

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.

**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

#### Christmas Eve (December 24):

Barn Services at Konow Farm  
4:00 pm and 5:30 pm

Candlelight Worship at Cross of Glory  
10:00 pm

#### Christmas Morning (December 25):

Worship at Cross of Glory at 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 will be welcoming new members in January. If you think you may want to become a member of Cross of Glory, or have any other questions about Cross of Glory, please contact Pastor Dana ([danalobrien@gmail.com](mailto:danalobrien@gmail.com)) or the office.

**Outreach:** Council Leader: Allen Kirkland

### Our Angel Tree is Up

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.

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

### Book Club –Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>

Our next book is *The Weight of Ink* by Rachel Kadish. We will discuss the story on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00. Everyone is welcome to read the book and join us for a lively discussion.

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 1<sup>st</sup>:** 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

**Need a last-minute gift card? There is a selection of gift cards available for purchase today. See the list below.**

**If you ordered cards last week, your cards are here. Pick them up from Cheryl Nabors.**

Looking for gift cards? There is a selection of cards available for immediate purchase. We will place the next gift card order in early January. Some gift cards make great 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.

**\$10 Cards**-Buffalo Wild Wings, Chipotle, Subway, Panera, Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks, PotBelly, Wendy's and Walmart

**\$25 Restaurant Cards**-Lettuce, Chili's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Outback (Bloomin Brands), Panera, Starbucks, and Dunkin Donuts

**\$25 Store Cards**-Walmart, Barnes & Noble, Target, and Kohls

**Other**-Meijer, Jewel, Speedway, and Shell

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

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

Wednesday 12/25 **Christmas Morning Service** – 9:30 am

Tuesday .....12/31 **No PFLAG meeting this month**

Thursday ...01/23 **Book Club** discusses *The Weight of Ink* by Rachel Kadish

**The monthly newsletter can be viewed at** [crossofglory.com/category/newsletter](http://crossofglory.com/category/newsletter)

**Check out the Cross of Glory Web Site at** [www.crossofglory.com](http://www.crossofglory.com) **for all the latest news.**