



In the Loop



Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter

September 9, 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. This fall we will be reading the New Testament chapters in *The Story*. 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.

Confirmation Starts Sept 30

Cross of Glory offers a two-year confirmation program – during 7th and 8th grade. This year's program starts on Sunday September 30. Right now, our young people meet after worship on certain Sundays to explore their relationship with God in today's world. More information is going out to the young people we know about in that age group, but if you know someone going into 7th or 8th grade who wants to participate, you can call the office to sign them up.

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.

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>.

Beginner Yoga Series

Seeking more balance and flexibility in your life? Have you noticed that your mind is always on the go, always thinking?

If you are looking to build flexibility in your body and calm your busy mind, make time for yourself. Join Tammy Kjos, this September, for this 3-week, Beginner Yoga Series.

We will practice poses that help loosen muscles and lubricate the joints; learn breathing exercises to bring awareness to breath; and practice clearing the mind with some basic techniques. This series is appropriate for beginners and for those who are looking for a review of the yoga basics.

This 3-week, Beginner Series meets on Saturdays at Cross of Glory, from 9:30-10:45 am, on September 8th, 15th and 29th. (There will not be class on September 22nd.)

We ask that you make an investment of \$30.00 for the entire series. This is a donation to the ministries of Cross of Glory church.

If you have any questions, please contact Tammy at tammy@kjos.org

New Cross of Glory T-Shirts

Get yours to wear to our FREE FALL FEST on September 15th. Price is \$12.00 for S, M, L, and XL; \$15.00 for 2XL.

Fellowship: Council Leader: Maria Dziubczynski

Book Club Update

Our next book is *The House of Broken Angels* by Luis Alberto Urrea. We will discuss the book on Thursday, September 27th at 7:00 pm at CoG. Everyone is welcome to attend the discussion. Upcoming books will be: *The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper*, *Best Boy* by Eli Gottlieb, *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens, *The Sherlockian* by Graham Moore, and *A Man Called Ove* by Frederick Backman. Please contact Cheryl Nabors with any questions.

Free Family Fall Fest – Saturday, Sept. 15

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 - 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 a member of Council.

Help us advertise – place a sign in your yard or business!

Volunteers are needed! Please sign up to help for an hour so everyone can enjoy the good times.

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

September 2nd: Attendance: 75
General Fund: \$5,647 / Capital: \$10

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 even if you can't attend service on Sunday. **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.

Text giving is 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 info on the web site.

Dear Pastor and Cross of Glory Family,

Thank you for your prayers and concern through this difficult time. There are no words to express how appreciative we are to have people in our lives to pray for us, who think of us, and who love us.

So Jerry decided to donate the flower pots as a constant reminder of the love and support here at Cross of Glory.

Maria and Jerry

Upcoming Events (crossofglory.com/cog-calendar)

Saturday09/15 **Beginner Yoga** – 9:30 am

Saturday09/15 **Cross of Glory Free Family Fest** – 2:00 to 6:00 pm

Saturday09/22 Serve at Morningstar Mission – Sign up in the Welcome Room

Thursday....09/27 **Book Club** discusses *The House of Broken Angels* by **Luis Alberto Urrea** – 7:00 pm

Saturday09/29 **CAFFA Walk for Adoption** at Lake Arlington in Arlington Heights, IL – 9:30 am

Sunday.....09/30 **Confirmation Class** – after worship

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