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In The Loop – News for September 2nd, 2007

Welcome!

We are glad you have joined us for worship today. We are all together at one service. Welcome and celebrate with us by filling out the welcome folder. We are asking that everyone fill it out, pass it down the row and back. Also, for those that are visiting for the first time please stop by the welcome table and pick up an information packet.

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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 Continues Today

We are in week two of a seven week sermon 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.

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 - Weathered*

Matthew 1:18-25 and John 1:1-18

If you are reading this electronically, you can click <http://bible.oremus.org/?ql=55684811> to read these passages.

Celebration Sunday

September 9th will be celebration Sunday at Cross of Glory. The celebration will start at 8:30 AM with a bible study, 9:15 AM outdoor worship service, 11:00 AM will start the games, music, food and fellowship until 1:30 PM. Please bring your own chair and a dish to pass for brunch. The Men's Group will be cooking hamburgers, brats, and hotdogs. The church will be providing water, pop and juice.

We do need some volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up. Please contact Kattie Wittle or Virginia Munro if you are available to volunteer before or after the celebration.

Hope to see everyone here!

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.**

Cross of Glory Participating in CROP Walk

The Greater Lockport CROP Walk will be Sunday, October 14th. Registration is at 1:30 pm. The walk begins at 2:00 pm.

CROP Hunger Walk FAQs

- **Do you walk in farm fields?**
No. You walk in Dellwood Park in Lockport.
- **Why is it called a CROP Walk?**
CROP stands for **Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty** and identifies interfaith hunger education and fundraising events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by 21 CWS/CROP regional offices across the U.S.
- **Where do CROP Hunger Walk funds go?**
They help to support the overall ministry of Church World Service (CWS), especially the grassroots, hunger-fighting development efforts of partner agencies in some 80 countries. They also help to provide tools of hope that empower people to meet their own needs. From seeds and tools, to wells and water systems, to technical training and micro-enterprise loans, the key is people working together to identify their own development priorities, their strengths and their needs -- something CWS has learned through some 60 years of working in partnership around the world. In addition, each local CROP Walk can choose to return up to 25 percent of the funds it raises to local hunger-fighting programs.

If you have any other questions, please contact 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

Youth Education Programs Restarting

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 and meets on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

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.

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 snacks and coffee are being sponsored by the Nabors Family. **Additional sponsors are needed!**

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.

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.

Last Day of the Kid's Summer Service Project Supporting *Build A Miracle*

This is the last Sunday that we will be collecting for *Food For The Poor*. Children are encouraged to donate during the offering using the basket at the base of the altar. Next week we will be reporting on how much money we raised during the summer.

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.

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.

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.

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

Receipts for the Week of August 26 th	Receipts for the Week of August 19 th
General Fund: \$24,888	General Fund: \$4051
Building Fund: \$103	Building Fund: \$20
Donations to Casa: \$239	Donations to Casa: \$35
Adult Ed (Retreat): \$210	Youth Ministry (TELL): \$50
Attendance: 105	Attendance: 91

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	09/03	Labor Day – Church Office Closed
Tuesday	09/03	Welcome Place Preschool Starts
Sunday	09/09	Celebration Sunday
Monday	09/10	T.E.L.L. – 7:00 to 8:30 pm
Wednesday	09/12	S.E.E. Fall Session Starts – 6:00 pm
Sunday	09/16	Friday Night Group Outing at the Waller's
Friday	09/21	Women's Retreat (and 9/22)
Sunday	10/14	Greater Lockport Area CROP Hunger Walk – 1:30 Registration
Saturday	10/20	Casa Fundraiser at Georgios

Please Keep These People and Concerns in Your Prayers

Barb; Burner & Chabalowski Family; Chris; Harry & Shirley; Jim & Tim; Ken; Kjos Family; Larry & Pat; Martin & Brian; Mayburne; Sandy; 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).