



# In the Loop

## Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter

January 7, 2018



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.

### Discipleship...Growing UP

Council Member: Christine Quemeneur

#### New Member Sunday – January 28<sup>th</sup>

If you or anyone you know wants to be a member of Cross of Glory, this Sunday is your day. (Contact Pastor Dana at [dana@crossofglory.com](mailto:dana@crossofglory.com) if you're interested.)

#### T.E.L.L. Update

Our youth program has ended its fall session. This is a free program for youth in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The Spring session will begin on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. They meet on Monday's from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Together, the kids have fellowship, Bible discussion through music and movies, games, and of course snacks! If you, or your teen, want to join the group, speak to Dan Murtaugh.

### Outreach...Growing OUT

Council Member: Mary Beth Randle

#### Community Blood Drive

Mark your calendar now and SAVE THE DATE for the upcoming blood drive on February 1<sup>st</sup> from 3:00 to 07:00 PM. Appointments are encouraged! Please click [https://ht.heartlandbc.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/2033766](https://ht.heartlandbc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/2033766) to schedule your preferred donation time!

#### Serve at MorningStar Mission

Each month, we have volunteer slots available at MorningStar Mission in Joliet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. Mission staff prepares the food and we serve it.

#### Yoga Update / Workshop Information

Saturday morning Yoga is taking a few weeks off, for a holiday break. Classes resume on January 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.

### Annual Meeting Announcement

Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 am (after 9:30 worship) at Cross of Glory in Homer Glen. We will update you on our redevelopment progress, elect Council members and approve the 2018 budget. It is important that all members attend. Since Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> is Fat Tuesday, this year's Annual Meeting will have a Mardi Gras theme. We'll have brunch, do some church business, and have lots of fun.

### Fairmont Outreach

Today, we begin collecting items for the kids at Fairmont School in Lockport. We start with something practical by collecting two things for the middle school kids:

- **Cans of Aerosol Spray Deodorant** (It needs to be aerosol so that it can be shared)
- **Sports Bras** - single color white or blue (nothing fancy).

A bin for collecting the items will be in the Welcome Room this Sunday.

### Fellowship...Growing Together

Council Member: Maria Dziubczynski

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Progressive Dinner – January 20

We are looking for volunteers for our first family progressive dinner. We need 3 houses volunteered and at least 3 participants per house to help with the food. Segment to be:

- Appetizers 4:00 to 5:00 pm
- Dinner 5:30 to 7:00 pm
- Dessert 7:30 to 8:30 pm

Contact Maria Dziubczynski. Signup sheets for food and volunteers are in the Welcome Room.

#### Women's Group – Phase 10 – Date TBA

Ladies Phase 10 Game Night at Barb Corcoran's. Date to be announced. You are welcome to bring a small appetizer or dessert to share. There will be a signup sheet in the Welcome Room (or contact Barb Corcoran).

## Book Club – January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm

Our next book is *The Lizard Cage* by Karen Connelly. We will meet Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at Cross of Glory Lutheran Church. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Cheryl Nabors with any questions. Other books we will read include:

*Orhans 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

## 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

**December 24<sup>th</sup>:** Attendance:

Dec 24: 9:30 am 62

Dec 24: 4:00 pm barn 130

Dec 24: 6:00 pm barn 84

Dec 24: 11:00 pm 68

Dec 25: 9:30 am 22

General Fund: \$1999 / Kids: \$5 / Capital: \$10

Poinsettias: \$110 / ELCA Good Gifts \$107

**December 31<sup>st</sup>:** Attendance: 65

General Fund: \$5,142 / Capital: \$10

## Commitment Cards

Thanks to all of you who have already returned your commitment cards for 2018. We hope that those of you who have not yet returned them can prayerfully discern your commitment and return your completed cards soon. The card reflects our promises both to God and to each other here at COG.

If you have questions or concerns, please speak to Pastor Dana. A copy of the 2018 commitment card is available at <https://crossofglory.com/2018-commitment-card/>.

## Order Scrip from CoG

Are you looking for gifts? Gift cards are a great gift to give and a great way to support Cross of Glory. You get the full value while CoG receives a percentage of the face value.

We have retail gift cards available on a first come, first serve basis. If you don't see what you're looking for, you can order cards and get them next Sunday. A list of over 600 participating vendors is in the Welcome Room, along with order forms. Not sure what to get? Take a list and order form with you. **See Cheryl or Bill Nabors for gift cards this week.**

Remember, scrip (gift cards) can also be used for your everyday spending. Use scrip (gift cards) for your gas and groceries and CoG benefits!

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

Saturday	01/20	Saturday Morning Yoga Resumes – 9:30 am
Saturday	01/20	Progressive Dinner - Locations to be announced – 4:00 pm
Monday	01/22	T.E.L.L. Starts Spring Session – 6:30 pm
<del>Friday</del>	<del>01/26</del>	<del>Women's Group Playing Phase 10<sup>®</sup> at Barb Corcoran's – 7:00 pm</del>
Sunday	01/28	New Member Sunday – 9:30 am
Sunday	01/28	Book Club discussion of <i>The Lizard Cage</i> by Karen Connelly– 6:00 pm
Thursday	02/01	Blood Drive – 3:00 to 7:00 pm
Sunday	02/11	Cross of Glory's Annual Meeting – 10:45 am

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