



In the Loop

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Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter

November 18, 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

Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration

When: Sunday, November 18th at 3:00 pm

Host: First Congregational Church of Lockport,
United Church of Christ
700 E 9th Street, Lockport, IL

The Lockport-Homer Glen Area Ministerial Association is pleased to invite the wider Lockport, Homer Glen, and Joliet area to attend an Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration on November 18 at 3:00 pm. The celebration will be a sharing of the various ways each faith tradition expresses thanks, gratitude and peace. There are a wide variety of communities participating; Islam, Jewish, Hindu, Episcopalian, Baptist, Independent Christians, Methodist, Lutheran and United Church of Christ along with others.

There will be **two offering opportunities:**

Fill the Pickup: we encourage people to bring items for the Fairmont and FISH Food Pantries.

Lockport Resource Center: monetary donations will be collected for the Resource Center in Lockport.

Discipleship: Council Leader: Samantha Barczy

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.

Outreach: Council Leader: Allen Kirkland

Serve at MorningStar Mission

Each month, we have volunteer opportunities available at MorningStar Mission in Joliet on the 4th Saturday of the month. Mission staff prepares the food and we serve it.

Collecting for Thanksgiving Baskets

We are collecting food items for this year's Thanksgiving baskets. We will be assembling the baskets after worship today. The baskets will go to people in our community who are struggling to make ends meet.

You can also order \$25 grocery cards from Cheryl and donate them. Stay after the service and help us pack the baskets.

Homer Tree Lighting - 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 7:00 pm 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.

Fellowship: Council Leader: Maria Dziubczynski

Book Club Update

Our next book is *Best Boy* by Eli Gottlieb. We will discuss the book on Thursday, November 29th at 7:00 pm at CoG. Everyone is welcome to attend the discussion. Upcoming books will be *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.

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

November 11th: Attendance: 91

General Fund: \$4,489, Centro Infantil: \$20

Order Scrip (Gift Cards) from CoG

Gift cards are a great way to support Cross of Glory and start your Christmas shopping early! 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.

If we don't have a gift card you're looking for, it can be ordered today and available next Sunday.

Gift Baskets - We have Walmart and Jewel cards available for Gift Baskets!

Give Online Using Web, Text, or App

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.

Upcoming Events (crossofglory.com/cog-calendar)

Sunday.....11/18 Assemble Thanksgiving Baskets – After Worship

Sunday.....11/18 Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration – 3:00 pm at 1st Congregational Lockport

Saturday11/24 Serve at Morningstar Mission

Wednesday 11/28 Wednesday Fellowship Night – 6:00 pm (also 12/5 and 12/12)

Thursday....11/29 *Book Club* discusses **Best Boy by Eli Gottlieb**

Saturday12/01 Homer Glen Tree Lighting at Homer Village Hall – 4:30 pm start, tree lighting at 7:00

Saturday12/08 Visit with Santa

Saturday12/15 Christmas with the Dashboard Saints

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