



In the Loop



Cross of Glory's Weekly Newsletter

February 10, 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 or [Facebook](#) for more information.

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church NOTICE OF 2019 ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting will be held today, 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.

Worship: Council Leader: Dennis Tanrikulu

New Sermon Series Continues Today, *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 sermon series focuses on what it means to be a follower in every aspect of our lives. Please join us.

Discipleship: Council Leader: Samantha Barczi

Teen Education for Lifelong Leadership (T.E.L.L)

T.E.L.L. is our educational program for youth from 6th – 12th 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. They meet every Monday through the end of March, except for February 18th and March 4th.

Holy Communion Class – Starts 3/4/2019

Classes start with Parent/Student Night on Monday, March 4 at 6:00 pm. On this evening the family attends together. Please bring a photo of your child from their baptism. Contact the church office if you are interested in this program. Classes will be on 3/04, 3/18, 3/25, 4/01, and 4/08. Holy Communion Sunday will be on April 28.

Confirmation – Spring Session

Confirmation classes begin again, starting Sunday, February 24th. As in the fall, classes will be held on Sundays after worship, and will go intermittently through spring.

The young people in our confirmation class will be focusing on discipleship, by looking at Jesus in Luke's gospel. Typically, students participate in two years of instruction (usually during 7th & 8th grades) before affirming their baptism. This takes place during the Rite of Confirmation, which occurs during worship in the fall. It's never too late to start, so please call the office if you wish your child to participate.

Outreach: Council Leader: Allen Kirkland

Community Blood Drive, Thursday, February 28th

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

Women's Group - Phase 10 on Friday, February 22

All women are invited to meet at Barb Corcoran's house for a fun night of playing Phase 10. Sign up in the welcome room, and please bring a friend.

Book Club

Our next book is *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman. We will meet Thursday, February 28th at 7:00 pm at CoG. Everyone is welcome to attend the discussion.

The March book is *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. To enhance our discussion, we are going to see the movie at Seven Bridges on Sunday, March 24th at 2:00 pm. 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

February 3rd:

General Fund: \$3,368 / Capital: \$10

Order Scrip (Gift Cards) from CoG

Your Gift Card purchases make a difference! In 2018, \$2,161 was donated through this program. Let's keep it going in 2019.

We have a selection of cards available for immediate purchase. Gift cards are a great gift and one way to support Cross of Glory. 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
- Order and receive gift cards by next Sunday
- Vendor Lists/Order Forms in the Welcome Room

Scrip (gift cards) can also be used for your everyday purchases. 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.

THE WELCOME PLACE PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, April 23

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

Upcoming Events (crossofglory.com/cog-calendar)

- Sunday.....02/10 **Cross of Glory Annual Meeting** – after service
- Monday.....02/11 **Adoption Support Group** – 6:30 pm
- Monday.....02/11 **T.E.L.L. Youth Group** – 6:30 to 8:00 pm
- Friday.....02/22 Women's Group Phase 10 at Barb Corcoran's
- Thursday....02/28 **Community Blood Drive** – 3:00 to 7:00 pm
- Thursday....02/28 **Book Club** – *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman – 7:00 at Cross of Glory
- Monday.....03/04 **Holy Communion Class Parent/Student Night** – 6:00 pm
- Sunday.....03/24 **Book Club** - See *To Kill a Mockingbird* – 2:00 pm at Seven Bridges

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