

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

#### **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 16<sup>th</sup>. 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, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students participate in instruction before affirming their baptism during the Rite of Confirmation during worship in the fall.

### **Outreach:** Council Leader: Allen Kirkland

#### **PFLAG Group Started April 30<sup>th</sup>**

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. Contact Michelle Eckmayer if you have any questions.

#### **Blood Drive Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 3 to 7pm**

Join us for our 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](https://ht.heartlandbc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5570877). Spread the word!

### **We Walked in New Lenox Parade on May 5<sup>th</sup>**

We shared candy and info about our Vacation Bible School – **God in Pixar**. And the kids loved Nemo! 3 more parades coming up in June. Be sure to join us.



### **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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## Women's June Event - Wine Glass Painting w/Debbie Murtaugh

Join us on Friday, June 21st, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm for a fun night of painting 4th of July Wine Glasses. The cost is \$20 per person and includes 2 glasses of your choice and all the painting supplies. Work at your own pace. Advanced registration is required so there are enough supplies for all.

You are welcome to bring a small appetizer or dessert, and beverage. How Fun!

**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**

### 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.

## 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

**May 5<sup>th</sup>:** Attendance: (214)

General Fund: \$3,520 / Capital Appeal: \$15,217

Memorial (Caryl Hruska): \$1,260 / VBS: \$340

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

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

- 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
- Sunday ..... 05/19 **Confirmation Class** – after worship
- 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
- Friday ..... 06/21 Women's Event – Painting Wine Glasses – 6:30 pm
- 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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