



# In the Loop



## Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter

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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. Today we finish up the Old Testament portion of our read through the bible using the book, *The Story*, which presents major portions of the Bible in chronological order. Over the summer, we'll have several special worship services. Join us each week!

### **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

#### **Adoption Support Group Forming**

We have many families that have been blessed with adoption, either adopting a child or being adopted. If you have questions, advice, stories, or resources; if you need support or want to give support please join this new group.

We are going to start holding monthly Adoption Support Group meetings on Mondays at 6:30 pm. Currently, we are going to go with the second Monday of each month. Our first meeting will be June 11th. Allen Kirkland is the contact person for this program.

For info, email: [asg@crossofglory.com](mailto:asg@crossofglory.com).

### **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.

### **Fellowship:** Council Leader: Maria Dziubczynski

#### **Book Club Update**

Our next book is *Radium Girls: The Dark Story of Americas Shining Women* by Kate Moore. We will discuss the book on **Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm** at Cross of Glory Lutheran Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Upcoming books will be: *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles; *The Last Days of Night* by Graham Moore, *The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper*, and *Best Boy* by Eli Gottlieb. Please contact Cheryl Nabors with any questions.

### **Facilities:** Council Leader: Bill Bavirsha

#### **Community Meeting Space Available**

We have space available for parties, banquets, meetings and wedding receptions. Contact Laura Uzzardo.

### **Finance:** Council Leader: Bill Nabors

#### **Order Scrip from CoG**

Gift cards are a great gift and a great way to support Cross of Glory. You get the full value and CoG receives a percentage of that value. We have retail gift cards available each week. If you don't see what you're looking for, you can order cards for any of 600 vendors and get them next Sunday. 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 and vacation. Use scrip (gift cards) for your gas, groceries, and restaurants and CoG benefits!

# What's New at Cross of Glory?

## Join Us at One or More of the Community Events in Which We'll Participate

During the summer we have lots of opportunities to be out in the community to share our faith and show people who we are at Cross of Glory. Here are several different ways you can participate:

- **Mokena Pride Fest on June 10** – volunteers are needed to staff the kids' games from 12:30 – 2:30 and from 2:30 - 4:30. And when you're not volunteering, watch the COG band play at 2 or 3:30.
- **Lockport's Old Canal Days Parade on Friday, June 15** – join us at 5:30, and just like last year, we'll hand out candy and publicize our preschool and our Superhero VBS. We'll have costumes and loads of fun.
- **Homer Glen Parade on Saturday, June 23** – a shorter parade than Lockport's, but we'll be doing the same thing – having a fun time handing out candy and publicizing our preschool and our Superhero VBS. Join us at 10:30.
- **Chicago Pride Parade at noon on Sunday, June 24** – this is a bit of a distance, but is a great way to show people who we are and what we believe as we march with the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches.
- **Homer Glen Art Event on Saturday, July 14** – our kids games will be featured at this first annual chalk art event in Stonebridge Park in Homer Glen. Volunteers are needed from 9:30 to noon.

All these events are opportunities to tell the community who we are at Cross of Glory (and to make a lot of people smile). But we can't do it without you. Please email [dana@crossofglory.com](mailto:dana@crossofglory.com) to indicate which events you'd like to be part of.

## Online Giving

Each summer, as we enjoy the blessings that God has bestowed on us, our weekends become packed with activities. We encourage you to continue your financial support of Cross of Glory over the summer months – even if you can't be here in person. You can keep in touch at the [crossofglory.com](http://crossofglory.com) web site where you can now view the weekly sermon. While you're there, you can go to the Giving section of the web site and make a one-time or recurring electronic donation.

## Volunteers Needed at Lockport Resource Center

The Lockport Resource Center is a Christian ministry organized and operated by the Lockport/Homer Glen Ministerial Alliance and staffed by community volunteers. Our mission is to minister to people in need in Lockport Township and Homer Township. Cross of Glory supports this organization through donations and volunteers. We are always looking for NEW VOLUNTEERS to help in a variety of ways! Call the store for details! (815) 838 – 9615.

## Mission Trip to Centro Infantil (Casa de los Angeles)

Cross of Glory has sent many groups to serve at "Casa", a free day-care facility in Mexico. If you would like to be included in a future trip, speak to Tammy Kjos for more information.

## Group Outing to Joliet Slammers

If there is interest, we will plan a group outing with group ticket prices. Let Maria Dziubczynski know if you would like us to pursue planning this outing.

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

Sunday.....06/10	<b>Mokena Pride Fest</b> – Volunteers Needed for Kids' Games
Monday.....06/11	<b>Adoption Support Group</b> – Initial Meeting – 6:30 pm
Friday.....06/15	<b>Lockport's Old Canal Days Parade</b> – Parade lineup at 5:30
Thursday....06/21	<b>Book Club</b> discusses <b>Radium Girls by Kate Moore</b> – 7:00 pm
Monday.....07/09	<b>SuperHeroes</b> 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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