



# In the Loop

## Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter



June 11, 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

#### Welcome to Worship!

Today is the First 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.

#### 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.

### Discipleship...Growing UP

Council Member: Christine Quemeneur

#### Luther Bible Study -- Tuesdays Starting June 20

Since 2017 is the 500<sup>th</sup> 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 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

#### Three Parades This Summer

Cross of Glory will be participating in three parades during June! Lockport's Canal Days parade is Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. The Homer Township parade is a week later on 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. 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. 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 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

#### Second Sunday Gathering – June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm

Bring your lawn chairs or blanket and join us for some fun, games, fellowship, and music.

#### Joliet Slammers Baseball

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

#### 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, we'll meet at *Girl in the Park* at 6:30 pm. It is located at 11265 W 159<sup>th</sup> Street in Orland Park.

## Book Club Update

The next book is *The Boston Girl* by Anita Diamant. We will meet on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. We'll meet at church at 4:30. 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 4<sup>th</sup>: 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 Offering for LSSI

Cross of Glory will be attending the 2017 Northern Illinois Synod Assembly on June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

Each year, the synod encourages congregations to make in-kind donations to benefit one or more causes. This year's In-Kind Offering, sponsored by the NIS Social Ministry Committee, will be **the collection of smoke/carbon monoxide detectors and gift cards** to help **Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI)** care for the children of the Northern Illinois Synod.

Suggested gift cards (in any amount): Wal-Mart, Target, Walgreens, CVS, Dollar General, Dollar Tree, Casey's General Store, Toys R Us, Hy-Vee Grocery, Schnucks Grocery, Woodman's Grocery, McDonald's, Subway, Culvers, Gas Cards (Shell, Mobil, BP). See the flyer at <http://nisynod.org/assembly/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/2017-In-Kind-Offering-flier.pdf>.

Many of these gift cards (Walmart, Target, Walgreens, CVS, Toys "R" Us, Subway, BP, Shell, Mobil) are available through our gift card fundraising program. See Cheryl or Bill Nabors today, June 11<sup>th</sup>. They will get the cards and take them to Synod Assembly.

If you would like to donate Carbon Monoxide or Smoke Detectors, please bring them to church as soon as possible. We take what we've collected by Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

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

Sunday	06/11	Book Club discussion of <i>The Boston Girl</i> by Anita Diamant – <i>Time to be announced</i>
Sunday	06/11	<b>Second Sunday</b> Gathering – 6:00 pm
Wednesday	06/14	Wednesday Night Worship – 6:30 pm
Friday	06/16	Canal Days Parade – 6:00 pm
Sunday	06/18	<b>Blessing of Wheeled Things</b> after Worship
Monday	06/19	Movie Night at Pastor Dana's – <b>The Graduate</b> – 7:00 pm
Tuesday	06/20	Luther Bible Study – 6:30 pm at Pastor Dana's home
Thursday	06/22	<b>Dinner with Friends</b> – 6:30 pm at <b>Girl in the Park</b> in Orland Park
Saturday	06/24	Homer Township Parade – 11:00 am
Sunday	06/25	Chicago Pride Parade
Monday	07/10	<b>Vacation Bible School</b> 9:00 am to Noon (through Thursday)
Friday	07/21	Joliet Slammer's Game -order tickets by June 25 <sup>th</sup>
Sunday	09/17	CROP Walk

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