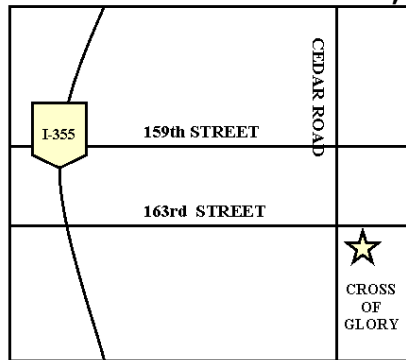




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JUNE 2019

**CAPITAL APPEAL UPDATE**

It doesn't seem like it, but it's been almost two months since our April 7<sup>th</sup> Embracing God's Vision Celebration Sunday. As you may remember, our original goal was total three-year commitments totaling \$150,000. And while we are still hoping to get more commitments, we currently stand at three-year commitments totaling \$253,905 and current cash contributions of \$115,546!! **THANK YOU SO MUCH CROSS OF GLORY!!! God is working powerfully in each of you!**

**CANAL DAYS WORSHIP**

On Sunday, June 16, the church will leave the building. Literally. No, I'm not kidding. We won't be worshipping in our church building that day. Instead, the whole bunch of us will be over at Canal Days in the Main/Beer tent worshipping there instead. This is a **great opportunity to invite friends**. (When else will you ever get the opportunity to invite someone to worship in a beer tent?) The band will play, our sermon will be all about God's love and welcome, and we'll celebrate communion. And, since it's Father's Day, all the men will get a blessing and a special treat. Please bring your friends and family to join us on Sunday, June 16, at 9:30 in downtown Lockport.

**BEING CHURCH DURING THE SUMMER**

Summertime can be challenging for congregations. Vacations and other summer commitments often result in reduced giving and fewer people at Sunday morning worship. But summertime also offers us some great opportunities to show our friends and neighbors what Cross of Glory church looks like. So a couple of thoughts:

First, lots of us are really busy during the summer, but when you're in town, we'd love to see you at worship on Sunday morning. And when you can't make it to Sunday morning worship, live as "good church" wherever you find yourself.

Second, summer is a great time to invite friends to worship and to all the other things going on at Cross of Glory. Our summer worship services are intended to be more casual than usual, so invite your friends to one of our movie Sundays, or Canal Days worship, or pet blessing Sunday. And if Sunday worship isn't going to work, try inviting them to one of our other events, like our Summer Sunday pot lucks and music.

Third, we have a lot more community events going on in the summer, which means we have volunteer opportunities all over the place. Please sign up to help with VBS, or march in a parade, or staff the kids games. I guarantee you'll have lots of fun!

Fourth, summer is a tough time financially. Please make sure that your contributions keep coming to support God's ministries here all summer. One easy way to do that is to sign up for automatic giving. Just go to our website ([www.crossofglory.com](http://www.crossofglory.com)) or call Laura in the office and she can get you set up. This way your financial gifts come automatically out of your bank account or credit card without you having to do anything more.

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**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS 9:30 AM**

Holy Communion at all services. Nursery available every Sunday. You are welcome here!

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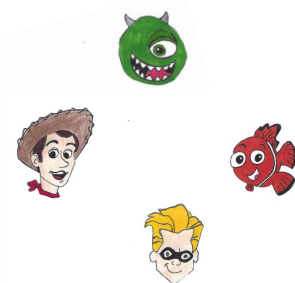
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More details on page 2

Welcome Statement

We recognize the importance of worshipping with a diverse group of people of any color, age, creed, ethnicity, physical and mental abilities, addictions, legal record, economic status, station in life, life circumstances, marital/family status, heterosexuals, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender people, their partners and their families. We welcome all into full participation in the church life, ministry of the congregation, sacraments, and rites of the church. We are all one in God's eyes, and everyone has a place in the family of God. It is with love and in celebration that we affirm this position.

"There is no longer Jew nor Greek, there is no longer slave nor free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:28

Our Guiding Principles

- Jesus is Lord
- Everyone Is Welcome
- The World Needs What We Have
- Everyone Has Something To Offer
- Love Changes Everything

Our Mission Statement

To be a community of faith in which everyone lives life in the LOOP of God's saving grace by: reaching and serving, welcoming and nurturing, worshipping and teaching, and giving and sending.

Council Members:

Reach out to a council member with any questions or concerns.  
Barb Taskay Finances  
Allen Kirkland, Outreach  
Lisa O'Malley, Fellowship  
Bill Bavirsha, Facilities  
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Being Church During the Summer

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Finally, we've just spent some time on what it means to love our neighbors. Summer is a great time to go out and practice that with the neighbors God put right next to you.

Remember, we are the church all the time and wherever we go. So this summer, go ahead and show everyone around you what church looks like at Cross of Glory.

Fairmont Thank You!

Thank you all so much!! Once again, we had a great year of partnering with the staff and kids at Fairmont School. All of us participated in various ways - some of us volunteered at Fairmont weekly and/or for special events, others collected plastic caps for the school, others helped by raising funds for the band and other special projects. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of kids and families in the Fairmont community. And we can look forward to continuing that partnership in the fall!

June Dinner with Friends

Join us at 6:30 on Thursday, June 20 for Dinner with Friends. We'll meet at the Quarry Pub & Grill in Lemont for some great food and fun times. Sign-up sheets are on the welcome table.

