



In the Loop

Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter

July 2, 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!

Today is the Third 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 have started 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

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.

***** No Bible Study on July 4th *****

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

Fundraiser for Casa de los Angeles & Mission Trip

CREATE YOUR SUMMER FUN

Saturday, July 22nd from 1 to 3pm
\$10 Admission Fee. All Ages Invited.

Choose your Activities: Chair Massage, Yoga, Dance, Facials, Crafts and More!

Thanks to All Our Parade Participants

We participated in Lockport's Canal Days parade on June 16th, the Homer Township parade on June 24th, and on June 25th, we marched with the *Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches* group in the Chicago Pride Parade. This was the largest group in the parade.

Starting a Cereal Drive for FISH Food Pantry

Food pantry donations decline in the summer but the need does not. Bring a box of cereal each week.



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

Women's Event – Decorating Shirts for VBS

Spend an enjoyable night at Barb Corcoran's on Thursday, July 6th at 6:30pm. Bring a Summer Salad to share. VBS needs US! We will be decorating shirts for the VBS children. **Bring a friend! We need your help. Kindly RSVP or Sign Up at COG.

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!

The last event was a beautiful night and the music was amazing. Don't miss next month!

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. **Tickets must be paid for TODAY.**

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 7th: Attendance: 8, General: \$15

June 11th: Attendance: 84

General Fund: \$3,396 / Capital: \$10 / Kid's \$7.02

Casa: \$20 / Building Use: \$150

June 14th: Attendance: 10, General: \$211

June 18th: Attendance: 62

General Fund: \$1,862 / Capital: \$10 / CDs: \$170
Redevelopment Grant: \$833.33 / Building Use: \$42
Noisy Offering (ELIM Adult Services): \$333.95

June 21st: Attendance: 6, General: \$30

June 25th: Attendance: 59

General Fund: \$3,351 / Capital: \$10 / Kid's \$2
Casa: \$100 / Building Use: \$130

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 your cards 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. **We are not planning on meeting in July.** 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).

Upcoming Events (crossofglory.com/cog-calendar)

Tuesday	07/04	Luther Bible Study will not meet this week
Wednesday	07/05	Wednesday Night Worship – 6:30 pm
Thursday	07/06	Women's Event – Decorate Shirts for VBS at 6:30
Sunday	07/09	Second Sunday Gathering – 6:00 pm. Music by <i>After the Rain</i> .
Monday	07/10	Vacation Bible School 9:00 am to Noon (through Thursday)
Tuesday	07/11	Luther Bible Study – 6:30 pm at Pastor Dana's home
Sunday	07/16	Brunch after Worship
Thursday	07/20	Dinner with Friends at the Tap House Grill in Lemont
Friday	07/21	Joliet Slammer's Game -order tickets by July 2 nd
Saturday	07/22	Casa Fundraiser - Create Your Summer Fun – 1:00 to 3:00 pm
Sunday	07/23	Book Club – <i>The Underground Railroad</i> at 6:00 pm
Sunday	09/17	CROP Walk in Dellwood Park

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