



In the Loop

Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter



Fourth Sunday of Easter – May 7, 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

Today is the Fourth Sunday of the Easter Season. 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

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! Registration opens up this week!



Outreach...Growing OUT

Council Member: Mary Beth Randle

Ministry of Encouragement Visit – May 17th

Join us as we visit and celebrate the local fire department! See the monthly newsletter for complete details.

Community Blood Drive May 18th – 2:00 to 6:00 pm

Sign up now (Appointments are encouraged)! Please schedule your preferred donation time at https://ht.heartlandbc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/2032007.

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 Meets Tonight – May 7th

The next book is *All Is Not Forgotten* by Wendy Walker. We will meet tonight at 6:00 pm at Cross of Glory. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Cheryl Nabors with any questions.

May 15th Movie Night at Pastor Dana's – Casablanca

Join us on Monday, May 15th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm for this movie classic.

Dinner with Friends – May 18th at Nick's Barbecue

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 Nick's Barbecue at 15800 S Bell Road in Homer Glen.

Irish Beer Tasting for Casa on May 20th

Join us at CoG on May 20th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Donations are optional but any money raised 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. Contact is Mike O'Malley.

Brunch After Worship – May 21st

Bring a dish to share or just join us for a great meal!

Women's Night - May 25th at 7:00 pm

Mark Thursday, May 25th on your calendar for girls night making door decorations. 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. If they 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 craft stores. Questions? Ask Maria Dziubczynski for guidance.



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 30th: Attendance: 58

General Fund: \$5,228 / Synod Grant: \$833.33

Capital Building: \$10 / Building Use: \$222

Gift to Preschool: \$50

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.

Order Gift Cards from CoG

We have retail gift cards available for immediate purchase. You can also order gift cards and the cards will be here the next Sunday. 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 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. 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). One group will be going during the week of July 30th. Please contact Tammy Kjos if you are interested in learning more.

Mother's Day Family Photos

Andrew Kjos will be taking family photos next Sunday that you can access online. Bring your whole family!

Upcoming Events (crossofglory.com/cog-calendar)

Sunday	05/07	Book Club – 6:00 pm at Cross of Glory – <i>All Is Not Forgotten</i>
Sunday	05/14	Get a Family Photo for Mother's Day
Monday	05/15	Movie Night at Pastor Dana's (<i>Casablanca</i>) – 7:00 to 9:00 pm
Wednesday	05/17	Ministry of Encouragement visit – 9:40 am
Thursday	05/18	Community Blood Drive – 2:00 to 6:00 pm
Thursday	05/18	Dinner with Friends – 6:30 pm at Nick's Barbecue in Homer Glen
Saturday	05/20	Irish Beer Tasting for Casa – 6:00 pm
Sunday	05/21	Noisy Offering to benefit ELCA's battle against drought, famine and violence in South Sudan
Sunday	05/21	Brunch after Worship – Bring a dish to share and enjoy some great food
Thursday	05/25	Women's Night Door Decorations – 7:00 pm
Sunday	06/11	Recognition of Graduates at Worship
Monday	07/10	Vacation Bible School 9:00 am to Noon (through Thursday)

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