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In The Loop – News for August 26th, 2007

Single Worship Service to Continue

Upon implementation of a full-time pastor, we will re-evaluate the schedule for worship services. For now, we will continue with one service every Sunday at 9:15. Bible Study will also continue Sundays at 8:30am. As always, members of Council are available to answer any questions you might have. See contact info to the left.

Faces of God Sermon Series Starts Today

We are beginning a 7 week sermons series on *The Faces of God*. The Bible shows Him Determined, Beaming, Weathered, Confident, Nurturing, and Welcoming. Scripture tells us to expect God's visage on the faces of his people, too. Paul Niemeyer and Beth Gervase will join Pastor Gene in these portrayals.

Bible Study Each Sunday Morning from 8:30 to 9:00

We meet for 30 minutes each Sunday to study the Bible readings for the day. If you would like to familiarize yourself with the passages being discussed, we will publish them here.

Next Sunday's Readings for *The Faces of God - Beaming*

Jeremiah 31:1-3, 31-35 and Romans 8:28-39

If you are reading this electronically, you can click <http://bible.oremus.org/?ql=55183644> to read these passages.

Contribution Statements Available Today

Contribution Statements for the 2nd quarter are available for pick up today at the Welcome. After Sunday the ones left over will be mailed out. Please contact Laura Uzzardo if you have any questions on your contribution statements. Review your statement and if you are behind in your giving please pray about this.

We do offer a simple way to keep up with your giving. The *Simply Giving* program is an automatic bank withdrawal from your account to Cross of Glory. This can be set up as once a month, twice a month, or weekly. The process to set it up is very easy and the first step is contacting Laura in the office.

Thank you for all your gifts that each of you gives that help Cross of Glory advance God's work every day.

Celebration Sunday is September 9th

Cross of Glory will be celebrating the anniversary of our building with an outdoor service followed by food, music, fellowship and fun.

What is Cross of Glory About?

We have five guiding principles...Jesus is Lord, Everyone is Welcome, Love Changes People, Everybody Has Something to Offer, and The World Needs What We Have. Our vision is to create a community of faith so compelling that it draws people in, transforms them, and sends them out to change the world. **Visitors are encouraged to pick up a complementary CD containing more information at the center table in the Welcome Room.**

LYO Schedule Update

We will be meeting on alternating Mondays through the end of August. Come and join us!

Time: 7:00 - 8:30pm

Who: 6th graders through high school

Where: Cross of Glory

Dates: August 27th

If you have any questions, please call Dan Murtaugh (815) 351-0983 or email murtznl@comcast.net

Grand Slam Stewardship Campaign

Thank you to the many of you who have turned in your pledge cards. To date, COG families have pledged a total of \$232,216. Sox fans have pledged \$102,488. **Cub fans have pledged \$102,668.** It's not too late to turn in your pledge cards. They are available at the Welcome Table and can be placed in the offering basket or turned in at the office.

If you have any questions, please contact anyone on the Stewardship Committee - Debbie Waller, Cheryl Iraci, Jeff Warner, and Cheryl Nabors.

Lutheran College Fairs

There are two college fairs coming up in September:

Sunday, September 9th - Chicago
Marriott O'Hare - 2:00 to 4:30

Monday, September 10th - Naperville
Our Savior's Lutheran Church - 7 to 9 pm

See their website for more information.

www.lutherancolleges.org/collegefairs/#chicago

Make the Welcome Room Welcoming... Snack and Coffee Sponsors Needed

Cross of Glory serves and sells Equal Exchange coffee that benefits Lutheran World Relief. To help support fair trade, we ask that volunteers sponsor the coffee in the *Welcome Room* on a weekly basis with a donation of \$10. Snacks are also sponsored with a \$10 donation. Sign up sheets are in the bookstore.

This week's sponsors are Charlotte Meehan and Caryl Hruska.

Cross of Glory's Youth Education Programs (S.E.E. & T.E.L.L.)

SEE is our Spiritual Education Experience program for pre-school through fifth grade. The fall session of this program will start on September 12th at 6:00 PM. Registration forms are available in the welcome area. Cost is \$25.00 a child or \$50.00 for a family.

T.E.L.L is for 6th through 12th grade.

We are also looking for adults to volunteer. Both programs need **teachers** and S.E.E. is also looking for **Game Leaders** (direct 2 groups 20 minutes each) **Drama Leaders** (Director of Music, Skits, etc.). **No Experience is Necessary!** You can contact Tamara Chaffin for more information on the S.E.E. program and Dan Murtaugh on the T.E.L.L. program or you can call the church office at 708-301-6998.

Friday Night Bible Study Group

This group meets on Friday nights at 7:00 at Cross of Glory. We are currently on summer recess. We will resume on Friday, October 12th.

We will be getting together at the Waller's home on Sunday, September 16th. This will be a social gathering during which we will discuss this fall's study.

If you are looking for a Bible study and think you might like to join us, please contact Tom Waller.

Cross of Glory 2007 Women's Retreat

Everything Has Its Time

A time to dance, a time to laugh, a time for you. Plan to attend Cross of Glory's Women's Retreat from September 21st to 22nd. The focus of our retreat is from Ecclesiastes Chapter 3 verses 1 through 8.

