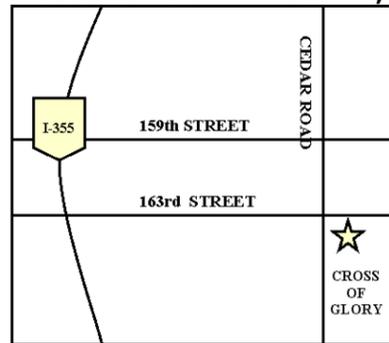




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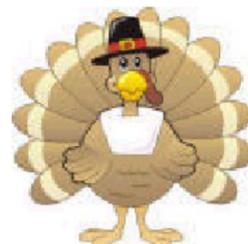


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DONATE FOR THE THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Bring in: Gravy, Instant Potatoes, Canned Sweet Potatoes,
Stuffing, Canned Cranberries, Bread Mix, Canned Vegetables,
Cookies, Candies, Jello & Pudding Mix, Juice,
Grocery Store Gift Cards! Donations needed by Nov 24th

Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration
Sunday, November 24th at 3:30 pm at
St. Dennis Church in Lockport



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NOVEMBER 2019

What's Coming Up on Sundays in November:

Here are some things to look forward to on upcoming Sundays:

- **We celebrate the saints on November 3.** As part of our sermon series on Embracing God's Vision, we remember and celebrate the gifted saints in our lives who have died.
- **We welcome Emma Schmick and some friends from the Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.** They will help lead our service, share stories of their own faith journeys, and sing with the band. We also have brunch after the service.
- **Embracing God's Vision as a Congregation on November 17.** We'll be exploring God's dreams for our congregation as we live out our call to welcome as God welcomes. Commitment forms for 2020 will also be available.
- **Embracing God's Vision Continues on November 24.** We'll continue to look at how our congregation can use it's gifts for God's mission. And we'll experience the joy of giving, as we fill Thanksgiving baskets with food after the worship service. (And hopefully, I'll see many of you later for the Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration at St. Dennis at 3:30.)
- **December 1 - Advent Begins!**

Lutherans From UW-Milwaukee Come To Lead Worship

Save the date of *Sunday, November 10* for a new and different kind of worship. We'll welcome Emma Schmick and some friends from the Lutheran campus ministry at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Emma and her friends will join the band, lead us in worship, and share some of their own faith stories. And then stay after worship as we enjoy some brunch to thank them for their visit.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration on Sunday, November 24

For the second year in a row, the local pastor's association (LHAMA - the Lockport Homer Glen Area Ministry Association) will be holding an Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration. Last year's celebration went so well, we wanted to make sure we did it again this year.

This year's celebration will be at *St. Dennis Church, 1214 S. Hamilton St. at 3:30 on Sunday, November 24.* A number of local Christian congregations, as well as representatives from the Jewish, Islamic, Hindu and Native American faith traditions will be participating. This is a wonderful way to stand in unity with not only our Christian brothers and sisters, but all our neighbors of different faiths. (It will also be a great opportunity to learn a bit about how other faiths express thanksgiving.) You can sign up on the welcome table to bring a dessert for the reception after the service.

**FALL BACK TIME CHANGE ON
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd!!**



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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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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Dennis Tanrikulu, Worship

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Remembering the Saints in Our Lives on Sunday, November 3

We will celebrate All Saints Day on Sunday, November 3. During worship, you will have an opportunity to come forward and light a candle in memory of your loved ones who have died. Like the last few years, we'll also be doing a picture memorial of some of our beloved saints while lighting candles. If you would like to include a picture of your loved one in our picture memorial, please provide Pastor Dana (danalobrien@gmail.com) with a picture (along with your loved one's name, date of birth and date of death) via email, or in person as soon as possible. (If you want to use the same picture as was included last year, tell her.)

The Angel Giving Tree

Once again, we will celebrate Christmas as a congregation by picking names and buying presents for kids on our Angel Giving Tree. (You may remember that due to the huge need in our community the last three years, we've purchased presents for over 100 local kids each year!) Again, this year, our tree will include names provided to us by local DCFS and some from Fairmont School.

The Angel Giving Tree benefits families who are going through some rough times. If you chose to take an Angel tag off the tree, you'll get a child's name, age, and some Christmas gift suggestions for the child. Please return the gifts all wrapped with the tag attached to the gifts, no later than December 15.

The tree will go up in mid-November and Angel names will hopefully start appearing on the tree by the end of the month. This is a wonderful opportunity to make a huge difference in a child's life

this Christmas. Please consider participating!!

New Members

We'll be welcoming new members in January. If you think you may want to become a member of Cross of Glory, or have any questions about Cross of Glory, please contact Pastor Dana (danalobrien@gmail.com) or the office.

