



# In the Loop

## Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter

May 13, 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.

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### 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 Barczy

#### 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. 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.

#### Community Blood Drive – May 17<sup>th</sup>



Your donation helps multiple people. Call our office to choose your appointment time or sign up online: [https://ht.heartlandbc.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/2036340](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.

**Volunteer Opportunity - 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.

### Fellowship

Council Leader: Maria Dziubczynski

#### May Dinner with Friends – Thursday

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 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Port Noir is located at 900 S. State Street. There is a signup sheet in the Welcome Room.

## Book Club Update

Due to the Memorial Day Weekend, we will be discussing **One Plus One** by JoJo Moyes on **Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 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; 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

## Outside Work Day – Next Saturday

Help us beautify our grounds by joining us on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> for a **Spring Cleanup Work Day**. We will be starting at 9:00 am. We need to do some weeding, raking, trimming, and general cleanup.

## 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

**May 6<sup>th</sup>:** Attendance: 72

General Fund: \$3,029 / Capital: \$10

Building Use (Yoga): \$48

Centro Infantil Fundraiser): \$2,466

## 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 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))

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

Saturday.....05/19 **Spring Cleanup Work Day** – 9:00 am

Thursday .....05/24 **Book Club** discusses **One Plus One by JoJo Moyes** – 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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