



In the Loop



Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter

July 8, 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. Over the summer, we'll have several special worship services. Join us each week!

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!

Volunteers are Needed for VBS. The number we can serve is based on the adult and youth volunteers.

Contact the church office if you can help.

Outreach: Council Leader: Allen Kirkland

Volunteer Opportunity

Our kid's games will be featured at the Homer Glen Art Event on Saturday, July 14 in Stonebridge Park in Homer Glen. Volunteers are needed from 9:30 to noon.

Mission Trip to Centro Infantil in August

Cross of Glory has sent many groups to serve at "Casa", a free day-care facility in Mexico. A group is going in the first week of August. Speak to Tammy Kjos for more information.

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.

Fellowship: Council Leader: Maria Dziubczynski

Book Club Update

Our next book is *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. We will discuss the book on Thursday, July 26th at 7:00 pm at CoG. Everyone is welcome to attend the discussion.

Upcoming books will be: *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 some retail gift cards available each week and you can order cards for any of 600 vendors and get them next Sunday. **See Cheryl Nabors for gift cards this week.**

Give Online Using Web, Text, or App

We encourage you to stay connected with Cross of Glory over the summer. Visit crossofglory.com to view the weekly sermon. While there, go to the Giving section of the web site and make a one-time or recurring donation.

New: Text giving is now available by texting a dollar amount to 708-540-2650. First time givers will be directed to a web-based registration page. The **Give+ app** is also available for your phones and tablets. Search for "GivePlus Church" in your app store or get more info on the Online Giving page on the web site.

What's Happening this Summer at Cross of Glory?

Summer Sundays – Next One is July 22nd at 6:00 pm with Music by After the Rain

We have lawn games for kids and adults. We will be serving hot dogs and brats and you are invited to bring your own seating and beverages and a side or dessert to share. Join us on the lawn!

Invite a Friend Sunday – July 22nd

If you've got a friend or two that you've been planning to invite, now is a terrific time to do that. If we feel that we have something special here at COG, now is the time to share that with people we know. Let's all invite others to be a part of what God is doing here. It is simply too good to keep to ourselves!

Join us for a Slammers Game on July 28

We have tickets for the Joliet Slammers game on Saturday, July 28th. The game starts at 6:05 and there will be fireworks afterward. Please sign up for your tickets, which cost only \$8 on the sign-up sheet on the welcome table. The deadline for signing up is July 15.

Pet Blessing – August 6th

One of our most popular summer services is coming up. Bring all your animal friends and tell all your people friends about Cross of Glory's second annual pet blessing on Sunday August 6. Don't miss it - every pet wants a blessing (and a treat)!! The service will be held outdoors.



Playing at Mokena Pride Fest



Homer Parade 2018 Volunteers

Upcoming Events (crossofglory.com/cog-calendar)

- Monday07/09 **SuperHeroes** Vacation Bible School from 9:00 am to Noon through Thursday, July 12th
- Thursday....07/12 End-of-VBS Party
- Friday.....07/13 **Dinner with Friends** at **Sizzles** at 571 E. 13th St, Lockport (If it rains, we'll meet at CoG to order and Sizzles will deliver)
- Saturday07/14 Volunteers Needed for Kids Games at Homer Art Event – 9:30 to Noon
- Sunday.....07/22 **Invite a Friend Sunday**
- Sunday.....07/22 **Summer Sunday** – Food and Music – 6:00 pm
- Thursday....07/26 **Book Club** discusses **A Gentleman in Moscow** by **Amor Towles** – 7:00 pm
- Saturday07/28 Joliet Slammers Game
- Sunday.....08/06 **Pet Blessing** at Worship – 9:30 am

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