

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](http://crossofglory.com) or [Facebook](#) for more information.

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### **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.

#### **Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration on Sunday, November 24th at 3:30 pm**

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. This year's celebration will be at St. Dennis Church, 1214 S. Hamilton Street in Lockport. 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.

### **Discipleship:** Council Leader: Samantha Barczi

#### **Bible Studies**

**Wednesday Night:** Contact Dan Malone or Sam Barczi.

**Friday Night:** Contact Bill or Cheryl Nabors, or Janet Dejka.

#### **Care Ministry Meeting**

The Care Ministry is just getting started. Our goal is to help family, friends, and neighbors during difficult times. If you are interested or have any questions, please see Cheryl Nabors.

#### **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](mailto:danalobrien@gmail.com)) or the office.

### **Outreach:** Council Leader: Allen Kirkland

#### **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.

### **Fellowship:** Council Leader: Lisa O'Malley

#### **Dinner with Friends – November 5<sup>th</sup>**

Join us for dinner and fellowship at Paddy B's, located at 11969 W 143rd St in Orland Park, at 6:30pm.

#### **Book Club Update – Meeting November 21<sup>st</sup>**

Our next book is *Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths* by Bruce Feiler. We will discuss the story on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm at CoG. Everyone is welcome to read the book and join us for a lively discussion.

We thought it would be interesting to read this book prior to the Interfaith Service on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Cheryl Nabors with any questions.

## Women's November Event – November 10<sup>th</sup>

Join us on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 Mini Retreat – November 23<sup>rd</sup>

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.

## 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

### 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.

### Update on Worship & Giving

**October 27<sup>th</sup>:** Attendance: (91)

General Fund: \$5,562

Capital Appeal: \$213 / Cross Sales: \$30

Centro Infantil: \$75

### 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 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](http://crossofglory.com/cog-calendar))

Tuesday.....11/05 **Dinner with Friends** at Paddy B's – 6:30 pm

Sunday .....11/10 **Women's Event** – 6:30 pm

Monday.....11/11 **Adoption Support Group**– 6:30 pm

Thursday ...11/21 **Book Club** Discussion of *Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths* by Bruce Feiler – 7:00 pm

Saturday....11/23 **Women's Mini-Retreat** – 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Saturday....11/23 **Serve at MorningStar Mission**

Sunday .....11/24 **Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration** – 3:30 pm at St. Dennis in Lockport

Tuesday.....11/26 **PFLAG Homer Glen / Lockport** meets at Cross of Glory – 6:30 pm

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