



In the Loop

Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter



Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 21, 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

Welcome to Worship!

Today is the Sixth Sunday of the Easter Season. We're glad you've joined us today and encourage you to return often. Please stay after service for our monthly brunch.



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

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! REGISTER NOW!



Volunteer meeting of Sunday June 4th after worship.

Outreach...Growing OUT

Council Member: Mary Beth Randle

Ministry of Encouragement Update

Thanks to all who took part in thanking the local fire department. We had about a dozen people take part in the visit and our efforts were greatly appreciated. Check out the Facebook post.

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

Dinner with Friends at Girl in the Park

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. On June 22nd, we will meet at *Girl in the Park* at 6:30 pm. It is located at 11265 W 159th Street in Orland Park.

Brunch After Worship – Today and June 4th

Join us after worship for some great food and good times!

Women's Night – Thursday, May 25th at 7:00 pm

Join us for a girls' night event making door decorations. Maria Dziubczynski will teach everyone how to make it. **Everyone will need to have their own flowers** (need 6 to 8 full stems of flowers) and 2 rolls of wired ribbons at least 2.25 inches wide. 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. You can also buy at other stores. **Maria has offered to shop for you if you give her the money.**



If you have ANY questions, please ask Maria for guidance.

Book Club Update

The next book is *The Boston Girl* by Anita Diamant. We will meet on Sunday, June 11th at 6:00 pm. The location will be determined at a later date. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Cheryl Nabors with any questions.

Facilities...Growing Buildings & Grounds

Council Member: Bill Bavirsha

Facilities Work Day on June 3rd – Rain or Shine

Please help by giving us a couple of hours of your time. Weather permitting, we'll be working outside – but if it rains, we will work inside cleaning up our storage areas. Join us at 9:00 am.

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

May 14th: Attendance: 89

General Fund: \$3,138 / Kids: \$3

Capital / Building \$10

Northern Illinois Synod Redevelopment Grant: \$833

Casa Fundraiser: \$2,662

Vanco's Give+ App Now Available

Ever wished you could make a donation to Cross of Glory using your phone? Inspired but forgot your 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.

Order Gift Cards from CoG

We have a new Gift Card vendor – Great Lakes Scrip Center. See the insert for more information. You can still place an order today and the cards will be here next Sunday and we also have retail gift cards available for immediate purchase. In addition, the new program gives you a lot more options!

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. See Cheryl or Bill Nabors for more information on the GLSC Gift Card program.

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. 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), Maria Dziubczynski (Fellowship), Barb Taskay (Worship).

Mission Trip to Casa de los Ángeles

We will be sending two groups to Casa de los Ángeles (a free daycare center in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico). Please contact Tammy Kjos if you are interested in learning more.

Upcoming Events (crossofglory.com/cog-calendar)

Sunday	05/21	Noisy Offering to benefit ELCA's battle against drought, famine and violence in South Sudan
Sunday	05/21	Brunch after Worship – Stay and enjoy some great food
Thursday	05/25	Women's Night Door Decorations – 7:00 pm at CoG
Saturday	06/03	Work Day – 9:00 am
Sunday	06/04	Brunch after Worship – Bring a dish to share and enjoy some great food
Sunday	06/04	VBS Meeting after Worship
Sunday	06/11	Recognition of Graduates at Worship
Thursday	06/22	Dinner with Friends – 6:30 pm at Girl in the Park in Orland Park
Monday	07/10	Vacation Bible School 9:00 am to Noon (through Thursday)

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