



In the Loop



Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter

August 19, 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.

Special Congregation Meeting Recap

Cross of Glory held a Congregation Meeting on **Sunday, August 12, 2018**. The agenda included a discussion of our financial health, including the potential listing of our surplus land and a discussion of our commitment to hold a capital campaign beginning in 2019.

The congregation voted to authorize the CoG Council to incur expenses for some much-needed parking lot repairs and HVAC improvements.

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

The Welcome Place Preschool

Our preschool is an important mission that educates the local community as to exactly who we are at Cross of Glory. It is important that each of us promotes this ministry to our family, friends, and neighbors. We can reach the children of our community even if their parents are not yet willing to attend church.

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.

National Night Out – August 14th

For the first time, Cross of Glory participated in Lockport's National Night Out at the Lockport City Hall on Tuesday, August 14. We brought our free kids' games and bubbles and joined the police, bouncy houses, food trucks, face painters, and a whole bunch of other fun



things. This was another instance of how we can be a positive presence in our community.

CAFFA Walk for Adoption – September 29th

Join Team CoG for the **Chicago Area Families for Adoption** (CAFFA) annual **Walk for Adoption** at Lake Arlington in Arlington Heights, IL on Saturday September 29th from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Signing up for the walk is easy and costs \$12.00 for which you'll get a t-shirt, a lunch with your choice of a hot dog, or hamburger (they have veggie options as well), and the opportunity to walk with other people and families that may share similar experiences as you had. When you register please enter the team name of Team CoG.

They will have a bounce house, a photo booth will be available with pictures from Kelly Peairs, carnival games, a DJ will be on site, DJ Stan Zabel. There will be raffle tickets for some great prizes!

Link: <https://www.walkforadoptionchicago.com>.

Noisy Offering Appreciated by TLC

We received a nice thank you letter for our \$451 donation to the Tender Loving Care Animal Shelter in Homer Glen. They also posted pictures of us on their web site at <https://www.tlcanimalshelter.org>.

Fellowship: Council Leader: **Maria Dziubczynski**

Dinner with Friends at Chuck's in Darien

Dinner with Friends on Friday, August 17 was at Chuck's Southern Comfort Café in Darien. Hope you can join us for the next dinner.



Summer Sundays – Tonight at 6:00 pm with Music by TMI*

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!

Book Club – This Week

Our next book is *The Last Days of Night* by Graham Moore. We will discuss the book on Thursday, August 23rd at 7:00 pm at CoG. Everyone is welcome to attend the discussion. Upcoming books will be: *The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper*, and *Best Boy* by Eli Gottlieb, *The House of Broken Angels* by Luis Alberto Urrea, *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. Please contact Cheryl Nabors with any questions.

Free Family Fall Fest – Saturday, Sept. 15

Put it on your calendar NOW. This will be a great time for the community and we want to have plenty of CoG people there to participate and to help make it enjoyable.

We've move up the date (to mid-September) so we hope to get a beautiful fall day for our party. Everything is FREE at the CoG Free Fall Fest. There will be FREE FOOD, FREE GAMES, FREE MUSIC – FREE FUN FOR ALL! If you can donate something, or know a local vendor who might donate snacks, food, drinks, or supplies. Please contact Maria.

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**

Update on Worship & Giving

August 12th: Attendance: 73 (Sun) /10 (Wed)
General Fund: \$3,628 / Capital: \$10
Centro Infantil de los Ángeles: \$20

Order Scrip from CoG

Gift cards are a great way to support Cross of Glory. You get the full value and CoG receives a percentage. We have some retail gift cards available each week and you can order cards from over 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.

Upcoming Events (crossofglory.com/cog-calendar)

- Sunday.....08/19 **Summer Sunday Food & Music** – 6:00 pm
- Thursday....08/23 **Book Club** discusses **Last Days of Night** by **Graham Moore** – 7:00 pm
- Saturday08/25 Serve at Morningstar Mission – Sign up in the Welcome Room
- Thursday....09/06 **Blood Drive** – 3:00 to 7:00 pm
- Saturday09/15 **Cross of Glory Free Family Fest** – 2:00 to 6:00 pm
- Saturday09/29 **CAFFA Walk for Adoption** at Lake Arlington in Arlington Heights, IL – 9:30 am

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