How are you spending your time? Do you know when to speak and when to hold back? Are you able to carve out some personal time to deepen your relationship with God? Can you get outside of your comfort zone when God gives you a push? Do you have adverse relationships getting between you and God? Do you know how to embrace time with God? If you don't have enough time in your days, make time for this retreat! Come and learn how to walk a closer path with God and improve the quality of the time in your days.

This year we will be meeting at the Clubhouse Inn and Suites in Westmont, Illinois. The format for the retreat is a little different this year. Friday night we will gather at the hotel from 5:00 to 7:00 pm for Check In and Reception. Dinner will be at 7:30 at Pappadeaux. Saturday, we'll start at 7:00 with breakfast, followed by introductions and morning sessions with lunch at noon. Sessions will run in the afternoon with dinner at 5:00. After dinner there will be one more session. The retreat will end about 9:00 pm following worship service.

The cost of the retreat is \$40.00 and includes retreat materials, lunch, snacks, and dinner on Saturday. Hotel accommodations are \$79 per night (double occupancy). Breakfast is included. Registration forms are available in the Welcome Room and must be returned by September 9th.

Hotel reservations can be made at the Clubhouse Inn. To reserve a room, call 630.920.2200. If you are interested in sharing a room with someone or would like more information on the retreat, contact Nicole Morin at 708.326.4782.

Book Reading Group

The group is reading *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho. We will discuss it at Cheryl Nabors' house on Sunday, September 30th at 6:00 pm. Contact Cheryl Nabors for more information.

Kid's Summer Service Project Supporting the *Build A Miracle* Program

A gift of \$2,600 to *Food For The Poor* will fund the start-to-finish construction of a simple home for a family in need. For more information, visit the web site at www.foodforthe poor.org/buildamiracle.

Children are encouraged to donate during the offering by using the basket at the base of the altar.

We Have Many Ways to Continue to Support Casa!

Cross of Glory's Bibles and Beyond Bookstore carries a variety of items made by people involved with Casa.

Casa newest item includes a new cookbook called *Peak Cuisine* written by two women from British Columbia. The first printing of the book has already sold out! The cookbook sells for \$25.00. Also available are 2008 Calendars. Don't forget to check out the Milagro bracelets and Casa Note Cards. All money paid for any of these items goes directly to the Casa de los Angeles Foundation.

If you would like to know more about Casa, talk to anyone on Casa Cinco. They just returned from their trip and would love to share their experience with you.

Casa Fundraiser - Georgios on October 20th

Angeles y Milagros is the first major dinner fundraising event in Casa's 6 year history. It will be on October 20th at 6:00 pm and is being held at Georgios of Orland Park. You get a selection of your entrée, entertainment, and more. The cost is \$100 per ticket.

For more information, dinner.casadelosangeles.org.

Lori Anderson in a New Band

Lori Anderson is inviting everyone to come on out and hear her new band play at Mama Vesuvio in Palos Heights. Mama Vesuvio has a restaurant, bar, & outdoor patio.

Saturday, September 1st from 7:30 to 11:00 PM

6361 W College Dr (Palos Heights)

Classic Rock by the Band Guilty Pleasures

Giving From the Heart... A Weekly Update of our Worship and Giving

Receipts for the Week of August 19 th	Receipts for the Week of August 12 th
General Fund: \$4051	General Fund: \$6052
Building Fund: \$20	Building Fund: \$138
Donations to Casa: \$35	Donations to Casa: \$89
Youth Ministry (TELL): \$50	Building Use: \$100
Attendance: 91	Adult Ed: (Women's Retreat): \$60
	Children's Ministry (SEE): \$50
	Attendance: 72

Church Directory Update – Please Submit Changes ASAP

Cross of Glory is updating the church directory. Contact Laura Uzzardo at the church office with any changes; address, email, phone number, add cell phone numbers. Please respond with changes ASAP. Even after this update is published, please remember to keep Laura informed of any changes to your address or phone information.

Thank you!

Upcoming Events for Cross of Glory

(Color Code: General, Women, Youth)

Monday	08/27	LYO – 7:00 pm
Wednesday	08/29	Newsletter Folding
Monday	09/03	Labor Day – Church Office Closed
Tuesday	09/03	Welcome Place Preschool Starts
Sunday	09/09	Celebration Sunday
Sunday	09/16	Friday Night Group Outing at the Waller's
Wednesday	09/12	S.E.E. Fall Session Starts – 6:00 pm
Friday	09/21	Women's Retreat (and 9/22)
Saturday	10/20	Casa Fundraiser at Georgio's

Please Keep These People and Concerns in Your Prayers

Barb; Chris; Dorothy; John; Knutson Family on the Death of Karin's Father; Marie; Mayburne; SEE and TELL Teachers; Casa; COG Action Planning Team; COG Call Team; COG Staff; Men & Women in the Armed Forces; World Leaders

If you would like prayers this week for yourself or for someone you know, you can...

Write them in one of the Prayer Books (at the left-front and left-rear of the *Worship Area*), fill out a Prayer Card, e-mail Sharon Aden at SAden@TheWelcomePlace.org, or call the Ministry Center Office at (708.301.6998).