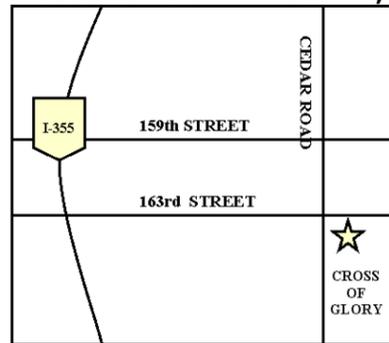




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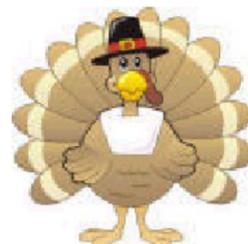


HAPPY THANKSGIVING

DONATE FOR THE THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Bring in: Gravy, Instant Potatoes, Canned Sweet Potatoes,
Stuffing, Canned Cranberries, Bread Mix, Canned Vegetables,
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Grocery Store Gift Cards! Donations needed by Nov 18th

Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration
Sunday, November 18th at 3:00 pm at
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NOVEMBER 2018

Putting The "Giving" Back into Thanksgiving

During the month of November, with Thanksgiving around the corner, we're looking at how we put the "giving" back into Thanksgiving. We'll look at the tie between giving and gratitude, and how both contribute to a happier, healthier and more God-focused life. Certainly gratitude and giving are responses to all that God has entrusted to us. But they also anticipate God's many blessings and remind us to place our trust not in the things of this world, but in our God of abundance.

We'll also look ahead to our 2019 financial commitments and next year's capital campaign. (And remember, we're still looking for people to be on our capital campaign leadership team. If you think God may be calling you to this role, please contact Pastor Dana.)

Homer Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 1

For the first time, Cross of Glory is participating in the lighting of the Christmas tree at the Homer Village Hall. We'll have a band playing before the tree lighting and we'll have volunteers working a table with crafts for the kids. The tree lighting is at 7 and the event, which will also have food and Santa on a fire truck, starts at 4:30. We need volunteers to help with the craft table. If you can help, please use the sign-up sheet on the welcome table or call the office

Día de los Muertos Fundraiser

On Saturday, November 3, you are all invited to Tammy and Andrew Kjos' house (13217 Timothy Lane in Mokena) to celebrate the Day of the Dead and raise money for Centro Infantil de los Angeles. The party goes from 4 to 8 pm and includes costumes, food, face painting and all sorts of other fun activities. Contact Tammy at 708-334-8351 if you have any questions.

What's Coming Up on Sundays in November:

Here are some things to look forward to on upcoming Sundays:

- **Todd Mizera is Preaching on November 4.** Todd Mizera will start the month of November with a sermon on the parable of the talents. And, knowing Todd, I'm guessing it will also have something to do with music.
- **We celebrate the saints on November 11.** As part of our sermon series on thanksgiving, we remember and give thanks for the saints in our lives who have died. We also have our noisy offering and brunch after the service.
- **Giving as part of thanksgiving on November 18.** We'll be looking at how we give as a thankful response to what God has first given and entrusted to us. Commitment forms for 2019 will be available and we'll experience the joy of giving, as we fill Thanksgiving baskets with food after the worship service.
- **More Thanksgiving on November 25.** On the Sunday after Thanksgiving we continue our series on how to make giving a part of thanksgiving.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS 9:30 AM

Holy Communion at all services. Nursery available every Sunday. You are welcome here!

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Welcome Statement

We recognize the importance of worshipping with a diverse group of people of any color, age, creed, ethnicity, physical and mental abilities, addictions, legal record, economic status, station in life, life circumstances, marital/family status, heterosexuals, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender people, their partners and their families. We welcome all into full participation in the church life, ministry of the congregation, sacraments, and rites of the church. We are all one in God's eyes, and everyone has a place in the family of God. It is with love and in celebration that we affirm this position.

"There is no longer Jew nor Greek, there is no longer slave nor free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:28

Our Guiding Principles

- Jesus is Lord
- Everyone Is Welcome
- The World Needs What We Have
- Everyone Has Something To Offer
- Love Changes Everything

Our Mission Statement

To be a community of faith in which everyone lives life in the LOOP of God's saving grace by: reaching and serving, welcoming and nurturing, worshipping and teaching, and giving and sending.

Council Members:

Reach out to a council member with any questions or concerns.
Bill Nabors, Finances/President
Allen Kirkland, Outreach
Maria Dziubczynski, Fellowship
Bill Bavirsha, Facilities/Vice President
Samantha Barczy, Discipleship
Dennis Tanrikulu, Worship

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Contact Cross of Glory Lutheran Church's office for more details on any of the upcoming program and events
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New Members

We'll be welcoming new members in January. If you think you may want to become a member of Cross of Glory, or have any questions about Cross of Glory, please contact Pastor Dana (danalobrien@gmail.com) or the office.

Remembering the Saints in Our Lives on Sunday, November 11

We will celebrate All Saints Day on Sunday, November 11. During worship, you will have an opportunity to come forward and light a candle in memory of your loved ones who have died. Like last year, we'll also be doing a picture memorial of some of our beloved saints while lighting candles. If you would like to include a picture of your loved one in our picture memorial, please provide the office with a picture (along with your loved one's name, date of birth and date of death) via text, email, or in person, before Thursday, November 8. (You can use the same picture we included last year if you want.)

