

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

Wednesday Night Soup Supper

You have one more chance during Lent to 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.)

Holy Week Activities and Services

- **Palm/Passion Sunday Worship Service – Sunday, April 14, at 9:30.** We journey through the last week of Jesus' life, beginning with his celebratory entrance into Jerusalem and ending with his death on the cross five days later. We'll use a combination of music, slides and readings, as the entire congregation participates in the story of those final days.
- Good Friday Cross Walk -- Friday, 4/19, at Noon
- Good Friday Worship -- Friday, 4/19, at 7:00 pm
- Easter Sunday Services -- Sunday, 4/21, at 9:30 and 11:00.

See the website for more information.

Discipleship: Council Leader: Samantha Barczi

Confirmation – Spring Session

Confirmation classes are held on Sundays after worship and will go intermittently through spring, focusing on discipleship, by looking at Jesus in Luke's gospel. Typically, 7th & 8th grade students participate in instruction before affirming their baptism during the Rite of Confirmation 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 Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday, April 20, Cross of Glory will again host its annual neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt. We'll divide the kids up by age groups and have filled plastic Easter eggs for them to find. After the hunt, everyone is invited inside for food, crafts and cookie decorating. And the Easter Bunny will be around the whole time for some photo ops.

The event starts promptly at 10 am. Given how fast kids can move when they are looking for eggs, you'll want to be there a bit early. This event is for the entire community, and we'll have over 2000 filled eggs! So, bring your neighbors and friends, and don't forget an Easter basket to hold your eggs.

If weather permits, event is held outdoors. But if the weather is bad, we move inside!

PFLAG Group Starting April 30th

Starting Tuesday, April 30, a new PFLAG group will meet on the last Tuesday of every month from 6:30 to 8 pm. PFLAG is a national support and advocacy group that unites LGBTQ people with families, friends, and allies. Please share this information with anyone you know who may be interested, and contact Michelle Eckmayer if you have any questions

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 25th 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. 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

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.
- 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 31st: Attendance: 164

General Fund: \$5,831 / Capital Appeal: \$2,310

Centro Infantil: \$10 / Easter Flowers: \$24

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

WRAPPED CANDY NEEDED FOR EGG HUNT!

Our community Easter Egg Hunt is just 2 weeks away. We still need some wrapped Easter candy and some volunteers to fill over 2000 plastic eggs. We also need volunteers to help on the day of the event. A sign-up sheet for people wanting to help is on the *Welcome Table*.

Upcoming Events (crossofglory.com/cog-calendar)

- Sunday 04/07 **Confirmation Class** – after worship
Monday 04/08 **Holy Communion Class** - 6:00 pm
Monday 04/08 **Adoption Support Group** – 6:30 pm
Wednesday 04/10 **Lent Soup Supper** – 6:00 pm
Friday 04/12 **Ladies Craft Night** – 6:30 pm
Saturday.... 04/20 **Community Easter Egg Hunt** – 10:00 am
Thursday ... 04/25 **Book Club** – *Discuss Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng – 7:00 pm at CoG
Sunday 04/28 **Confirmation Class** – after worship
Tuesday..... 04/30 **PFLAG Meeting** – 6:30 pm

The monthly newsletter can be viewed at crossofglory.com/category/newsletter

Check out the Cross of Glory Web Site at www.crossofglory.com for all the latest news.