



# In the Loop

## Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter

December 23, 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](http://crossofglory.com) or [Facebook](#) for more information.

**Worship:** Council Leader: Dennis Tanrikulu

### Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Services

**Monday, December 24th ~ Christmas Eve**

We will have two Barn Services on Christmas Eve, as well as our late evening service at 11:00 pm

**4:00 and 6:00 Barn Services:** Special music, candle-lighting, and Holy Communion -- a wonderful service for families and guests. The barn is heated but please dress warmly. (There are no restrooms in the barn, so plan accordingly.) Konow Farm: 16849 S Cedar Rd, Homer Glen.



**11:00 pm Service:** Welcome Christmas with memorable special music, candle-lighting and Holy Communion. A very reflective service.

**Tuesday, December 25th ~ Christmas Morning**

**9:30 am:** Come as you are, anything from pajamas to your newest outfit!

**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](mailto:danalobrien@gmail.com)) or the office.

**Outreach:** Council Leader: Allen Kirkland

### Angel Tree

Once again, we celebrated Christmas as a congregation by picking names and buying presents for kids from our local DCFS and from Fairmont School.

Thanks to everyone for returning your gifts last week. We're making a difference in the community!

ELCA "Good Gifts" ornaments now adorn the tree. Please take one and contribute in the name of a loved one. Instructions are on the table next to the tree.

**Fellowship:** Council Leader: Maria Dziubczynski

### Book Club – This Thursday

Our next book is *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. We will meet Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at CoG. Everyone is welcome to attend the discussion. Upcoming books will be *The Sherlockian* by Graham Moore, and *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrick 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

**December 16<sup>th</sup>:** Attendance: 113

General Fund: \$3,649 / Capital: \$10

Centro Infantil: \$20 / Flowers: \$255

## 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.

## Commitment Cards

Thanks to all of you who have already turned in your commitment cards. If you haven't done so yet, please drop your card off in the office or place it in the offering this Sunday. Our commitment cards are a great way to say we're "all in" with what God is doing in and through Cross of Glory.

## Order Scrip (Gift Cards) from CoG

### Need Gift Cards for Christmas?

**We have a selection of cards available for immediate purchase today.** Gift cards are a great gift 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 stocking stuffers)**
- 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](http://crossofglory.com/cog-calendar))

Tuesday .....12/24 Christmas Eve Services – 4:00 and 6:00 at Konow Barn, 16849 S Cedar Rd in Homer Glen  
Tuesday .....12/24 Christmas Eve Services –11:00 at Cross of Glory  
Wednesday 12/25 Christmas Morning Service – 9:30 am  
Thursday....12/26 Office Closed  
Thursday....12/27 *Book Club* discusses *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens – 7:00 pm  
Saturday ....01/05 Celebration of Life for Jerry Dziubczynski – Time TBA  
Sunday.....01/13 Brunch – After Worship  
Monday.....01/14 Adoption Support Group – 6:30 pm

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