Summer Women's Events

Wine Glass Paining -- On Friday, June 21, at 6:30, all women are invited to paint two 4<sup>th</sup> of July of wine glasses. For \$20 you get two wine glasses and all the painting supplies. Advance registration is required, so either sign up in the welcome room or call the office.

Ladies Night Slammers Game -- On Thursday, July 25, come with your friends to Ladies Night at the Slammers game. Tickets are \$10

per person, and you need to contact Debbie Murtaugh by June 21.

God in Pixar Vacation Bible School in July

God in Pixar Vacation Bible School runs from July 8 through July 11 this year. Each morning, from 9 to noon, the kids will gather for an over-the-top adventure, with each day's activities focusing on a different Pixar movie (Toy Story, Finding Nemo, Incredibles 2 and Monsters, Inc.). Registration is still open, but VBS is filling up fast, so if you know of anyone ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, sign them up ASAP for this one-of-a-kind Bible adventure. We are also in need of volunteers. Contact the church with any questions.

Summer Youth Program

The youth gather on 4 Monday's this summer to participate in games, food, outings, and learning. Open to youth in grades 6-12th. The program is FREE, but fees may apply for some outings.

June 10th (bring a white t-shirt to tye dye), June 24, July 22, August 5th. They will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Please contact the church office with any questions!

Preschool Registration Open

Our Welcome Place Preschool just celebrated the graduation of 25 kids from our 4-year-old class. We now have lots of openings for next fall for both 3 and 4-year olds. So please help us get the word out - tell everyone looking for a great preschool about The Welcome Place Preschool. There will be another *Open House Wednesday, August 7th from 4 to 6:30 pm.*

What's Coming Up this Summer . . .

With summer here, many of us are looking forward to vacations and gatherings with family and friends. We've also got a lot to look forward to at Cross of Glory. Mark your calendars for the following:

•**Wednesday Worship (starting June 12)** - at 6:30 every Wednesday during the summer (except Wednesday, July 3) we gather for a short casual worship. The Wednesday service has different songs and sermons than Sundays, and is intended both for those who can't make it on Sunday and for people who just like to worship mid-week. Like all our services, Wednesday worship features singing, communion, and a whole lot of God.

•**Summer Sundays** - Again this year, we'll have Sunday evening music and food at COG. We'll have a different band each month, accompanied by a potluck meal. Summer Sundays start at 6 pm and are **perfect opportunities to invite your neighbors** for a fun and relaxing evening.

•**VBS (July 8-11)** - a week of fun and learning, based on the theme God in Pixar.

•**Fun Summer Worship Experiences** - Like last year, we'll have a couple of movie Sundays, an outdoor affirmation of baptism and our annual pet blessing (on Sunday, August 4). We'll also do another social media Sunday, with the sermon done live from the Chicago Pride Parade. Check out our Cross of Glory website for a full description of what's happening when.

Three June Parades- Come Join Us!

Again, this year, Cross of Glory will be participating in three parades in June. Lockport's Canal Days parade is Friday, June 14 at 6 pm. The Homer Township parade is a week later on Saturday, June 22 at 11 am. We plan to have representatives of COG and the Welcome Place Preschool in both parades handing out candy and flyers for VBS and the Preschool.

And then on Sunday, June 30, we will again be part of the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches marching in the Chicago Pride Parade. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to publicly proclaim who we are and what we believe. Dan Skowron is taking the lead on this one, so contact him if you have any questions.

There are sign-up sheets for all three parades on the welcome table. These parades are always lots of fun and a great way to help us become more visible in our community.

Mokena Pride Fest

On Saturday, June 8, Cross of Glory is again participating in the Mokena Pride Fest in Yunker Park. The event starts at noon and goes until 8 pm. Our band, Dashboard Saints, is the first group to play on the main stage (right at noon), and it would be great to have lots of us there to support them. Our free kids games will be at the event from noon to 6 pm, and **we need volunteers** to help with the games. Please sign up on the welcome table if you can help. Come and join us, have some fun, and show your support for our local LGBTQ community.

Bolingbrook Pride Event on June 9

Cross of Glory will also be participating in the Bolingbrook Pride Event on June 9. If you can help staff our tent of free kids games from about 1 to 3, contact Dana.

June Book Club

Our next book club meets Thursday, June 27th at 7:00 pm. We'll be reading The Woman's Hour by Elaine Weiss. Everyone is welcome to come.

**CROSS OF GLORY FINANCIAL UPDATE**  
**April 2019**

Income	Year to Date
Offering	\$ 77,121.00
Other	<u>\$ 10,495.00</u>
Total	\$ 87,616.00
Expenses	
General/Building	\$ 39,311.00
Staff	\$ 51,195.00
Sharing	\$ 9,000.00
Ministries	<u>\$ 1,604.00</u>
Total	\$101,110.00
Income/Loss	<b>\$ (-13,434.00)</b>

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**THE WELCOME PLACE PRESCHOOL**

*Jamie Knutson, Director (708) 301-3883*



School is officially over for the 2018-2019 school year! We had a wonderful graduation ceremony and sent our students on to kindergarten We're excited about all they learned with us and all they will learn in their future. We are already looking forward to our 2019-2020 school year and have another **Open House on Wednesday, August 7 from 4-6:30.** Please let anyone interested in a preschool know about our Open House. Happy Summer!

[www.crossofglory.com/preschool](http://www.crossofglory.com/preschool) (website)  
The Welcome Place Preschool (Facebook)

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