



In the Loop

Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter

October 1, 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.

FREE FALL FEST THIS SATURDAY!

We're having a party and EVERYONE is invited. Join us at 2:00 on October 7th for **FREE MUSIC, FREE FOOD, FREE FACEPAINTING,** and **FREE GAMES.** We'll serve hotdogs and brats as well as free food donated by local restaurants.

Invite your family...Invite your friends...Invite your neighbors...Invite EVERYONE!

Sign up to donate desserts and volunteer a little of your time so that everyone can enjoy the festival.

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. Today we welcome our preschool children and their families as the children share some songs!

Discipleship...Growing UP

Council Member: Christine Quemeneur

T.E.L.L. Update

Our youth fall program has resumed. 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!

Confirmation Class Update

Our fall confirmation classes have started. 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.

We're all looking forward to October 22nd, when we'll celebrate with Bryce Bejlovec and Michael Kinnie as they affirm their baptismal faith.

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 we serve it.

Trunk or Treat Tailgating – October 28th

The Welcome Place Preschool takes the lead on this one, but we all get to help. Come out on Saturday, October 28th with a decorated trunk and lots of candy, as costumed kids from the preschool and the community join us for **Trunk or Treat.** The event goes from 1:00 to-2:30pm, and we hope you can join us.

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 is currently being prepared but is not 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>

We will be helping fill the gap left by FISH's closing. Pick up a bag and a list of items to feed one person for two days. Bags are being distributed at First Congregational UCC (next store to the pantry's closed 9th Street location).

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.

Movie Mondays at Dana's

They're back! And since a lot of people mentioned they'd like to see the movie *Gifted* after the sermon a few weeks ago, we'll be watching that at 7:00 pm on Monday, October 16th at Pastor Dana's house (16759 West Sioux Drive in Lockport). We'll have some munchies and drinks, and some great movie conversation. There's always room for one more friend – so bring one along.

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.

Dinner with Friends at Girl in the Park

This is a chance for you to share a night out with your friends from Cross of Glory. Last month we had 25 people at Paddy B's. Come and get to know someone new.

Everyone is invited to meet for dinner on Thursday, October 26th at 6:30 pm at *Girl in the Park* in Orland Park.

Women's Group Outing – Care of the Earth

Carpooling from CoG to Frankfort at 1:15 on October 8th for *Care of the Earth: An Interfaith Celebration*. This event is being held from 2:00pm to 4:30 pm at *The Portiuncula Center for Prayer* nestled in St. Francis Woods.

There will be a panel of speakers representing Islam, Judaism, and Christianity discussing how each faith cares for the Earth we share.

Fee is \$20 per person. RSVP to Barb Corcoran ASAP.

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.

Finance...Growing Generosity

Council Member: Bill Nabors

Update on Worship & Giving

September 24th: Attendance: 94

General Fund: \$4,011 / Capital: \$10

Redevelopment (ELCA and NIS): \$2499.33

Pancake Breakfast: \$623.28

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 Nabors for gift cards this week.

Upcoming Events (crossofglory.com/cog-calendar)

Monday	10/02	T.E.L.L. – 6:30 pm
Saturday	10/07	Free Fall Fest at Cross of Glory – 2:00 pm – Volunteers Still Needed!
Sunday	10/08	Women's Event – Care of the Earth: An Interfaith Celebration – Leave CoG at 1:15
Sunday	10/15	Noisy Offering during worship. Bring your change (and bills) to donate to a great cause.
Sunday	10/15	Brunch after worship
Monday	10/16	Movie Night at Pastor Dana's
Sunday	10/22	Confirmation Sunday
Sunday	10/22	Book Club – 6:00 pm
Thursday	10/26	Dinner with Friends at <i>Girl in the Park</i> in Orland Park – 6:30 pm
Saturday	10/28	Trunk or Treat Tailgating in our parking lot – 1:00 to 2:30 pm

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