

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.

Christmas Poinsettia Sale

It's that time again to place your Christmas Poinsettia order! Your order will help to decorate for the Christmas Eve Worship services. You can pick up your poinsettia after the service you attend. You can designate your poinsettia *In Remembrance of* or *In Honor of* a special person in your life. (Names will be in the Christmas Eve Program.) Donations will also be accepted to help purchase poinsettias. Orders are due today with payment of \$15 per plant.



Christmas Services

Barn Services at Konow Farm: 12/24 at 4:00 and 5:30 pm
 Candlelight Worship at Cross of Glory: 12/24 at 10:00 pm
 Christmas Morning at Cross of Glory: 9:30 am

Discipleship: Council Leader: **Samantha Barczi**

Care Ministry Meeting

The Care Angels is our new Care Ministry. 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

Today, we will prepare all the gifts for delivery. The tree is now decorated with ornaments representing ELCA Good Gifts that you can give in the name of your family and friends. These gifts provide things like water wells and farm animals to make a difference in the world.

Christmas Caroling – Tuesday

Join us for caroling. We will leave from Barb Taskay's house on December 17th at 6:30 pm. We'll carol around the neighborhood, and then return to Barb's for goodies and hot chocolate.



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

Book Club Update –Thursday, December 19th

Our next book is *A Redbird Christmas* by Fannie Flagg. We will discuss the story on Thursday, December 19th at 7:00 pm at **Elaine's house**. Everyone is welcome to read the book and join us for a lively discussion.

Please note we are meeting at Elaine's house. See Cheryl Nabors if you have 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

Update on Worship & Giving

December 1st: Attendance: (97)

General Fund: \$6,016 / Capital Appeal: \$273

Centro Infantil: \$15

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

Order cards today and receive cards next Sunday!

If you ordered cards last week, your cards have arrived. Pick them up from Cheryl Nabors.

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
- **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)

- Sunday.....12/15 **Kids Christmas Play** – during worship
- Tuesday12/17 **Christmas Caroling in the Community** – 7:00 pm
- Wednesday 12/18 **Wednesday Advent Fellowship Night** – 6:00 pm
- Thursday ...12/19 **Book Club** discusses ***A Redbird Christmas*** by Fannie Flagg
- Tuesday12/24 **Christmas Eve Barn Services** at 4:00 and 5:30 at Konow Farm
- Tuesday12/24 **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** – 10:00 pm
- Wednesday 12/25 **Christmas Morning Service** – 9:30 am
- Tuesday12/31 **No PFLAG meeting this month**

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