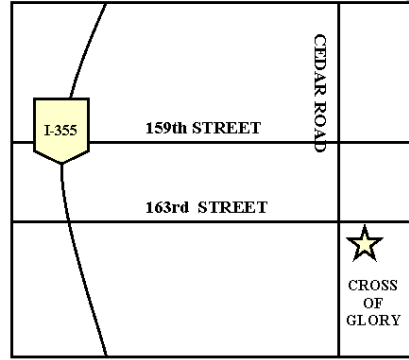




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JUNE 2017

WHAT TO LOOK FORWARD TO THIS SUMMER . . .

With summer around the corner, we have lots to look forward to - warm weather, vacations, and summer gatherings with family and friends. We've also got a lot to look forward to at Cross of Glory. Mark your calendars for the following:

- **Wednesday Worship - Starting June 7** - we're starting a Wednesday worship service at 6:30 for anyone who may not be able to make it on Sunday. While I'm really hoping that anyone in town on Sunday will be at worship on Sunday, I know that summer travel and other commitments often make that impossible. So if that's you, you're in luck - our Wednesday evening service is perfect for you! Wednesday worship starts at 6:30, and like all our services, it features singing, communion, fun and a whole lot of God.
- **Luther Bible Study -- Tuesdays Starting June 20** -- Since 2017 is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, it seems like a great time to learn a bit more about Martin Luther. Join us at my house (16759 West Sioux Drive - outside if it's nice, inside if it's not) at 6:30 every Tuesday night for a bible study focusing on Martin Luther's theology and how it still impacts us today.
- **Second Sundays (June 11, July 9, and August 13)** - I'm told that a staple of summers in the past were those Sunday evenings when you could bring a meal, gather with friends (new and old), play yard games with the kids, and listen to some great music outdoors at COG. So we brought it back - Second Sundays starts at 6 pm on June 11, and is a perfect opportunity to invite your neighbors for a fun and relaxing evening.
- **VBS (July 10 - 13)** - a week of fun and learning, based on stories from Dr. Seuss.
- **Our Summer Sermon Series - "The Gospel According to . . ."** Each Sunday, we'll look at a different way God communicates with us through aspects of our culture. We'll look at "The Gospel According to . . ." Peanuts, Starbucks, the Beatles, Dr. Seuss, Harry Potter, and a number of current movies, among others. Join us each week as we explore how our faith connects with what's going on in the world.

And during the summer, in addition to birthday and vocation celebrations, we'll also have something special each Sunday. Some examples include:

- **Blessing of Wheeled Things (Sunday, June 18)** - Not only will we be celebrating Father's Day that Sunday, but we'll also end the service by heading outside to bless all "wheeled things." ("Wheeled things" is broadly defined and includes everything from cars and trucks to bikes, motorcycles, rollerblades, walkers with wheels, and everything in between.) Bring your "wheeled thing" for a blessing.
- **Swimming Pool Affirmation of Baptism (Sunday, July 9)** - we'll have an outdoor service where we explore what it means to "walk wet" in our daily lives. And we'll have the opportunity to literally "walk wet," as we affirm our baptisms by walking through a kids' swimming pool.
- **Pet Blessing (Sunday August 20)** - another outside worship (weather permitting), to which all pets are invited. We'll have a special blessing for all pets and owners.

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 2

THE WELCOME
PLACE PRESCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE
TUESDAY, JUNE 27
4:00 to 7:00 pm

Bring your child to play in the classrooms
while you get the opportunity to
meet with the teachers!

Registration is open.
(708) 301-3883

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
Mary Beth Randle, Outreach/Secretary
Maria Dziubczynski, Fellowship
Bill Bavirsha, Facilities/Vice President
Barb Taskay, Worship
Christine Quemeneur, Discipleship

Make an online donation on the church website
www.crossofglory.com/giving



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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

FELLOWSHIP—Maria Dziubczynski

Next "Dinner With Friends" will be at **Girl in the Park** located at 11265 W. 159th St OP, on June 22nd at 6:30pm. June 4 will be the next Sunday brunch.

PLEASE HELP I need of volunteers for the October Fest. Looking for kitchen divas, advertisers/marketing helpers, decorators, solicitors for donations from local businesses, bouncy house donation and anything else that will make this event a success! See Maria or call me at 708-220-4717.

WORSHIP— Barb Taskay

The worship team has been blessed with the youth joining us more often in the band! We hope that the youth participation continues to grow. It was great to have Jeff Warner assist in worship again! Welcome Back Jeff!! We also have opportunities for anyone that would like to sing or play an instrument, operate the power point, or help before worship in any other way.

GIFT CARD UPDATE- Bill Nabors

Gift Card Update: Manna Group, the provider for our gift card fundraising program, has been acquired by Great Lakes Scrip Center (GLSC) in Grand Rapids, Michigan (the #1 scrip provider serving the USA). There are new retailers and new ways to place and receive your order. Get details at church or from Cheryl Nabors.

FACILITY—Bill Bavirsha

The Facility/Property Committee continues to make improvements to the building and grounds at C.O.G. A lot of the action has been going on over the last few months and more is coming.

Some items we have done include tree trimming and shrub pruning, mailbox and marquee sign repairs, and landscaping with mulch to

beautify our outdoor grounds. Indoors, we have focused on installation of new bathroom and kitchen faucets, upgrading emergency exit and lighting fixtures, and installing a new sound board for worship. This is just the tip of the iceberg, we have many more projects we want to do here at C.O.G and in time with your help, we will get them done too.

