

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

Weekly Service and Summer Activities

Welcome to all this Sunday. Please know that you are invited to join us in worship each Sunday at 9:30.

Look for us at many diverse community events over the summer including our worship in the "Beer Tent" at Canal Days in Lockport on June 16th. Check out the calendar for a sample of what else is coming up this summer.

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. Please call the office if you wish your child to participate.

Cinco de Mayo Dinner Fundraiser

Thanks to all who participated on Friday evening, May 3, in the fundraiser benefitting Centro Infantil de Los Angeles, a free daycare and preschool in Mexico. We raised about \$2,000.

Outreach: Council Leader: Allen Kirkland

PFLAG Group Started April 30th

On April 30, our PFLAG group met for the first time. They 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

Community Easter Egg Hunt Recap

On Saturday, April 20, Cross of Glory hosted its annual neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt. The event started promptly at 10 am and was over quickly, despite over 3000 filled eggs! Thanks to all the volunteers who made this a great community event.

Walking in New Lenox Parade on May 5

Join us as we again participate in the New Lenox parade on Sunday, May 5th. The parade starts at 2:00. We'll meet at the Murtaugh's house around 1:00 and then walk over to the start area. The parade is a big one and we'll be walking with (or sitting in) Murtaugh's little yellow car and telling people about our upcoming **God in Pixar VBS**.

Community Blood Drive Thursday, May 16th 3 to 7pm

Join us for our 2nd blood drive of 2019. **This one will be in memory of Caryl Hruska.** Donating blood was very important to Caryl, who passed away this Spring.

You can sign up in the Welcome Room, call the church office, or go through the Heartland Blood Center website https://ht.heartlandbc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5570877. Spread the word!

VBS – God in Pixar – July 8 – 11 @ 9:00 am

Our **Vacation Bible School** program this summer will be a unique look at God through Pixar movies.

JULY 8-11 (Monday thru Thursday) 9:00 am – Noon
Family Night on Thursday, July 11th 6:30 pm

The kids will gather for an over-the-top adventure as each day's activities will focus on a different Pixar film. We are anticipating a great time and are super excited! Block out this week on your summer schedule and start telling your friends!

Fellowship: Council Leader: Lisa O'Malley

Book Club Update

The May book is *The Hidden Life of Trees* by Peter Wohlleben. We will discuss the book on Thursday, May 23rd at 7:00 pm at CoG. 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 Nabors for gift cards this week.**

You purchase gift cards at face value and CoG receives a percentage of the purchase. There are over 700 vendors to choose from. Order and receive gift cards by next Sunday. Pick up Vendor Lists/Order Forms in the Welcome Room.

Update on Worship & Giving

April 28th: Attendance: (100)

General Fund: \$5,766/ Capital Appeal: \$24,543
Centro Infantil: \$10

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

4-year olds meet three days a week:
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

3-year olds meet two days a week:
Tuesday & Thursday

Registration is Now Open

Call (708) 301-3883

Visit www.crossofglory.com/preschool

Upcoming Events (crossofglory.com/cog-calendar)

- Sunday 05/05 **Confirmation Class** – after worship
- Sunday 05/05 **New Lenox Loyalty Day Parade** supporting veterans – 1:00 pm
- Monday 05/13 **Adoption Support Group** – 6:30 pm
- Wednesday 05/15 Discussion of **Love Undocumented** by Sarah Quezada – 7:00 pm
- Thursday ... 05/16 **Community Blood Drive** – 3:00 pm
- Wednesday 05/22 (and Thursday 5/23) **Preschool Year End Parties** – 9:00 am
- Thursday ... 05/23 **Book Club** – Discuss *The Hidden Life of Trees* by Peter Wohlleben – 7:00 pm at CoG
- Friday 05/24 **The Welcome Place Preschool Graduation** – 9:00 am
- Tuesday..... 05/28 **PFLAG Meeting** – 6:30 pm
- Thursday ... 05/30 **Dinner with Friends** at Nick's Barbeque in Homer Glen – 6:30 pm
- Saturday.... 06/08 **Mokena Pride Fest** – 11:00 am
- Friday 06/14 **Canal Days Parade** – 6:00 pm
- Sunday 06/16 Worship at **Canal Days** – 9:30 am
- Saturday.... 06/22 **Homer Community Parade** – 11:00 am
- Sunday 06/30 **Chicago Pride Parade** – 11:00 am
- Monday 07/08 **Vacation Bible School** – 9:00 am (through 7/11/19)

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