



# In the Loop



## Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter

April 22, 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

Council Leader: Dennis Tanrikulu

#### Welcome to Worship!

We're glad you've joined us today and encourage you to return often. We are reading through the bible using the book, *The Story*, which presents major portions of the Bible in chronological order. Get details each week at [www.crossofglory.com/the-story](http://www.crossofglory.com/the-story).

### Discipleship

Council Leader: Samantha Barczi

#### SuperHeroes Vacation Bible School

This year's Vacation Bible School will be held from 9:00 am to noon on July 9<sup>th</sup> to July 12<sup>th</sup>. The theme this year is **SuperHeroes!**

We'll meet from 9:00 to noon each day and have an end-of-VBS party on Thursday night. Each day's activities will focus on a different super hero. Just like last year, we are anticipating a fun time and are super excited! So, block out this week on your summer schedule and start telling your friends!

We are looking for people to help and you can be a superhero by volunteering to help with this community educational (and fun) program.

**There will be a VBS Meeting after worship TODAY, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you are thinking on volunteering, please attend this meeting.** Contact Andrea Hines or the church office if you can help.

### Outreach

Council Leader: Allen Kirkland

#### 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.

### Cinco de Mayo Fundraiser – May 4<sup>th</sup>

Join us from 6:00 to 9:00 pm on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> for a great way to celebrate Cinco de Mayo! Join us for our **Cinco de Mayo Dinner and Family Celebration**. There will be some delicious Mexican foods, a piñata, split the pot, raffle prizes, and more. All money raised will go to Centro Infantil de Los Angeles (formerly known as Casa de Los Angeles).

### Helping Fairmont School

Remember to bring in your new and gently used children's books as well as school supplies: Dry Erase Markers, Cellophane Tape, Air Fresheners, *blu tack* removable adhesive putty, Quart and Gallon Zipper Plastic Bags.

There are also events at Fairmont that we would like to help with:

- Daddy/Daughter Masquerade Dance on April 29. We'll need some store bought snacks and volunteers to help serve.
- Daytime Volunteering at the School. We can still use helpers to read to third graders on Friday morning (roughly from 10 -11:30), or to shelve books any morning.

### Outreach Team Forming – Meeting May 6<sup>th</sup>

We're looking for volunteers to be on the Outreach Team. The team would be created to help organize, supply resources, ideas and support for any outreach related project.

There will be a short meeting after worship on May 6<sup>th</sup>. We will discuss current events and what we see for the future growth of COG's outreach

## Fellowship

Council Leader: Maria Dziubczynski

### Book Club Meets Tonight

We will be discussing ***The Other Einstein*** by Marie Benedict TODAY, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm at Cross of Glory Lutheran Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Upcoming books will be: *The House of Broken Angels* by Luis Alberto Urrea; *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles; *One Plus One* by JoJo Moyes; and *Radium Girls: The Dark Story of Americas Shining Women* by Kate Moore. Please contact Cheryl Nabors with any questions.

## Facilities

Council Leader: Bill Bavirsha

### Community Meeting Space Available

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

## Finance

Council Leader: Bill Nabors

### Update on Worship & Giving

**April 15<sup>th</sup>:** Attendance: 84

General Fund: \$6,132 / Capital: \$10

Building Use (Yoga): \$25

### The Welcome Place Preschool Open House

Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 to 7:00 pm

Invite your friends to visit and see our preschool.

## Order Scrip from CoG

Are you looking for gifts? Gift cards are a great gift 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!

**Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church** is accepting letters of application and resumes for the position of **Parish Financial Secretary.**

The position is a part-time position, not to exceed twelve (12) hours per week and focuses on the everyday financial tasks of the church. Candidates should have a background in finance, accounting, or bookkeeping, and a working knowledge of the use of a variety of financial software. The job description for this position is available online at [www.shepherdofthehill.com](http://www.shepherdofthehill.com).

The job will start June 1, 2018. Letters of application and resumes can be sent to Dawn Virva, Parish Office Administrator, Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church, 925 E. 9th Street, Lockport, IL 60441, or online at [soth.office@shepherdofthehill.com](mailto:soth.office@shepherdofthehill.com).

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

- Sunday .....04/22 **VBS Meeting** – after Worship
- Sunday .....04/22 **Book Club** discussion of ***The Other Einstein*** by Marie Benedict – 6:00 pm
- Thursday .....04/26 The Welcome Place Preschool **Open House** – 4:00 to 7:00 pm
- Saturday.....04/28 Serve at MorningStar Mission – Sign up in the Welcome Room
- Friday .....05/04 **Cinco de Mayo Dinner and Family Celebration** - Fundraiser for *Centro infantil de Los Angeles* (formerly Casa de los Angeles) – 6:00 to 9:00 pm
- Sunday .....05/06 Outreach Meeting – after worship
- Thursday .....05/17 Community Blood Drive – 3:00 to 7:00 pm
- Monday.....07/09 **SuperHeroes** Vacation Bible School from 9:00 am to Noon through Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup>
- Thursday .....07/12 End-of-VBS Party

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