The Angel Giving Tree

Once again, we will celebrate Christmas as a congregation by picking names and buying presents for kids on our Angel Giving Tree. (You may remember that due to a huge need in our community the last two years, we've purchased presents for over 100 local kids each year!) This year, our tree will include names provided to us by our local DCFS and some from Fairmont School.

As you probably know, the Angel Giving Tree benefits families who are going through some rough times. If you chose to take an Angel tag off the tree, you'll get a child's name, age, and some Christmas gift suggestions for the child. Please return the gifts all

wrapped with the tag attached to the gifts, no later than December 16.

The tree will go up in mid-November and Angel names will hopefully start appearing on the tree by the end of the month. This is a wonderful opportunity to make a huge difference in a child's life this Christmas. Please consider participating!!

Movie Night "Book Club" on November 12 at 7 pm

On Monday, November 12th you are all invited to watch the movie *Book Club*, a movie about four friends' (Diane Keaton, Jane Fonda, Candice Bergen and Mary Steenburgen) whose lives are turned upside down to hilarious ends when their book club tackles the infamous *Fifty Shades of Grey*. Join me at 7 pm at my house (16759 W. Sioux Drive in Lockport) and, as always, feel free to bring a friend.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration

This year, First Congregational Church of Lockport (700 E 9th St in Lockport), will be hosting the annual Thanksgiving service sponsored by LHAMA (the Lockport Homer Glen Area Ministry Association). However, this year we're doing something a bit different - and really exciting! It will be an interfaith celebration, and we'll be hosting more Christian congregations, as well as representatives from the Jewish, Islamic and Hindu traditions. The celebration will be on Sunday, November 18th at 3 pm. This is a wonderful way to stand in unity with not only our Christian brothers and sisters, but all our neighbors of different faiths. (It will also be a great opportunity to learn a bit about how other faiths express thanksgiving.)

Donate and Pack Our Thanksgiving Baskets

Thanks to everyone who contributed canned protein to the Fairmont Food Pantry during October. Now that November is upon us, we'll start collecting food for our Thanksgiving baskets, which we will assemble after worship on November 18. The baskets will go to people in our community who are struggling to make ends meet. Over the next couple of weeks, please bring in the following: Gravy, Instant Potatoes, Canned Sweet Potatoes, Stuffing, Canned Cranberries, Bread Mix, Canned Vegetables, Cookies, Candies, Jello & Pudding Mix, Juice, other food staples, and grocery store gift cards. Then stay after the service and help us pack baskets on November 18. Thanks for your help!!!

Important Dates in December

Advent and Christmas are coming up quickly. And since we've all got busy schedules during the holiday season, here is a little preview of what we've tentatively scheduled here at Cross of Glory. You'll hear a lot more about each of these events as they get closer, but go ahead and put these dates on your calendar now:

- **Advent Sundays (with some very cool Worship):** December 2, 9, and 16 and 23;
- **Wednesday Fellowship Nights**, with a meal at 6 pm, followed by a time to learn about different cultural Christmas traditions (and kids' play practice): November 28, and December 5 and 12
- **Visit with Santa:** Saturday December 8
- **Christmas movie nights (tentative)** at my house: November 26 and December 3, 10 and 17
- **Christmas with the Dashboard Saints:** Saturday, December 15
- **Kids' Christmas Play:** Sunday, December 16 during worship
- **Caroling in the Community:** Wednesday, December 19
- **Blue Christmas Service** (for those struggling during the holidays): Either Tuesday, December 15 or Thursday, December 20
- **Christmas Eve services:** Monday, December 24 - tentatively two barn services during the late afternoon/early evening, and the 11:00 candle light service
- **Christmas morning service:** Tuesday, December 25 at 9:30

FALL BACK TIME CHANGE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4th!



A BIG THANKS!

A big thanks to everyone who helped with the Trunk-or-Treat event on Saturday, October 27th. In particular, a big thanks to the preschool staff and parents who spearheaded that event. It's always a great thing when we can have a positive impact in our community!

FELLOWSHIP DATES:

- Brunch Nov 11th—Bring a dish to share or just join in!
- Dinner With Friends Thursday, Nov 15th -- Join us at Paddy B's, at 11969 W 143rd St in Orland Park, at 6:30pm

MercyMe Concert on April 28

We're getting a group together to see MercyMe at Rosemont on April 28. If you'd like to be come along, please sign up and get your money to Allen Kirkland by Nov. 4. (Balcony tickets are 24.00 each with 16.38 in fees making it a total of 40.38 per ticket.)

CROSS OF GLORY FINANCIAL UPDATE September 2018

Income	Year to Date
Offering	\$158,020.00
Other	\$ 43,674.00
Total	\$201,694.00
Expenses	
General/Building	\$ 83,213.00
Staff	\$117,919.00
Sharing	\$ 19,965.00
Ministries	\$ 9,704.00
Total	\$ 230,801.00
Income/Loss	\$ (29,107.00)

THE WELCOME PLACE PRESCHOOL

Jamie Knutson, Director (708) 301-3883



Welcome Fall! Our students have been talking about the changes we are seeing outside; cold weather, leaves changing and falling, and night arriving sooner. Our students have even started wearing their winter coats.

In November we have parent/teacher conferences and our Thanksgiving party. We talk about all the blessings we have and how we can give back by donating food to Cross of Glory and the food pantry. We learn about Jesus and his miracle of feeding 5000 followers with food left over. We continue on learning our alphabet with our M/WF Class and our numbers, colors and shapes with our T/Th Class.

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The Welcome Place Preschool (Facebook)