



# In the Loop



## Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter

January 6, 2019

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.

### Cross of Glory Lutheran Church NOTICE OF 2019 ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting will be Sunday, February 10, 2019 at 10:45 a.m. (after worship). The purpose of the meeting is to celebrate what's been going on at Cross of Glory during 2018, to elect two new council representatives, and to approve the 2019 budget.

Because we do important things at our annual meeting and we want you all there, we'll have a themed brunch and meeting. If you have any questions regarding the meeting, please contact any of our current council members or Pastor Dana.

Like last year, we'll also have a budget meeting after worship on the Sunday before the meeting - February 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you have any questions or comments about the 2019 budget, this is a wonderful opportunity to talk.

**Worship:** Council Leader: Dennis Tanrikulu

### New Sermon Series Begins on January 13, *Living as Everyday Followers of Jesus*

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus every day? Is it more than just worshipping on Sunday? How does it impact my life at work, with my family, when I'm on social media or out in public? Our next sermon series will focus on what it means to be a follower in every aspect of our lives. Please join us.

**Discipleship:** Council Leader: Samantha Barczy

### Teen Education For Lifelong Leadership (T.E.L.L.) Restarts Tomorrow

T.E.L.L. is our educational program for youth from 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. On Monday nights from 6:30-8:00 p.m. the youth spend time interacting with each other to experience God through games, food, and conversation. Our next session starts on Monday, January 7. They will meet every Monday through the end of March, except for January 21st, February 18th, and March 4th.

### Pancake Breakfast on January 20

We continue our look at daily discipleship and it's also noisy offering day. And the youth will be sponsoring a pancake breakfast after worship to raise money for their sponsorship of Amina.

### Reconciling in Christ Sunday on January 27

We look at what it means to be a welcoming congregation in the context of our sermon series on everyday discipleship.

### New Members Sunday – February 3<sup>rd</sup>

We'll be celebrating new members joining Cross of Glory during worship on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you think you may want to become a member or if you have any questions about Cross of Glory, please contact either Pastor Dana ([danalobrien@gmail.com](mailto:danalobrien@gmail.com)) or the office.

**Outreach:** Council Leader: Allen Kirkland

### Community Blood Drive, Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

The Heartland Coach will be here from 3:00 to 7:00 pm. Call to set up an appointment or go online.

**Fellowship:** Council Leader: Maria Dziubczynski

### Dinner with Friends – January 16th

Our next dinner will be on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 6:30 pm at La Crepe Bistro (13957 S. Bell Rd. in Homer Glen).

### Book Club Update

Our next book is *The Sherlockian* by Graham Moore. We will meet Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at CoG. Everyone is welcome to attend the discussion. Upcoming books include *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

### Christmas Services:

Barn (110 / 65): \$1008

11 pm (48): \$709

Christmas Day (32): \$368

**January 30<sup>th</sup>:** Attendance: 100

General Fund: \$6,769 / Capital: \$10

Flowers: \$30 / ELCA Grant: \$1,500

## Order Scrip (Gift Cards) from CoG

**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 700 vendors to choose from.
- Gift cards are available in different denominations
- 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

Scrip (gift cards) can also be used for your everyday spending. Buy your gas and groceries using gift cards and CoG benefits! Not sure what to get? Take a list and order form with you.

## 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.

## THE WELCOME PLACE PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

**Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00 to 6:30 PM**

**4-year olds** meet three days a week:

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

**3-year olds** meet two days a week:

Tuesday & Thursday

Registration will also be open at the Open House

Interested and want more information?

**Call (708) 301-3883**

[www.crossofglory.com/preschool](http://www.crossofglory.com/preschool)

## Upcoming Events ([crossofglory.com/cog-calendar](http://crossofglory.com/cog-calendar))

Monday.....01/07 **T.E.L.L. Youth Group** – 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Sunday.....01/13 **Brunch** – After Worship

Monday.....01/14 **Adoption Support Group** – 6:30 pm

Wednesday 01/16 **Dinner with Friends** – 6:30 pm at La Crepe Bistro in Homer Glen

Sunday.....01/20 **Pancake Breakfast** – After Worship

Thursday....01/24 **Book Club** – *The Sherlockian* – 7:00 at Cross of Glory

Sunday.....01/27 **Reconciling in Christ Sunday**

Sunday.....02/03 **New Member Sunday**

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