

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 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**

Our Angel Tree is Up

Grab some tags for kids that you can help to have a merrier Christmas. This year you'll find tags for 60 kids through DCFS, as well as the pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st Grade kids from Fairmont School. The sign out sheet is by the tree. Please return the wrapped gift with the tag (so we know who it's for) by Sunday, December 15.

Lighting the Homer Christmas Tree Saturday December 7th, 4:30 pm

Homer Glen Heritage Park, 14240 W. 151st Street (behind Village Hall). Join the Village in lighting up their new holiday light display!

Homer for the Holidays begins this year with a lighting ceremony at the Active Core in Heritage Park at 4:30 p.m. The event includes monumental holiday light sculptures and thousands of mini-lights, new pole lights, and tree spritzers! Photos with Santa, holiday crafts, live music, train rides, hot cocoa and more to follow! Food trucks will have dinner available for purchase.

Cross of Glory is responsible for the craft table at this year's event. **Volunteers needed.**

Santa Visit – December 14th

FREE Photo with Santa Claus – Saturday, December 14th from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Join in the Annual FREE Santa Visit at Cross of Glory. There will also be crafts, games, and treats! All are welcome!

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

Book Club Update –Thursday, December 19th

With Christmas in mind, our next book is **A Redbird Christmas** by Fannie Flagg. We will discuss the story on Thursday, December 19th at 7:00 pm at CoG. Everyone is welcome to read the book and join us for a lively discussion.

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

November 17th: Attendance: (74)

General Fund: \$3,506 / Capital Appeal: \$305
Centro Infantil: \$15 / Amazon Smile: \$19.66
Noisy Offering (ELCA Lutheran Disaster): \$800

November 24th: Attendance: (77)

General Fund: \$3,198 / Capital Appeal: \$68
Centro Infantil: \$15 / Women's Retreat: \$165

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

Looking for gift cards? We have a selection of cards available for immediate purchase. If you don't see what you are looking for, order today and get them next week. See the list of bonuses for selected Gift Cards in the Welcome Room. Some gift cards make great Christmas gifts, while others can be used for vacations and everyday purchases for gas and groceries. Gift cards are one way to support Cross of Glory. **See Cheryl Nabors for gift cards.**

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 It's a Wonderful Life (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 17 – 7:00 pm
- **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)

Wednesday 12/04 **Wednesday Advent Fellowship Night / Play Practice** – 6:00 pm (also 12/11 and 12/18)

Saturday 12/07 **Health and Wellness Fair** – 9:30 am until 12:30 pm

Saturday 12/07 **Homer for the Holidays** – 4:30 pm – Heritage Park
(We're doing crafts and we need volunteers.)

Saturday 12/14 **Visit with Santa** – 10:30 am

Saturday 12/14 **Christmas with the Dashboard Saints** at night

Sunday 12/15 **Kids Christmas Play** – during worship

Tuesday 12/17 **Christmas Caroling in the Community** – 7:00 pm

Thursday ... 12/19 **Book Club** discusses **A Redbird Christmas** by Fannie Flagg

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.