

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.

#### **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.

#### **Soup Suppers During Lent**

Each Wednesdays during Lent (March 11, 18 and 25, and April 1) we'll gather for a soup supper, and then spend some time in fellowship and worship. Meals start at 6:00 pm, and we're done around 7:15. Please sign up at the welcome table to bring soups and other food to share.

### **Discipleship:** Council Leader: Michelle Eckmayer

#### **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. Next date is Sunday, March 15. Join us from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

#### **Care Ministry**

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.

### **Outreach:** Council Leader: Samantha Barczi

#### **Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser**

The Welcome Place Preschool is holding a pancake breakfast fundraiser before and after worship on Sunday March 15. After worship, there will also be a preschool open house. Please come to enjoy some great food while supporting the preschool. Seating times are 8:30 to 9:30 & 10:45 to 12:30.

#### **VBS Registration is Open**

This year's VBS program is Frozen in July. It runs from July 27 – 30 (Monday thru Thursday) from 9:00 am – Noon. Please contact the office to register your child or to volunteer to help.

#### **PFLAG Chapter Meets March 31<sup>st</sup>**

Our mission is to build on a foundation of loving families united with LGBTQ people and allies who support one another, and to educate ourselves and our communities to speak up as advocates until all hearts and minds respect, value and affirm LGBTQ people. Any questions please feel free to contact us at [Pflag.hgl@gmail.com](mailto:Pflag.hgl@gmail.com).

#### **Cinco de Mayo Fundraiser – May 1<sup>st</sup>**

We will hold our annual Cinco de Mayo Fiesta fundraiser for Centro Infantil de los Ángeles, on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 6:00 pm.



We are accepting donations for raffle baskets and monetary donations for the benefit of the daycare at Centro Infantil.

## **Fellowship:** Council Leader: Marlene Tetyk

### **Women's Event - Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00**

**Join us for Reels at the Rialto!** Just \$5.00 gets you in to see the Academy Award winning film *The Greatest Showman*. General admission tickets can be purchased at the box office in advance or at the Rialto the day of the show. **Please sign up in advance so we know how many to expect.** Interested in grabbing dinner before the show? Just let Nicole Morin or Debbie Murtaugh know so we can make some plans!

**Rialto Square Theatre:** 102 North Chicago St. in Joliet.  
Theatre Phone: (815) 726-6600

### **Book Club –Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

Our next book is *Becoming* by Michelle Obama. We'll discuss the story on Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. Everyone is welcome to read the book and join us for a lively discussion.

## **Facilities:** Council Leader: Nick Oles

### **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**

**February 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Attendance: (78)

General Fund: \$1,907 / Capital Appeal: \$360

Thrivent Cares: \$66 / Building Use: \$130

Amazon Smile Donation: \$28.29

## **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

### **The Welcome Place Preschool Open House**

SUNDAY, March 15, 11:00 am – 1:00

SATURDAY, April 25<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am - Noon

Bring your child and meet with the teachers

#### **Registration Is Open!**

3-year old's (3 by Sep. 1<sup>st</sup>) Tuesday and Thursday

4-year old's (4 by Sep. 1<sup>st</sup>) Monday, Wed.& Friday

**Call 708-301-3883 for any information**

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

Wednesday..03/11	<b>Soup Suppers</b> during Lent – 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm (also 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, and 4/1)
Sunday.....03/15	<b>The Welcome Place Preschool Pancake Breakfast</b> – 8:30 to 9:30 am / 10:45 to 12:30 pm Open House from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Sunday.....03/15	<b>Youth Group Meeting</b> – (New Day and Time!) - 6:00 pm
Thursday.....03/26	<b>Book Club</b> discusses <i>Becoming</i> by Michelle Obama
Tuesday .....03/31	<b>PFLAG Meeting</b> – 6:30 pm
Thursday.....04/02	April Women's Event – Reels at the Rialto showing of <b>The Greatest Showman</b> – 7:00 pm
Friday.....05/01	Cinco de Mayo Fundraiser – 6:00 pm

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