



In the Loop

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Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter

November 25, 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

Advent Activities

On Wednesday, November 28 we begin our mid-week Advent meals. We'll meet at 6 pm to eat, and then at 6:30, the kids will head off to practice the Christmas play, and the rest of us will learn about some old Christmas traditions and make some new ones. This Wednesday we'll be making advent wreaths. (And if you'd like to share a tradition that's meaningful to your family, please contact Pastor Dana.)

Please sign up on Sunday if you can bring a food item to share on Wednesday. This week's theme is chili, but anything you'd like to bring is great.

Discipleship: Council Leader: Samantha Barczi

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

Visit with Santa – December 8th



Bring your neighbors, family and friends to our FREE visit with Santa at 10:00 am on Saturday, December 8th. There will be FREE snacks and games and FREE pictures with Santa.

This event is extremely popular with all who attend so let's get the word out and pack this place with families!

Volunteers will be needed to run games and to assist Santa. His elves are extremely busy right now – so let's all chip in to help.

Angel Tree

Once again, we will celebrate Christmas as a congregation by picking names and buying presents for kids on our Angel Giving Tree. 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.

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.

Christmas Poinsettia Sale

It's that time again to place your Christmas Poinsettia order! Your order will help to decorate for the Christmas Eve Worship services. You can pick up your poinsettia after the service you attend. Please mark below if you would like your Poinsettia In Remembrance of or In Honor of a special person in your life. (Names will be in the Christmas Eve Program.) Donations will also be accepted to help purchase poinsettias.



Orders are due with payment of \$15 per plant by December 16th

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.

Fellowship: Council Leader: Maria Dziubczynski

Book Club Update

Book Club is this Thursday, November 29th at 7:00 pm at CoG. We'll discuss *Best Boy* by Eli Gottlieb. 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 18th:

General Fund: \$3,304, Capital: \$10

Noisy Offering (Thanksgiving Gift Cards): \$229

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.

Order Scrip (Gift Cards) from CoG

Need Gift Cards for Christmas?

Last day to order and receive gift cards by Christmas is December 16th. Gift cards are a great gift to give and one way to support Cross of Glory. You purchase cards at face value and CoG receives a percentage of the face value. If you don't see what you are looking for, you can order cards and get them next Sunday. **See Cheryl Nabors for gift cards this week.**

Benefits of ordering scrip (gift cards) from CoG:

- You purchase gift cards at face value and CoG receives a percentage of the purchase
- Over 600 vendors to choose from.
- Gift cards are available in different denominations
- For a limited time, \$10 cards are available from selected vendors. (Great for teachers)
- Some cards available immediately on a first come basis (See Cheryl Nabors)
- Order and receive gift cards by next Sunday
- Vendor Lists and Order Forms in the Welcome Room

Not sure what to get? Take a list and order form with you.

Scrip (gift cards) can also be used for your everyday spending. Buy your gas and groceries and CoG benefits!

Upcoming Events (crossofglory.com/cog-calendar)

Wednesday 11/28 Advent 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 – 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Monday12/10 Adoption Support Group – 6:30 pm

Saturday12/15 Christmas with the Dashboard Saints

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