



In the Loop

Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter

February 11, 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 – TODAY, 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.

Ash Wednesday Services – February 14th

Cross of Glory will hold two services for Ash Wednesday – Noon and 7:00 pm.

Discipleship...Growing UP

Council Member: Christine Quemeneur

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.

Lenten Soup Supper and *The Story* Discussion

Join us during Lent (starting February 21st) for soup at 6:00 pm and stay for a discussion of *The Story* at 6:30.

Outreach...Growing OUT

Council Member: Mary Beth Randle

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 Ministry – Bring in School Supplies

We are collecting items for the kids at Fairmont School in Lockport. At this time, we are collecting school supplies. Please bring in...

- #2 Pencils
- Facial Tissue
- Scissors
- Clorox Wipes
- Colored Construction Paper

There is a bin for collecting the items in the Welcome Room. We are also looking for other volunteers to help the students and teachers. See Pastor Dana for more information.

Fellowship...Growing Together

Council Member: Maria Dziubczynski

Dinner with Friends – February 16th

Join us on February 16th at 6:30 at the **Lockport Moose Lodge** for their *Fish Fry* at 118 E. 10th Street in Lockport.

Women's Group Event - *Paint Night* at Flower of Life Art Gallery – February 23rd

Event runs from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Cost is \$25 to be paid at the event. Limited to 15 Ladies and who must be signed up to attend. Call the church office for more details.

Book Club Update

Our next book is *Orhans Inheritance* by Aline Ohanesian. We will meet Sunday, February 25th 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 *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

February 4th: Attendance: 73

General Fund: \$3,153 / Capital: \$10 / Casa: \$2

Holy Communion Donation: \$20

Yoga (Building): \$15

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)

Sunday	02/11	Cross of Glory's Annual Meeting – 10:45 am
Monday	02/12	Holy Communion Class – Parent/Student Night – 6:00 pm
Wednesday	02/14	Ash Wednesday Service – Noon
Wednesday	02/14	Ash Wednesday Service – 7:00 pm
Friday	02/16	Dinner with Friends at Lockport Moose Friday Fish Fry – 6:30 pm
Saturday	02/17	Yoga & Meditation for Beginners – 9:30 am
Sunday	02/18	Confirmation Class resumes
Wednesday	02/21	Soup Supper - Soup at 6:00 pm and a discussion of <i>The Story</i> at 6:30.
Friday	02/23	Paint Night at Flower of Life Art Gallery – 7:00 pm (Limit of 15 - Signup Required)
Sunday	02/25	Book Club discussion of <i>Orhans Inheritance</i> by Aline Ohanesian – 6:00 pm

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