

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

#### **Wednesday Night Soup Suppers During Lent**

Mark your calendars -- on each of the Wednesdays in Lent (March 13, 20, 27 and April 3 and 10) we'll gather for a soup supper and then spend some time in fellowship and worship.

Meals start at 6:00 pm, and we're done around 7:15 (Look for sign-up sheets for everyone who wishes to bring soups, breads, desserts, etc. on the welcome table a few weeks before Lent.)

#### **Celebration Sunday – Next Week**

We hope that you plan to be with us for Celebration Sunday on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Not only will we be returning our completed commitment cards, but we'll also enjoy a catered lunch and other memorable activities to celebrate God's blessings among us.

### **Discipleship:** Council Leader: Samantha Barczi

#### **Holy Communion Class**

Classes started with Parent/Student Night on Monday, March 4 at 6:00 pm. Classes will be on 3/18, 3/25, 4/01, and 4/08. Holy Communion Sunday will be on April 28.

#### **Confirmation – Spring Session**

Confirmation classes are 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 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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

#### **Spaghetti Brunch Benefitting Fairmont School – Recap**

Thanks to everyone who attended and all those who donated. We raised \$1,085

### **Fellowship:** Council Leader: Lisa O'Malley

#### **Ladies Craft Night – Friday, 4/12 at 6:30**

##### **Spring Bunnies Everywhere!**



Michelle Eckmayer is hosting the April Women's event at Cross of Glory on Friday, April 12th at 6:30 pm.

Michelle will have a fun Spring Bunny craft for us to do.

You're welcome to bring a small appetizer or dessert if you would like.

#### **Book Club Update**

The April book is *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng. We will discuss the book on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at CoG. Please see Janet if you need a copy of the book. Everyone is welcome to read the book and join us for a lively discussion.

If you still have a copy of *To Kill a Mockingbird*, please return it to the Homer Glen Library.

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: **Barb Taskay**

### 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 or Bill 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.

### Update on Worship & Giving

**March 24<sup>th</sup>:** Attendance: 101

General Fund: \$4,234 / Capital Appeal: \$60

Centro Infantil: \$85

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

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

Sunday ..... 03/31 **Confirmation Class** – after worship

Monday ..... 04/01 **No Preschool this week (Spring Break)**

Monday ..... 04/01 **Holy Communion Class** - 6:00 pm

Wednesday 04/03 **Lent Soup Supper** – 6:00 pm

Sunday ..... 04/07 Capital Appeal Celebration Sunday

Monday ..... 04/08 **Adoption Support Group** – 6:30 pm

Friday ..... 04/12 Ladies Craft Night – 6:30 pm

Thursday ... 04/25 **Book Club** – *Discuss Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng – 7:00 pm at CoG

**The monthly newsletter can be viewed at** [crossofglory.com/category/newsletter](http://crossofglory.com/category/newsletter)

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