

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.

New Sermon Series on *Embracing God's Vision*

God has dreams for all of us – a vision of who we can be – both individually and as a congregation. Starting Sunday, October 20th, we'll look at how we can both discern what God's vision is for us, and how we can live into that vision. And we'll start with a cool outreach project in which we all get to wear, and then give away, our Cross of Glory crosses.

Discipleship: Council Leader: Samantha Barczi

Friday Night Bible Study Has Restarted

This year we will be reading and listening our way through the book of Psalms. **We will meet again on October 18th.** If you are interested in attending, contact Cheryl or Bill Nabors or Janet Dejka.

Outreach: Council Leader: Allen Kirkland

Joliet CROP Walk on October 27

Until it ended in 2017, Cross of Glory was active in the Lockport CROP walk, which raises money to address hunger in our community and around the world. Last year, a few of us participated in the Joliet CROP Walk. It was a pretty walk and a great opportunity to work with some other churches in the area. This year's Crop Walk will be on Sunday, October 27. It starts at 1:30 at Hope United Methodist Church, 2506 Caton Farm Road in Joliet. Please sign up on the welcome table if you'd like to participate. And if you can't make it for the walk, you can still be involved by sponsoring our walkers.

Trick-or-Treat Tailgate - Saturday, 10/26

The Welcome Place Preschool takes the lead on this one, but we all get to help. Come on out on Saturday, October 26 with a decorated trunk and lots of candy, as costumed kids from the preschool and the community join us for Trick-or-Treat Tailgate.

The kids will go trick or treating from car to car, and then they'll come inside for games, crafts and some "non-candy" treats. The event goes from 1-2:30, and we hope you can join us. If you can help with the inside activities and/or decorate your car and hand out candy, please contact Laura in the office at (708) 301-6998 or sign up on the sheet on the welcome table. We hope everyone can bring your own costumed kids, and grandkids, and other relatives and neighbors, and friends.

PFLAG Chapter Meets October 29th

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 Michelle Eckmayer, President, Lisa O'Malley, Secretary or Allen Kirkland, Treasurer. E-mail is Pflag.hgl@gmail.com.

Fellowship: Council Leader: Lisa O'Malley

Kitchen Ministry

Do you love to help in the kitchen, or need service hours? How about joining our new Kitchen Ministry Team? Janet Dejka is starting this new team at Cross of Glory. We are looking for help before, during, and after our monthly brunches, as well as for other events. The Team will also help maintain the kitchen.

Book Club Update

Our next book is *Music of the Ghosts* by Vaddey Ratner. We will discuss the story on Thursday, October 24th 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 November Event

Join us on November 10th, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, for a fun evening of painting a beautiful Life Expressions Decor 4x24" sign. At the end, you'll have made a beautiful piece to display at home or give as a gift. Signs are \$22.00 each or if you find 3 phrases you must have, make all 3 for \$58.00. (3 for \$58 pricing available if all 3 signs are made by 1 person). Feel free to bring a friend or two. Hosted by Nicole Morin at Cross of Glory.

Women's Retreat – November 22nd – 23rd

The 2019 Women's Retreat will be based on the book *Girl, Wash Your Face* by Rachel Hollis. We'll be gathering at the Portiuncula Center for Prayer in Frankfurt for fun and fellowship as we explore the theme: God's Truth is Stronger Than the Lies We Tell Ourselves. 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.

Finance: Council Leader: Barb Taskay

Update on Worship & Giving

September 22nd: Attendance: (73)
General Fund: \$2,743 / Capital: \$1,798

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. Pick up information in the Welcome Room.

THE WELCOME PLACE PRESCHOOL

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

3-year old's meet Tuesday & Thursday

Call (708) 301-3883

Upcoming Events (crossofglory.com/cog-calendar)

- Monday.....10/14 **Adoption Support Group**– 6:30 pm
- Monday.....10/21 **T.E.L.L. Youth Group** – 6:30 pm
- Thursday ...10/24 **Book Club** Discussion of *Music of the Ghosts* by Vaddey Ratner – 7:00 pm
- Saturday10/26 **Trick or Treat Tailgate** – 1:00 to 2:30 pm
- Saturday10/26 **Serve at MorningStar Mission**
- Sunday10/27 **Joliet CROP Walk** – 1:30 pm at Hope United Methodist Church, 2506 Caton Farm Road in Joliet
- Tuesday10/29 **PFLAG Homer Glen / Lockport** meets at Cross of Glory – 6:30 pm
- Sunday11/10 **Women's Event** – 6:30 pm
- Friday.....11/22 **Women's Retreat** (thru 11/23)

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Check out the Cross of Glory Web Site at www.crossofglory.com for all the latest news.