

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. Check out the calendar for a sample of what else is coming up this summer.

Wednesday Summer Worship

At 6:30 pm on Wednesdays, we gather for a short casual worship. The Wednesday service has different songs and sermons than Sunday's 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.

Pet Blessing Service - August 4th

Bring all your animal friends, and tell all your people friends, about Cross of Glory's annual pet blessing on Sunday August 4. We'll be worshipping outside that morning – unless it's too hot or too cold, in which case we'll all head indoors. We'll also be collecting our noisy offering for TLC Animal Shelter, and we'll have some information about animals available for adoption from TLC.

Discipleship: Council Leader: Samantha Barczi

Summer Youth Program

The youth gather on 2 more Mondays this summer to participate in games, food, outings, and learning. Open to youth in grades 6 to 12. The program is FREE, but fees may apply for some outings. They will meet on July 22nd and August 5th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Please contact the church office with any questions!

Outreach: Council Leader: Allen Kirkland

VBS – God in Pixar – Recap

Our **Vacation Bible School** program this summer was a unique look at God through Pixar movies. The kids experienced an over-the-top adventure as each day's activities focused on a different Pixar film. Thanks to all the volunteers who made this possible!

Kid's Games at "Chalk-It-Up" – August 3

We are again participating in Homer Glen's Chalk-It-Up event on August 3. We'll be hosting our free kids' games at the event, which takes place in Stonebridge Park, just east of Cross of Glory, from 9 to noon. We'll have games and bubbles but need volunteers to make this work. A sign-up sheet is on the welcome table.

PFLAG Chapter

Cross of Glory is super excited to be able to reach out into the community AGAIN and be a host for a new chapter of PFLAG Homer Glen Lockport. PFLAG has over 400+ chapters and now Cross of Glory hosts one of them! Thank you, Cross of Glory!

PFLAG is a nationwide organization that envisions a world where diversity is celebrated and all people are respected, valued, and affirmed inclusive of their sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.

Our mission is to build on a foundation of loving families united with LGBTQ people and allies who support one another, and to educate ourselves and our communities to speak up as advocates until all hearts and minds respect, value and affirm LGBTQ people.

Any questions please feel free to contact either Michelle Eckmayer, President, Lisa O'Malley, Secretary or Allen Kirkland, Treasurer our email is

Pflag.hgl@gmail.com and PLEASE LIKE AND SHARE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE- Pflag Homer Glen Lockport.

CoG T-shirts for Sale

If you don't have one (or you need another one), we will have some for sale on Sunday morning. They are \$15 each.

Fellowship: Council Leader: Lisa O'Malley

Dinner with Friends – Tuesday, July 23rd

Our next **Dinner with Friends** is on Tuesday, July 23rd at 6:30 pm at Bulldog Ale House, located at 157 S Weber Rd in Bolingbrook.

Book Club Meets August 1st

Because of scheduling conflicts, the July book, **Manhattan Beach** by Jennifer Egan, will be discussed on Thursday, August 1st 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

Update on Worship & Giving

July 14th: Attendance: (61)

General Fund: \$4,794 / Capital Appeal: \$140

Fairmont: VBS Collection: \$1500

June Noisy Offering (World Hunger): \$782

July Noisy Offering (Fairmont): \$354

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 great not only for gifts, but vacations and everyday purchases for gas and groceries. Gift cards are 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.**

You purchase gift cards at face value and CoG receives a percentage of the purchase. There are over 750 vendors to choose from. Pick up Vendor Lists/Order Forms in the Welcome Room.

Specials of Note: (CoG gets higher % than normal):

Barnes & Noble @ 12.75% (+4.75%); Buffalo Wild Wings @ 13% (+5%); Chili's @ 17% (+6%); Chipotle @ 12% (+2%); Home Depot @7% (+3%); Panera @10% (+2%); Subway @ 8% (+2%); Target @3.5% (+1%)

THE WELCOME PLACE PRESCHOOL

4-year old's meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

3-year old's meet Tuesday & Thursday

Open House – Wednesday, August 7th – 4 to 6 pm

Registration is Now Open. Call (708) 301-3883

Upcoming Events (crossofglory.com/cog-calendar)

Monday..... 07/22 **Summer Youth Program** – 6:30 (also on 7/22 and 8/5)

Tuesday..... 07/23 **Dinner with Friends** – Bulldog Ale House in Bolingbrook – 6:30 pm

Wednesday 07/24 **Wednesday Night Worship** – 6:30 pm

Thursday ... 07/25 **Ladies Night at Joliet Slammers** – Game time is 7:05 pm

Saturday.... 07/27 **Serve at MorningStar Mission** in Joliet

Tuesday..... 07/30 **PFLAG Homer Glen / Lockport** meets at Cross of Glory – 6:30 pm

Thursday ... 08/01 **Book Club Discussion of Manhattan Beach** by Jennifer Egan – 7:00 pm

Saturday.... 08/03 **Homer Chalk It Up** event – 9:00 am

Sunday 08/04 **Pet Blessing Service** – 9:30 am

Monday..... 08/12 **Adoption Support Group** – 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.