



In the Loop

Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter

June 18, 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! Happy Father's Day.

Today is the Second Sunday After Pentecost. 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.

Wednesday Worship

Summer travel and other commitments often make it tough to get to church on Sunday morning so we're starting a Wednesday worship service at 6:30 for anyone who may not be able to make it on Sunday. Wednesday worship starts at 6:30, and like all our services, it features singing, communion, fun and a whole lot of God.

Discipleship...Growing UP

Council Member: Christine Quemeneur

Luther Bible Study -- Tuesdays Starting THIS WEEK!

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 Pastor Dana's 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.

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!

Outreach...Growing OUT

Council Member: Mary Beth Randle

Two Parades Remaining This Summer

Cross of Glory is in three parades during June! Lockport's Canal Days parade was Friday, June 16th. The Homer Township parade is next Saturday, June 24 at 11 am. 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. On Sunday, June 25, we will again be part of the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches marching in the Chicago Pride Parade. There is an informational meeting for this parade after worship today. There are sign-up sheets in the welcome area. These parades are lots of fun and help us become more visible in the community.

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.

Save the Date - CROP Walk

This year's CROP Hunger Walk will be held at Dellwood Park on Sunday, September 17th.

Fellowship...Growing Together

Council Member: Maria Dziubczynski

Second Sunday Gathering – July 9th at 6:00 pm

Bring your lawn chairs or blanket and join us for some fun, games, fellowship, and music. We will provide hot dogs and buns. You are invited to bring a dish AND all your friends!



Last Sunday was a beautiful night and the music was amazing. Don't miss next month's event!

Joliet Slammers Baseball

Join us as we gather for a night of fun on Friday July 21st at 7:05 pm. Tickets are reduced from \$12 to \$8 for our group, reservations must be paid on or before June 25th.

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

Book Club Update

The next book is *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead. We will meet on Sunday, July 23rd at 6:00 pm. Location TBD. 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

June 4th: Attendance: 72

General Fund: \$3,198 / Capital / Building \$10

Building Use: \$38 / VBS: \$440

Order Gift Cards from CoG

We have a new Gift Card vendor – Great Lakes Scrip Center. See the insert in the Welcome Room for more information. We will continue to have retail gift cards available for immediate purchase on a first come, first serve basis. You can also order cards at church and get them the next Sunday or order directly from the scrip company and have the proceeds go to CoG. If you are interested in this option, please see Cheryl Nabors.

Gift cards are a great way to support CoG. You get the full value while CoG receives a percentage of the face value. See Cheryl or Bill Nabors for more information on the GLSC Gift Card program.

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).

Synod Assembly Recap

On Friday and Saturday, we attended the Northern Illinois Synod Assembly in Moline. We were able to contribute \$300 in gift cards and a couple of smoke and CO₂ detectors to the In-Kind Offering for Lutheran Social Services of Illinois.

The synod and the ELCA are working for us throughout the world. It was enlightening and uplifting to hear how our church is helping make the world a better place.

Upcoming Events (crossofglory.com/cog-calendar)

Wednesday	06/14	Wednesday Night Worship – 6:30 pm
Monday	06/19	Movie Night at Pastor Dana's – <i>The Graduate</i> – 7:00 pm
Tuesday	06/20	Luther Bible Study – 6:30 pm at Pastor Dana's home
Thursday	06/22	<i>Dinner with Friends</i> – 6:30 pm at <i>Girl in the Park</i> in Orland Park
Saturday	06/24	Homer Township Parade – 11:00 am
Sunday	06/25	Chicago Pride Parade
Sunday	07/09	<i>Second Sunday</i> Gathering – 6:00 pm
Monday	07/10	<i>Vacation Bible School</i> 9:00 am to Noon (through Thursday)
Friday	07/21	Joliet Slammer's Game -order tickets by June 25 th
Sunday	09/17	CROP Walk

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