



In the Loop

Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter

January 21, 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 or [Facebook](#) for more information.

Cross of Glory Annual Meeting – February 11, 2018

Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 11th 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 13th 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. There will be a budget discussion after worship on February 4th. If you have any questions or comments about the 2018 budget, this is a wonderful opportunity to talk.

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. Join us as we use *The Story* to learn more about *The Bible*. Get more details at www.crossofglory.com/the-story.

Discipleship...Growing UP

Council Member: Christine Quemeneur

New Member Sunday – January 28th

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 if you're interested.)

T.E.L.L. Restarts Monday, January 22nd

This is a free program for youth in 6th through 12th grade. The Spring session will begin on January 22nd. 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! To join the group, speak to Dan Murtaugh.

Holy Communion Classes Start February 12th

If you have a child in 2nd grade or older, this six-week class is for them. Communion is such an important part of our worship, so the children will learn about how and why we do it and what it means, all in a fun interactive setting. Classes take place on Monday nights at 6:00, starting on February 12th with a parent/student class. Contact the church office for details. Register ASAP so we have a good head count.

Outreach...Growing OUT

Council Member: Mary Beth Randle

Community Blood Drive

Mark your calendar now and reserve your donation time for the blood drive on February 1st from 3:00 to 7:00 PM. Appointments are encouraged! Please click 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 4th Saturday of the month. Mission staff prepares the food and we serve it.

Fairmont Outreach

We are collecting items for the kids at Fairmont School in Lockport. **Next week, we will start collecting school supplies. Check the web site for more information.** A bin for collecting the items is in the Welcome Room.

Fellowship...Growing Together

Council Member: Maria Dziubczynski

Women's Group – Phase 10 – Friday Night

Meet at Barb Corcoran's on January 26th. Come at 6:30 pm for appetizers. Game starts at 7:00. You are welcome to bring a small appetizer or dessert to share. Sign up in the Welcome Room (or contact Barb Corcoran).

Book Club – January 28th at 6:00 pm

Our next book is *The Lizard Cage* by Karen Connelly. We will meet Sunday, January 28th 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, and *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

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/>.

Update on Worship & Giving

January 14th: Attendance: 97

General Fund: \$4,278 / Capital: \$10 / Casa: \$20

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!

The Welcome Place Preschool Open House Events

The Welcome Place Preschool is a ministry of Cross of Glory Lutheran Church and was established in 2002. We are located within the church building. Our mission, vision, guiding principles, philosophy and methodology spring from those which guide our congregation.

We are hosting two **Open House** events where parents can visit with the teachers and learn about the preschool and their teaching philosophy while the kids play in the classrooms and discover learn just how much fun preschool can be! For more information, or to set up a private visit, call **(708) 301-3883**.

Classes available for children aged 3 and 4.

Tell your family...Tell your friends...Tell your neighbors

Wednesday, February 7, 4:00 to 7:00 pm and Thursday, April 26, 4:00 to 7:00 pm.

Upcoming Events (crossofglory.com/cog-calendar)

Monday	01/22	T.E.L.L. Starts Spring Session – 6:30 pm
Friday	01/26	Women's Group – Playing <i>Phase 10</i> [®] at Barb Corcoran's – 6:30 pm
Sunday	01/28	New Member Sunday – 9:30 am
Sunday	01/28	VBS Meeting after Worship
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
Wednesday	02/07	The Welcome Place Preschool Open House – 4:00 to 7:00 pm
Sunday	02/11	Cross of Glory's Annual Meeting – 10:45 am
Monday	02/12	Holy Communion Class – Parent/Student Night – 6:00 pm
Sunday	02/18	Confirmation Class resumes

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