



# In the Loop

## Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter



July 30, 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!

We're glad you've joined us today and encourage you to return often.

#### Pet Blessing – August 20<sup>th</sup>

Bring your pets (including stuffed pets and pet pictures) for an old-fashioned pet blessing at an Outdoor Worship. There will be brunch after the service.

#### 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 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 on Tuesday nights for a bible study focusing on Martin Luther's theology and how it still impacts us today.

No Bible Study This Week (August 1<sup>st</sup>).

### Outreach...Growing OUT

Council Member: Mary Beth Randle

#### 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 volunteers serve.

#### Slammers Game – Rainout Makeup Game

Our recent outing ended in a rainout so we get to attend the game on August 25<sup>th</sup>. See Maria for your tickets.

#### Cereal Drive for FISH Food Pantry

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



#### Save the Date - CROP Walk is Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

This year's CROP Hunger Walk will be held at Dellwood Park on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. We walk to raise awareness AND to earn donations from our family and friends. The money collected goes to Church World Service (CWS) to help feed the hungry. CWS works closely with many churches, including the ELCA, to provide food and housing all over the world.

### Fellowship...Growing Together

Council Member: Maria Dziubczynski

#### Volunteers Needed for CoG's Octoberfest

This year's event will take place on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. We will need help in making our second year even better than the first. We are currently looking for department heads for the following:

- Donations - Get food & drink donations
- Music Organizer
- Games and activities for young and old
- Decorations Director
- Tents-tables-lighting (especially if outdoors)
- Advertising director (contact local papers, flyers, signs etc.)

#### Book Club Update

The next book is *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. We will meet on August 27 at 6:00 pm. The location has not been yet determined. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Cheryl Nabors with any questions or book suggestions.

### 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

July 16<sup>th</sup>: Attendance: 82

General Fund: \$3,438 / VBS: 160

### 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 Nabors for cards this week.

### Council Meetings

Council holds an open monthly meeting - usually on the second Tuesday of the month. In August, we will meet on August 15<sup>th</sup>. 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).

## Gift Card Bonus Extravaganza

The following cards are on bonus which means CoG receives a higher percentage than we normally would. This is a partial list. The full list is in the Welcome Room. The bonus offer is good through August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Place your order today to take full advantage of this great offer. Vendors include...

- Amazon – 2.5% / now 5.5%
- iTunes – 5% / now 10%
- Barnes & Noble - 8% / now 10%
- Bath & Body Works - 13% / now 18%
- Bed Bath & Beyond - 7% / now 8%
- Best Buy - 4% / now 5%
- CVS - 6% / now 9%
- Chili's - 11% / now 18%
- Chipotle - 10% / now 12%
- Guitar Center - 4% / now 6%
- Hallmark - 4% / now 6%
- Home Goods - 7% / now 9%
- JC Penney - 5% / now 7%
- L.L. Bean - 16% / now 17%
- Landry's - 9% / now 11%
- Logans Roadhouse - 10% / now 15%
- Macy's - 10% / now 12%
- Marshalls - 7% / now 9%
- Meijer - 3% / now 5%
- Panera - 8% / now 10%
- PetSmart - 5% / now 11%
- Red Robin - 8% / now 11%
- TGI Fridays - 9% / now 10%
- TJ Maxx - 7% / now 9%
- Target - 2.5% / now 4.5%

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

Tuesday	08/01	NO Luther Bible Study this week
Wednesday	08/02	Wednesday Night Worship – 6:30 pm
Monday	08/07	Summer Youth Program – 6:30 pm
Tuesday	08/08	Luther Bible Study – 6:30 pm at Pastor Dana's home
Sunday	08/13	Casa Celebration Sunday
Sunday	08/13	Second Sunday Gathering – Music, Food, Games – 6:00 pm
Tuesday	08/15	NO Luther Bible Study this week
Tuesday	08/15	Council Meeting
Thursday	08/17	Women's Event – Makeup Ideas / Wine and Cheese
Sunday	08/20	Pet Blessing with Brunch after Service
Friday	08/25	Slammers Game - Makeup Game for rainout – See Maria for your Tickets
Monday	08/28	Dinner with Friends – 6:30 pm
Sunday	09/17	CROP Walk in Dellwood Park
Saturday	10/07	Octoberfest at Cross of Glory – 2:00 to 8:00 pm – Volunteers Needed!

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