

# Cross of Glory Lutheran Church



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# In The Loop – News for September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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.

## Thank You Messages from Cross of Glory

- ✠ Ken and Terry Scott trimmed all of the bushes around the church last Saturday. We thank them for their contribution!
- ✠ Dana Baker repaired the leak from 2 roof vent stacks and did some preventive maintenance to other roof vent stacks. Dana also scraped and painted the outside window frame of the stained glass window. Thank you, Dana!
- ✠ Joe Pfeiffer has served as Cross of Glory's Nursery Attendant for the past year. Joe's last day as the nursery attendant will be September 30<sup>th</sup>. We thank him for his ministry!

## Laura is New S.E.E. Coordinator / Volunteers Needed

Laura Uzzardo has volunteered to take over as S.E.E. Coordinator. If anyone would like to volunteer to be a Co-Coordinator, we're sure that Laura would appreciate the help! She is also looking for subs and co-teachers, and a Deeper Learning Leader. Please contact Laura if you can help!



## S.E.E. Update

What a great fall semester of S.E.E. we are going to have! We are using Firelight II curriculum's *Kingdom Stories; Learning Jesus' Parables*. The first two weeks we will be working on The Good Samaritan parable. The kids will be learning how to be a good neighbor through storytelling, arts, drama, food, puppets, science, music, and more.

But what's really different this semester is that we will be doing rotations. The kids will spend the first 20 minutes with their age level and then about an hour going to different stations known as Deeper Learning Stations. Then they will all come together to sing, perform skits, and discuss what they've learned. We welcome all kids from 3 yrs to 5th grade.

Call Laura at the church office for more information about S.E.E. or if you would like to become a volunteer. We could use some subs, co-leaders, and workers at the Deeper Learning Stations.

## 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 14<sup>th</sup>. Registration is at 1:00 pm. The walk begins at 1:30 pm. 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. If you have any other questions, please contact Cheryl Nabors.

## Tithing to the ELCA

Did you know part of Cross of Glory's budget is dedicated to tithing to the greater church?

The Evangelical Lutheran church of America is the Lutheran synod that Cross of Glory is founded on. Just as we ask each of our members to tithe a portion of their income to God, to the church, the church also tithes and gives back to God and to the synod what has so generously been given. The synod uses the congregations' tithes for outreach to the greater world and its needs. (More explanation of this can be found in the pamphlet, "Making Christ Known.").

Cross of Glory has budgeted at least \$10,000 a year to the synod. As of this time, we have not given our tithe to the synod. We have not been doing what we have asked you as a congregational member to do. The money that we have received from you thus far has been used to pay bills and fund programming here at Cross of Glory. The council is recommending that we start now sending a portion of the tithe that has been pledged. We have sent a check to the synod for the month of August. If your family has not received the "Making Christ Known" pamphlet, please see a worship coordinator or Virginia Munro.

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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. No Experience is Necessary!** You can contact Dan Murtaugh for details 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 Lee Burner. **Additional sponsors are needed!**

## Kids' Service Project Update

The children of Cross of Glory this summer had a service project to help raise money for *Food for the Poor* in the Caribbean and Latin America. We are very excited to announce that we collected \$212.00 which was enough to buy 1,000 Lbs of rice and beans for hungry families. We also sent money for 2 children to be outfitted with clothing and shoes.

This fall's service project is in conjunction with SEE and TELL. We are going to be raising money for the CROP Walk that helps to raise awareness and funds to fight hunger. Twenty five percent of all donations that are collected will go to local food pantries.

## Sunday Morning Bible Study (8:30 to 9:00)

Each Sunday, Pastor Gene leads a 30 minute study of 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: *The Faces of God - Welcoming*

Acts 1:1-11

Acts 2:36-47

If you are reading this electronically, you can click <http://bible.oremus.org/?q1=57497495> to read these passages.

## Casa Fundraiser - Georgios on October 20<sup>th</sup>

*Angeles y Milagros* is the first major dinner fundraising event in Casa's 6 year history. It will be on October 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://dinner.casadelosangeles.org).

## Continuing 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 is a new cookbook called *Peak Cuisine*. The cookbook sells for \$25.00. Also available are 2008 Calendars, Milagro bracelets and Casa Note Cards. All money paid for any of these items goes directly to the Casa de los Ángeles Foundation.

## Book Reading Group

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

## Friday Night Bible Study Group Restarts October 12<sup>th</sup> to Study Revelation

This group meets on Friday nights at 7:00 at Cross of Glory. We are currently on summer recess but will resume meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup>.

This fall, we will study the book of **Revelation**. As you may know, Revelation is interpreted in many different ways. We are evaluating study guides to find a study that is biblically based and consistent with the teachings of the Lutheran Church. This study should spark a lot of interesting conversation.

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

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

Receipts for the Week of September 16 <sup>th</sup>	Receipts for the Week of September 9 <sup>th</sup>
General Fund: \$7,644	General Fund: \$3,080
Building Fund: \$118	Building Fund: \$28
Donations to Casa: \$2,074	Donations to Casa: \$4
Adult Ed (Retreat): \$40	Adult Ed (Retreat): \$40
Children's Ministry (S.E.E.): \$225	ELCA Mission: \$10
Children's Ministry (T.E.L.L.): \$225	Building Use: \$65
	Children's Ministry (S.E.E.): \$148
Attendance: 128	Attendance: 88

## HELP WANTED - Nursery Attendants

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church is looking for one or two Nursery Attendants for our Sunday worship service. This is a paid position and all candidates will need to pass a background check for safety purposes. If you are interested, please contact Sharon Aden at (708)301-6998.



## Upcoming Events for Cross of Glory

(Color Code: General, Women, Youth)

Monday	09/24	T.E.L.L. – 7:00 to 8:30 pm
Wednesday	09/26	S.E.E. – 6:00 pm
Sunday	09/30	Book Reading Group at the Nabors' – 6:00 pm
Monday	10/08	Church Council Meeting – 7:30 pm
Friday	10/12	Friday Night Bible Study Group Study of Revelation – 7:00 pm
Sunday	10/14	Greater Lockport Area CROP Hunger Walk – 1:00 Registration
Saturday	10/20	Casa Fundraiser at Georgios – 6:00 pm
Tuesday	10/23	Blood Drive – 2:00 to 6:00 pm

## Please Keep These People and Concerns in Your Prayers

Aaron Knutson; Amanda; Ashely ; Ava; Chuck, Debbie, Brian & Amanda Fisher – on the passing of Debbie's mother Dorothy Germaine (also a member of COG); Flory, Martin, and Michael; Jaida; Jane; John; Lana; Martin and Brian; Michelle Guzman; PJ and Julie Malin; Tom & Melissa; SEE & TELL Teachers; Casa; COG Call Team and Prospective Pastors; COG Preschoolers; COG Staff; The Homeless, The Sick and the children; Men & Women in the Armed Forces; World Leaders; World Peace

**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](mailto:SAden@TheWelcomePlace.org), or call the Ministry Center Office at (708.301.6998).