10 per child. Registration forms are available on our website and at the church. What a fun week to volunteer. Give us a call if you can help.

MOVIE NIGHT MAY 15th 7PM ~ CASABLANCA

You may not know this, but I've been inviting people to my house once per month to watch movie musicals for over five years. And not that I've run out of good musicals, but I'm going to try something a bit different starting this month. I'm thinking that there are some movies that are so essential that everyone should see them. I suspect we all have our own "must see" lists, however, in order to be somewhat objective, we'll be using the American Film Institute's list of top 100 movies of all time. But since it's my house, I'm exercising a bit of discretion and we're going to skip #1, Citizen Kane, which in my view is a great technical movie, but not all that exciting to watch. Which takes us to #2, Casablanca -- a masterful tale set in wartime France of two men vying for the same woman's love. Starring Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman and Paul Henreid, it has some of the best lines and is a classic no one should miss. So don't - come to my house, 16759 W. Sioux Dr, Lockport on Monday, May 15 at 7 pm to watch this amazing film. And feel free to bring friends.

MOTHER'S DAY WORSHIP ~ MAY 14 

Did you know that Mother's Day is now the Sunday with the third highest worship attendance (behind only Easter and Christmas). Well, at Cross of Glory we intend to make this Mother's Day worship special. (Actually, all of our worship services are special, so this one will be "more special.") We will be handing out flowers to thank all the women present, all of whom are so important in our lives. Andrew Kjos will have his camera equipment set up to take family photos which you will be able to access online (a great last minute Mother's Day gift). And Nicole Morin will be preaching about one of our Cross of Glory guiding principles. It doesn't get any better than this!! So moms -- bring your kids. And kids - bring your moms. (And don't worry dads - your day is coming next month.)

COG T-SHIRTS

It's the latest fashion craze! Yes, you guessed it -- Cross of Glory t- shirts. And now you can have one too. Just see Allen or Bob Kirkland for an order form, or pick one up in the Welcome area. Wouldn't it be great if we all had one for festivals and parades and just wearing around town. Let's tell everyone who we are!

UPCOMING SUMMER STUFF



Summer is just around the corner. And I know that lots of you have lots to do on the weekends. But you also don't want to miss the fun summer stuff we'll have going on at Cross of Glory on Sundays and throughout the week. In addition to VBS and the youth programming that kicks off in the summer, we'll also be bringing back Second Sundays (evening get-togethers with music and food on the second Sunday of each month) and mid-week Wednesday worship (for those of you who will be out of town on the weekend), and I hope to start a bible study at my house. We'll also have fun stuff going on in worship on Sundays - everything from an affirmation of baptism outside in a blow-up pool, to blessings of pets and bikes and pretty much anything that moves, to watching parts of movies, to . . . And we'll be marching in parades and hopefully have a presence at local festivals. We'll have more info as summer approaches, but prepare for a fun exciting God-filled summer here at COG!

NOISY OFFERING FOR MAY

Our noisy offering in May will go toward the ELCA's work in South Sudan to help the more than seven million people who need humanitarian assistance as a result of drought and renewed violence. Hundreds of thousands are at risk of imminent death from the famine that is gripping the country. Please save your change (and paper money works well too) for our noisy offering on Sunday, May 21st.

Our noisy offering in April went to Compassion International, another organization that helps needy kids and families in countries around the world. Through Compassion International, you can sponsor a child for a monthly donation, or contribute to a specific need in a certain country. We raised \$280.73 in April. Way to go Cross of Glory!!!

THE WELCOME PLACE PRESCHOOL

Jamie Knutson, Director (708) 301-3883

 Only a month left of school. In this month we will be learning about the Bible stories David and Goliath and the Little Lost Sheep with Pastor Dana. We are working on Mother's Day gifts and Father's Day gifts. We also have a graduation ceremony on May 26th for our MWF class. We are working on songs to sing for the ceremony and everyone is excited to be moving on to kindergarten. We have our Little Caesar's pizza fund-raiser due on May 10 and the pizzas will be delivered on May 17th. This has been a wonderful year!

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