



# In the Loop

## Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter



Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 14, 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](http://crossofglory.com) or [Facebook](#) for more information.

### Worship...Growing Down Roots

Council Member: Barb Taskay

#### Happy Mother's Day

Today is the Fifth 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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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!



### Outreach...Growing OUT

Council Member: Mary Beth Randle

#### Ministry of Encouragement Visit – May 17<sup>th</sup>

We'll be stopping by with food and a certificate to thank the Homer Township fire department people for all they do for the community. It will be a really short visit -- we'll meet at 9:40 am at Cross of Glory, then go over and thank the fire fighters and be out of there by 10:15. But it's important that we have about 8 to 10 of us show up. Right now, we have 4 including Pastor Dana. So, we could use about 4 to 6 more of us.

For those of you who can't come, you can help by bringing a food item for us to take along. We could use all sorts of tasty stuff -- cupcakes, brownies, cookies, crackers and cheese pretzels and chips, etc. We could also use some healthy stuff like fruit and a vegetable tray and dip. There will be about 15 people being celebrated.

These are really powerful visits and they speak to the welcoming congregation we are called to be.

**SIGN UP TODAY in the Welcome Room and/or speak to Pastor Dana!**

#### Community Blood Drive May 18<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 to 6:00 pm

Sign up now (Appointments are encouraged)! You can use the Heartland web site to schedule your preferred donation time at [ht.heartlandbc.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/2032007](http://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 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. Mission staff prepares the food and our volunteers serve it.

### Fellowship...Growing Together

Council Member: Maria Dziubczynski

#### May 15<sup>th</sup> Movie Night at Pastor Dana's – Casablanca

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

#### Dinner with Friends – May 18<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>

Join us at CoG on May 20<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup>

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

#### Women's Night - May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

Mark Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for girls' night 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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

### 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 7<sup>th</sup>:** Attendance: 103  
General Fund: \$5,376 / Kids: \$8  
Building (Yoga): \$75  
Amazon Smile: \$10.42 / Chili's Fundraiser: \$188.25  
Casa Fundraiser: \$1,561

### 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 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. **The May meeting is this Tuesday.** 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.

## Mother's Day Family Photos

Andrew Kjos is taking family photos today that you can access online. Bring your whole family!

## Upcoming Events ([crossofglory.com/cog-calendar](http://crossofglory.com/cog-calendar))

Monday	05/15	<b>Movie Night</b> at Pastor Dana's ( <i>Casablanca</i> ) – 7:00 to 9:00 pm
Wednesday	05/17	<b>Ministry of Encouragement</b> visit – meet at church at 9:40 am
Thursday	05/18	<b>Community Blood Drive</b> – 2:00 to 6:00 pm
Thursday	05/18	<b>Dinner with Friends</b> – 6:30 pm at <b>Nick's Barbecue</b> in Homer Glen
Saturday	05/20	<b>Irish Beer Tasting</b> for Casa – 6:00 pm
Sunday	05/21	<b>Noisy Offering</b> 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 <b>Door Decorations</b> – 7:00 pm
Sunday	06/11	<b>Recognition of Graduates</b> at Worship
Monday	07/10	<b>Vacation Bible School</b> 9:00 am to Noon (through Thursday)

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