The Facility/Property Committee is always looking for more help. You don't need to be a carpenter, electrician, gardener or plumber to help out. If you are willing to volunteer yourself to do some manual labor occasionally, we'd love to have you. Please See Bill Bavirsha or get word to Laura or Pastor Dana. Volunteer June 3rd 9am for outside and inside work!

DISCIPLESHIP—Chris Quemeneur

It is going to be a great summer for the kids! We have our Summer Youth (LYO) starting off in June for 6th graders and up! Also, in July is Vacation Bible School. If anyone is interested in volunteering contact Chris Quemeneur.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

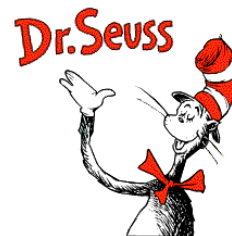
July 10-13

9 to Noon

July 13 Family

Night 6:30pm

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. Speak with Chris Quemeneur to inquire about more details.

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

The youth gather every other Monday to participate in games, food, outings, and learning. Open to youth in grades 6-12th. The program is FREE, but fees may apply for some outings. There will be a Lock-In and Service Night on July 7th. We will be going to Feed My Starving Children. Please RSVP to participate in the Lock In and/or Service Project by June 26th. Monday's 6:30 to 8:00pm: June 12th (bring a white t-shirt to tie dye), July 10 & 24, August 7th.

THREE PARADES THIS SUMMER

What Opportunities!!!

Cross of Glory will be participating in three parades during June! Lockport's Canal Days parade is Friday, **June 17 at 6 pm**. The Homer Township parade is a week later on Saturday, **June 24 at 11 am**. If all goes as planned, representatives of COG and the Welcome Place Preschool will be traveling in both parades in style - on a trailer all decked out to advertise our upcoming Dr. Seuss VBS. We'll hand out candy and flyers for VBS and the Preschool. If you have any questions on either of these local parades, please contact Dana O'Brien.

And then on **Sunday, June 25**, we will again be part of the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches marching in the Chicago Pride Parade. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to publicly proclaim what we believe. Dan Skowron is taking the lead on this one, so contact him if you have any questions.

There are sign-up sheets in the welcome area. Please sign-up to help. These parades are going to be lots of fun and are a great way to help us become more visible in the community.

WORK DAY ON JUNE 3

We didn't have much luck with weather for our last work day, but I'm assured that the weather will be better for our work day on Saturday June 3. We'll gather at 9 am to spread the rest of the mulch and do some other outside work. We'll also have some people working inside to do some organizing and clean-up. Bring rakes, gloves and shovels for outside. (If you're planning to work inside, bring buckets, rags, and any type of cleaning solution you think will help!)

MOVIE NIGHT JUNE 19—The Graduate

We're watching the best 100 movies of all time according to the American Film Institute. The Graduate, starring Anne Bancroft and a young Dustin Hoffman, is near the top. (And it has one of the best lines ever: "Plastics.") Join us at my house (16759 W. Sioux Dr.) on Monday, June 19 at 7 pm for some good food, a great movie and lots of fun.

JUNE CALENDAR

- 3 Work Day 9am
- 4 Brunch ~ VBS Meeting ~ Baptism Day
- 7 Wednesday Worship 6:30pm
- 8 Women's Event 7pm Door Spray
- 11 2nd Sundays ~ Graduate Blessings
- 12 Summer Youth 6:30-8pm
- 13 Council Meeting
- 14 Wednesday Worship 6:30pm
- 16 Old Canal Days Parade ~ NIS Assembly
- 18 Father's Day ~ Wheel Blessings
- 19 Movie Night 7pm at Dana's The Graduate
- 20 Luther Bible Study at Dana's 6:30pm
- 21 Wednesday Worship 6:30pm
- 22 Dinner with Friends 6:30pm Girl in the Park
- 24 Homer Township Parade ~ MorningStar Serve
- 25 Chicago Pride Parade
- 26 Summer Youth 6:30-8pm
- 27 Bible Study at Dana's ~ Preschool Open House
- 28 Wednesday Worship 6:30pm

CROSS OF GLORY FINANCIAL UPDATE

April 2017

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| Income | Year to Date |
| Offering | \$64,536.11 |
| Other | <u>\$22,654.10</u> |
| Total | \$87,190.21 |
| Expenses | |
| General/Building | \$36,683.28 |
| Staff | \$52,137.53 |
| Sharing | \$ 3,532.50 |
| Ministries | <u>\$ 2,603.90</u> |
| Total | \$94,957.21 |
| Income/Loss | \$ (7,767.00) |



THE WELCOME PLACE PRESCHOOL

Jamie Knutson, Director (708) 301-3883

We have come to the end of our school year. What a great year we had. We learned our shapes, colors, numbers, and ABCs. We had science experiments and story times. We went on the Homer Glen bookmobile and had a chance to check out books. We had fantastic Community Workers come and share their jobs with us. We had wonderful room parties and a Christmas program. We celebrated Grandparents day, and our moms and dads. A wonderful Graduation ceremony and a very fun end of the year party. Thank you to all who helped us and our program be as successful as it is. Can't wait for next year!

OPEN HOUSE ON TUESDAY, JUNE 27th 4-7pm