

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.

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

Care Ministry Meeting

The Care Angels is our new Care Ministry and we're just getting started. Our goal is to work with the Prayer Ministry to help family, friends, and neighbors during difficult times. If you are interested in helping 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) or the office.

Outreach: Council Leader: Allen Kirkland

Donate and Pack Our Thanksgiving Baskets

We are 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. Twenty-five dollar grocery store gift cards can be purchased from Cheryl Nabors. Then stay after the service and help us pack baskets on November 24.

Fellowship: Council Leader: Lisa O'Malley

Book Club Update – This Thursday Nov 21st

Our next book is *Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths* by Bruce Feiler. We will discuss the story on Thursday, November 21st 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 24th. Please contact Cheryl Nabors with any questions.

Women's Mini Retreat – November 23rd

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

November 10th: Attendance: (78)

General Fund: \$3,546 / Special Gift: \$2918.50

Capital Appeal: \$310 / Centro Infantil: \$70

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.

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 Dana's: 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 candlelight service (one hour earlier this year)
- **Christmas Morning** service: Wednesday, December 25 at 9:30

Upcoming Events (crossofglory.com/cog-calendar)

- 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
- Wednesday 12/4 **Wednesday Advent Fellowship Night / Play Practice** – 6:00 pm (also 12/11 and 12/18)
- Saturday 12/14 **Visit with Santa** in the afternoon/ **Christmas with the Dashboard Saints** at night
- Sunday 12/15 Kids Christmas Play – during worship
- Tuesday 12/17 **Blue Christmas Service** (for those struggling during the holidays) – 7:00 pm
- Tuesday 12/24 **Christmas Eve Barn Services** at 4:00 and 5:30 at Konow Farm
- Tuesday 12/24 **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** – 10:00 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.