

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

Welcome to Cross of Glory

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

Discipleship: Council Leader: Samantha Barczy

Friday Night Bible Study Restarting

This group meets on Friday nights (except in the summer) from 7:00 to 9:00. They meet in some member's homes on a loosely rotating basis, but you don't need to host in order to attend. Last year the group listened to the book of Proverbs. This year we will start working our way through the book of Psalms.

If you are interested in attending, contact Cheryl Nabors or Janet Dejka.

Outreach: Council Leader: Allen Kirkland

Free Family Fest - Saturday September 14

We're inviting our entire community to enjoy the live music playing from 2 -6, great food, and lots of family friendly activities like games, face painting, crafts, and other fun stuff. It's a great way for all our neighbors to get a taste of what Cross of Glory is like.

Because we're planning so many fun events, there are lots of opportunities for all of us to help. We need people to help in advance by getting donations of food and other products, doing publicity, and planning the activities.

For starters, we can all advertise the event by putting our yellow fall fest signs in our yards. We'll also need lots of help on the day of the event -- help with games and face painting, set-up and take-down, handling the food, and welcoming our guests.

Please sign up on the volunteer sheets on the welcome table to help.

Community Blood Drive – September 5

Our next blood drive will be on Thursday, September 5th from 3:00 to 7:00 pm. Walk-ins welcome. Reservations being taken by the office or online at https://ht.heartlandbc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5570879.

Adoption/Fostering Support Group

Adoption / Foster Support Group meeting is open to any individual, or family that has been touched by the adoption or fostering process. If you are a child that was adopted; a parent that has adopted or a birth parent that has made an adoption plan for your child; If you are a child or a parent that is going or has been through the fostering process; if you are the Aunt, Uncle, Grandparent, any relation or you have a friend that has been touched by adoption or fostering, THIS GROUP IS FOR YOU!

You may have questions that you just do not know where or whom to ask. You never know who may need to hear your story. It just may give someone hope and strength.

Please join us on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. (September 9, ...)

E-mail for the Group: asg@crossofglory.com

PFLAG Chapter – September 24

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.

Fellowship: Council Leader: Lisa O'Malley

Book Club Update

Our next book is *Enchantress of Numbers* by Jennifer Chiaverini. We will discuss the story on Thursday, September 26th 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 Retreat – November 22nd – 23rd

The 2019 Women's Retreat will be based on the book *Girl, Wash Your Face* by Rachel Hollis. For more information, see Deb Murtaugh or Michelle Eckmayer.

Facilities: Council Leader: Bill Bavirsha

Community Meeting Space Available

We have space available for parties, banquets, meetings and wedding receptions. Contact Laura Uzzardo.

Cross of Glory has an AED!



Thanks to our recent Capital Appeal, we have been able to purchase an important, potentially life-saving addition to our facility – an automated external defibrillator. An AED is a lightweight, portable device that delivers an electric shock through the chest to the heart. Ours is in the Welcome Room, just outside the office double-doors.

Training Class on August 28th

The Homer Fire Department was here on Wednesday, August 28th at 6:30 pm to train us on the unit and conduct a non-certification CPR training session. It was an informative session that should prepare staff and members to provide life-saving aid.

Finance: Council Leader: Barb Taskay

Update on Worship & Giving

August 11th: Attendance: (68/9)

General Fund: \$3,676 / Capital Appeal: \$160

Centro Infantil: \$20

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.

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

Jewel @ 5% (+1%), Baskin Robbins @ 5% (+3%), Lettuce Entertain You @ 17% (+5%), Wildfire @ 17% (+5%)

THE WELCOME PLACE PRESCHOOL

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

3-year old's meet Tuesday & Thursday

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

Upcoming Events (crossofglory.com/cog-calendar)

Thursday ... 09/05 **Community Blood Drive** – 3:00 to 7:00 pm

Monday 09/09 **Adoption Support Group**– 6:30 pm

Saturday.... 09/14 **Free Family Fest**

Tuesday..... 09/24 **PFLAG Homer Glen / Lockport** meets at Cross of Glory – 6:30 pm

Thursday ... 09/26 **Book Club Discussion of Enchantress of Numbers** by Jennifer Chiaverini – 7:00 pm

Saturday.... 09/28 Serve at MorningStar Mission

**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.**