



In the Loop

Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter

September 24, 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.

Discipleship...Growing UP

Council Member: Christine Quemeneur

T.E.L.L. 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 from 6:30 to 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 September 25; October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; November 6, 13

Confirmation Class Begins September 24th

Our fall confirmation classes start on September 24th. Confirmation here at CoG is a two-year program – during 7th and 8th grade. During this time, our young people explore their faith and their relationship with God in today's world. More information is going out to those young people in that age group, but if your child is going into 7th or 8th grade, you can call the office to sign them up. And we're all looking forward to October 22, when we'll celebrate with those being confirmed here at CoG.

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.

FISH Food Pantry Temporarily Closed

The location at 604 E 9th Street in Lockport, closed its doors permanently on September 22, 2017. A new location in the Lockport Township Town Hall building at 1463 S. Farrell Road is currently being prepared but is not yet ready to open.

Visit their Facebook page for updates:

www.facebook.com/LockportFISHFoodPantry01

A GoFundMe page has been set up for donations to help open the new location:

<https://www.gofundme.com/FISHFoodPantry>

Cross of Glory will be helping fill the gap left by FISH's closing. Please help them generously whenever you can.

Youth Pancake Breakfast Today

On Sunday, September 24th, the youth are serving breakfast. They are sponsoring a young girl, Amina, from **Compassion International**. All proceeds from the breakfast will go towards sponsoring Amina! Amina will turn 15 on October 9th and lives in Ghana. She loves attending Sunday School, playing marbles, jumping rope, and group games. Remember her in your prayers! Join us for breakfast.

Cross of Glory Free Fall Fest – October 7

We've made our plans and are preparing. You can still contact Maria Dziubczynski to help with this! Signup sheets are now posted!

Pick up a sign today and place it in your yard! This is a great opportunity for us to show our neighbors who we are!

Donate to Hurricane Relief

Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response designated for "Hurricane Response – United States" will be used in full (100 percent) for hurricane relief 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 *Free Fall Fest*

This year's event will take place on Saturday, October 7th. We need help in making our second year even better than the first. Signup sheets are posted in the Welcome Room. The more volunteers we have, the less time each person will need to serve so we can all enjoy the festivities.

Book Club Update

The next book is *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott. We will meet on Sunday, October 22nd at 6:00 pm at Cross of Glory Lutheran Church. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Cheryl Nabors with any questions.

The remaining books we'll read include:

- Salt Houses* by Hala Alyan (Nov 26);
- Bossy Pants* by Tina Fey;
- The Lizard Cage* by Karen Connelly;
- Orphans Inheritance* by Aline Ohanesian;
- Murder at the 42nd St Library* by Con Lehane;
- The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict;
- A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman

Dinner with Friends at Paddy B's

This is a chance for you to share a night out with your friends from Cross of Glory. Everyone is invited to meet for dinner on Thursday, September 28th at 6:30 pm at Paddy B's in Orland Park.

Facilities...Growing Buildings & Grounds

Council Member: Bill Bavirsha

Community Meeting Space Available

Cross of Glory has space available for parties, banquets, meetings and wedding receptions. Contact Laura Uzzardo.

Congregation Work Day September 30th

We need your help to spruce things up for Fall Fest. We'll be starting at 9:00 am. Please volunteer a couple of hours of your time so we can look our best.

Finance...Growing Generosity

Council Member: Bill Nabors

Update on Worship & Giving

September 10th: Attendance: 68

General Fund: \$3,093 / Capital: \$10 / Casa: \$20
Kids: \$1

September 17th: Attendance: 85

General Fund: \$2,285 / Capital: \$10
Noisy Offering (CROP Walk): \$207

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)

Sunday	09/24	<i>Pancake Breakfast</i> before and after Worship
Sunday	09/24	<i>Confirmation Class</i> after Worship
Monday	09/25	<i>T.E.L.L.</i> restarts – 6:30 pm
Thursday	09/28	<i>Dinner with Friends</i> at Paddy B's – 6:30 pm
Saturday	09/30	<i>Congregation Work Day</i> – 9:00 to Noon
Sunday	10/01	<i>Preschool Sunday</i> at Worship
Saturday	10/07	<i>Free Fall Fest</i> at Cross of Glory – 2:00 to 8:00 pm – Volunteers Still Needed!

The monthly newsletter can be viewed at crossofglory.com/category/newsletter