



In the Loop

Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter

September 3, 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!

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

Wednesday Summer Worship is Over

Thanks to Pastor Dana, our music team, and everyone who helped in providing this worship opportunity over the summer.

Discipleship...Growing UP

Council Member: Christine Quemeneur

TELL Starts September 25th

Our youth Fall program is starting up real soon. This is a free program for youth in 6th through 12th grade. They meet on Monday's 6:30-8:00 pm with Dan Murtaugh. Together the kids have fellowship, bible discussion through music and movies, games, and of course snacks! The dates are Sept 25 - Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 – Nov 6, 13.

Outreach...Growing

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 4th Saturday of the month. Mission staff prepares the food and volunteers serve.

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. They are also in need of pancake mix, syrup, and canned fruit.

The CROP Walk is Sunday, September 17th



This year's CROP Hunger Walk will be held at Dellwood Park on Sunday, September 17th. Meet us at the Band Shell and walk to raise money to help feed hungry people and raise awareness

about poverty throughout the world. The money collected goes to Church World Service (CWS) to provide food and housing all over the world. Twenty-five percent of funds raised will be donated back to food pantries in our community.

After the Rain will provide musical inspiration. Join us afterwards for hot dogs and snacks.

Registration is at 1:30, Step-off is at 2:00. Get your Registration envelope today from Cheryl Nabors or register online at:

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/lockportil/COGCropWalk>

Blood Drive September 7th - 2:00 to 6:00 pm

Community blood drive at CoG through Heartland Blood Center. Free voucher for all donors for Siegel's Pumpkin Farm. Call to set up an appt or sign up in the Welcome Room.

Cross of Glory October Fest – October 7

We are in the process of planning this event. Please contact Maria Dziubczynski to help out with this! Save the date!

Pick up a sign today and place it in your yard!

Dellwood Park Block Party – Sept 16 1:00-6:00pm

National Back to Church Sunday. Free Family event. Kids Activities, Live Entertainment, Food, Vendors, and Resources. After the Rain will be one of the music groups playing that day! Cross of Glory is also helping with games. Please let Pastor Dana if you can help with this.

Donate to Hurricane Harvey Relief

Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response designated for "Hurricane Response – United States" will be used in full (100 percent) in responding to Hurricane Harvey until the response is complete. Go to <http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/US-Hurricane-Relief>.

Fellowship...Growing Together

Council Member: Maria Dziubczynski

Volunteers Needed for CoG's Octoberfest

This year's event will take place on Saturday, October 7th. 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 (papers, flyers, signs etc.)

Book Club Update-Date Change

The next book is *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. We will meet on **September 10th** at 6:00 pm at Cross of Glory Lutheran Church. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Cheryl Nabors with any questions or book suggestions.

Women's Event – RACKO Game Night

Get ready for lots of laughter at Maria's. We're having a RACKO game night on Friday, September 15th at 7 pm. Bring a small treat and spirits to share! **We need 3 more RACKO games.** (Let Maria know if you have one asap!) 15539 S. Willow Ct. in Homer Glen. Kindly RSVP. There is a Sign-Up Sheet at COG or call -708-220-4717.

Facilities...Growing Buildings & Grounds

Council Member: Bill Bavirsha

Community Center Meeting Space

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

August 27: Attendance: 71 (Wed. 8/09: 12 \$101)

General Fund: \$4,366 / Capital: \$10

Redevelopment ELCA \$1,666

Order Gift Cards from CoG

Our Gift Card vendor is now 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 gift cards this week.

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).

Upcoming Events (crossofglory.com/cog-calendar)

Thursday	09/07	Blood Drive at Cross of Glory - 2:00 to 6:00 pm
Sunday	09/10	Book Club Meeting at CoG - 6:00 pm
Tuesday	09/12	Lifeline Screening at Cross of Glory
Friday	09/15	Women's Group – RACKO Game Night – 7:00 pm at Maria's
Saturday	09/16	Dellwood Park Block Party – 1:00 to 6:00 pm
Sunday	09/17	CROP Walk in Dellwood Park – 1:30 Registration, 2:00 Step-off
Monday	09/25	T.E.L.L. restarts – 6:30 pm
Saturday	10/07	Octoberfest at Cross of Glory – 2:00 to 8:00 pm – Volunteers Needed!

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