Donate and Pack Our Thanksgiving Baskets

Now that November is upon us, we'll start collecting food for our Thanksgiving baskets, which we will assemble after worship on *November 24*. The baskets will go to people in our community who are struggling to make ends meet. Over the next couple of weeks, please bring in the following: Gravy, Instant Potatoes, Canned Sweet Potatoes, Stuffing, Canned Cranberries, Bread Mix, Canned Vegetables, Cookies, Candies, Jello & Pudding Mix, Juice, other food staples, and grocery store gift cards. Then stay after the service and help us pack baskets on November 24. Thanks for your help!!!

Book Club Reads "Abraham" in November

In anticipation of the Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration, the book club is reading *Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths* by Bruce Feiler. It describes the author's efforts to learn about the shared ancestor of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, and uncovers the defining, yet divisive, role that Abraham plays for half the world's believers. We'll discuss the book on *Thursday, November 21st at 7:00 pm at Cross of Glory.*

Important Dates in December

Advent and Christmas are coming up quickly. And since we've all got busy schedules during the holiday season, here is a little preview of what we've got scheduled here at Cross of Glory in December. You'll hear a lot more about each of these events as they get closer, but go ahead and put these dates on your calendar now:

- Advent Sundays (with some very cool worship): December 1, 8, and 15, and 22;
- Wednesday Fellowship Nights, with a meal at 6 pm, followed by a time to watch and discuss parts of the nativity story (and kids' play practice): December 4, 11, and 18;
- Lighting the Homer Christmas Tree: Saturday December 7 (we are helping with the event)
- Visit with Santa: Saturday December 14
- Christmas movie nights (tentative) at my house: December 2 and 9.
- Christmas with the Dashboard Saints: Saturday, December 14
- Kids' Christmas Play: Sunday, December 15 during worship
- Caroling in the Community: Wednesday, December 18
- Blue Christmas Service (for those struggling during the holidays): Tuesday, December 17
- Christmas Eve services: Tuesday, December 24 - two barn services at 4 and 5:30, and a 10:00 candle light service (one hour earlier this year)
- Christmas morning service: Wednesday, December 25 at 9:30

Women's Mini-Retreat on Saturday, November 23

Our overnight women's retreat has been postponed, but we're moving ahead with a "mini-retreat" for all of us who are interested in finding out more about the gifts God has given us and how we can use them in our daily lives. We'll be looking at the acronym SHAPE - spiritual gifts, heart, abilities, personality and experiences - as we discover how God has uniquely shaped each of us for mission. The mini-retreat is on *Saturday, November 23, from 9 to 3* at Cross of Glory. A \$15 fee covers lunch and retreat handouts. Sign-up on the welcome table, and contact Pastor Dana if you have any questions.

Women's Sign Painting

On *Sunday, November 10, from 6:30 to 8:00* we've got a fun evening of painting planned. We'll be making beautiful Life Expressions Décor signs to display at home or give as a gift. (Each sign is \$22.) Sign up on the welcome table or by calling the office.

Thanks To All Who Helped With Trick-Or-Treat

A big thanks to everyone who helped with the Trunk-or-Treat event on Saturday, October 26th. In particular, a big thanks to the preschool staff and parents who spearheaded that event. Due to the pouring rain, we had to move the entire event indoors, but it was, nevertheless, very well attended. Lots of happy kids and families!

FELLOWSHIP DATES:

- *Brunch Nov 10th—Bring a dish to share or just join in!
- *Dinner With Friends Tuesday, Nov. 5th -- Join us at Paddy B's, at 11969 W 143rd St in Orland Park, at 6:30pm

Year End Giving

If you check our financial update below, you'll see that the big red deficit number is pretty big. In years past, we've always had someone - usually a number of "someones" - step up and help us move forward financially. I'm hoping that this year is no different. So I'm asking all of us to pray about whether we can be part of the answer to our year-end deficit. Please try to both keep up your regular giving and give something extra before the end of the year if you can. Thank you.

CROSS OF GLORY FINANCIAL UPDATE
September 2019

Income	Year to Date
Offering	\$164,543.00
Other	\$ 34,266.00
Total	\$198,809.00
Expenses	
General/Building	\$ 86,202.00
Staff	\$119,060.00
Sharing	\$ 20,971.00
Ministries	\$ 5,548.00
Total	\$ 231,781.00
Income/Loss	\$(-32,972.00)

Check it out—that's quite a deficit we've got!

THE WELCOME PLACE PRESCHOOL

Jamie Knutson, Director (708) 301-3883



November sure came in with a bang, and snow. Our student's were very excited to see the snow and everyone thought winter had started. We had to explain we weren't in winter, yet. November projects have begun and we are making Thanksgiving books with the M-W-F class and counting turkeys and figuring out which turkey is big, medium and small with the T/Th class. We will also be learning about Jesus and his feeding the 5000 this month. We have parent /teacher conferences the last week of November followed by Thanksgiving break. The school is also participating in the Thanksgiving basket collection that Cross of Glory has going on.

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 The Welcome Place Preschool (Facebook)
