

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 everything we do – both here and in the community.

#### **New Sermon Series – I'm Glad You Asked...**

What questions do you have about the Bible, or your faith, or church, or Christianity in general? We'll tackle some popular ones -- like what does the Bible say about angels and what happens to us after we die.

We'll also tackle some tough ones – like does God's grace mean that everyone will be in heaven, and why does a good God allow evil. I'd love to have us explore some of your questions as well. If you have questions, please write them down on the sheets on the welcome table.

### **Discipleship:** Council Leader: Samantha Barczy

#### **Confirmation Class Resumes January 26<sup>th</sup>**

Confirmation classes begin again, starting Sunday, January 26. As in the fall, classes will be held on Sundays after worship, and will go intermittently through winter and spring. (Typically, students participate in two years of instruction (usually 7th & 8th graders) before affirming their baptism. This takes place at worship in late October.)

#### **New Members**

We'll be celebrating new members joining Cross of Glory during worship on February 2. If you think you may want to become a member, or if you have any questions about Cross of Glory, please contact either Pastor Dana ([danalobrien@gmail.com](mailto:danalobrien@gmail.com)) or the office.

#### **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. Please see Cheryl Nabors for questions or comments.

#### **Youth Group - New Meeting Day and Time**

Our youth will gather for fellowship and scripture that they can relate to with what is happening in their world. Join us once a month from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Next 2 dates are Sunday, February 9 and Sunday, March 15.

#### **New Bible Studies**

Pastor Dana is looking to start a short set of Bible studies addressing a range of topics, each one lasting only 3 to 4 weeks. This means you'd need to commit to attending weekly, but only for that study.

Potential topics include something on food, a study on Acts, immigration, intimacy and relationships, God's love when you're feeling rejected, and responding to God's call on your life. If you're interested, fill out the survey on the welcome table to indicate nights and times that work for you.

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

#### **Support Our Local Food Pantries**

There is a donation barrel in the Welcome Room. Bring a non-perishable food item each week because... ***The World Needs What We Have!***



#### **Community Blood Drive**

Our next blood drive is Thursday, February 6, from 3 to 7. Donating blood saves lives, so please reserve your spot now by calling the office (708-301-6998), or sign up on the welcome table. You can also schedule your time at [https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/5580724](https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5580724).

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

### **Book Club –Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

Our next book is **Sourdough** by Robin Sloan. We will discuss the story on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. Please note we will be meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in February. Everyone is welcome to read the book and join us for a lively discussion.

In March, we will be reading **Becoming** by Michelle Obama. 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

### **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? There is a selection of cards available for immediate purchase. Some gift cards make great gifts, while others can be used for vacations and everyday purchases. Gift cards are one way to support Cross of Glory. **See Cheryl or Bill 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, Panera, Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks, PotBelly, and Wendy's

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

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

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

### **Update on Worship & Giving**

**January 5<sup>th</sup>:** Attendance: (82)

General Fund: \$3,830 / Capital Appeal: \$267

Year End Gifts: \$665

**January 12<sup>th</sup>:** Attendance: (76)

General Fund: \$2,559 / Capital Appeal: \$163

Centro Infantil: \$40 / Year End Gifts: \$3,000

## **2020 NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING - Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 10:45 a.m. (after worship)**

The purpose of the meeting is to celebrate what's been going on at COG during 2019. We'll also do some congregational business -- we'll elect four new council representatives, approve the 2019 budget, and vote on whether to extend Pastor Dana's call. (Her current three-year call expires soon.)

Because we do important things at our annual meeting, you want to make sure you're there. So, as an added incentive (as if an annual meeting weren't exciting enough), we'll have our Second Annual Chili Cook-Off. If you have any questions regarding the annual meeting, please contact any of our current council members or Pastor Dana.

Like last year, we'll also have a budget meeting after worship on Sunday, February 2nd. If you have any questions or comments about the 2020 budget, this is a wonderful opportunity to talk, listen and learn.

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

Sunday.....01/26 **Confirmation Class** – after Worship

Tuesday .....01/28 **PFLAG Meeting** – 6:30 pm

Sunday.....02/02 **New Member Sunday**

Thursday ...02/06 **Community Blood Drive** – 3:00 to 7:00 pm

Sunday.....02/09 **Cross of Glory Annual Meeting** – After Worship

Sunday.....02/09 **Youth Group Meeting** – (New Day and Time!) – 6:00 pm

Thursday ...02/20 **Book Club** discusses *Sourdough* by Robin Sloan

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