



In the Loop



Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter

April 29, 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.

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.

Mother's Day Worship – May 13th

We will be handing out small gifts to thank all the women who are present – all of whom are important in our lives. Andrew Kjos will be taking family photos which will be available on site and online. These make great gifts.

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 9th to July 12th. 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.

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 4th Saturday of the month. Mission staff prepares the food and we serve it.

Cinco de Mayo Fundraiser – May 4th

Join us from 6:00 to 9:00 pm on Friday, May 4th 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).

Community Blood Drive – May 17th

Your donation helps multiple people. Call our office to choose your appointment time or sign up online at https://ht.heartlandbc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/2036340.

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 6th

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 6th. We will discuss current events and what we see for the future growth of COG's outreach

Fellowship

Council Leader: Maria Dziubczynski

May Dinner with Friends

Gather with your Cross of Glory friends or make some new ones. This month we are meeting at **Port Noir** in **Lockport**. Join us on Thursday, May 17th at 6:30 pm. Port Noir is located at 900 S. State Street. There is a signup sheet in the Welcome Room.

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 22nd: Attendance: 149

General Fund: \$3,179 / Capital: \$10

Building Use (Yoga): \$54

Noisy Offering (Centro Infantil): \$500

ELCA Redevelopment Grant: \$1,500

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.

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.

Upcoming Events (crossofglory.com/cog-calendar)

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| Friday | 05/04 | Cinco de Mayo Dinner and Family Celebration - Fundraiser for <i>Centro infantil de Los Angeles</i> (formerly Casa de los Angeles) – 6:00 to 9:00 pm |
| Sunday | 05/06 | Outreach Meeting – after worship |
| Friday | 05/11 | Women's Event – assembling personal care bags for 6 th , 7 th , and 8 th graders |
| Sunday | 05/13 | Noisy Offering for HALO shelter in Racine |
| Thursday | 05/17 | Community Blood Drive – 3:00 to 7:00 pm |
| Thursday | 05/17 | Dinner with Friends at Port Noir in Lockport – 6:30 pm |
| Monday | 07/09 | SuperHeroes Vacation Bible School from 9:00 am to Noon through Thursday, July 12 th |
| Thursday | 07/12 | End-of-VBS Party |

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Check out the Cross of Glory Web Site at www.crossofglory.com for all the latest news.