

# Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

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## *In The Loop* – News for October 7<sup>th</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.

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### No T.E.L.L. This Monday (Columbus Day)

### COG Participating in CROP Walk Next Sunday

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**.

Walkers raise money through pledges from their family and friends. Pledge envelopes are available today in the bookstore and during the week from Laura in the church office.

**If you are not going to walk with us, you can still support us by leaving a donation in the envelope on the board in the Welcome Room.** You can also support the Cross of Glory Youth walking team by making a donation online at <http://home.comcast.net/~cog.crowalk>. Please contact Cheryl Nabors or Laura Uzzardo with any questions.

### Friday Night Bible Study Group Restarts October 12<sup>th</sup> Studying Revelation using Max Lucado Study Guide

This group meets on Friday nights at 7:00 at Cross of Glory. We have been on an extended summer break but will restart our group this Friday night and YOU are welcome to join us!

This fall, we will study the book of **Revelation**. As you may know, Revelation is interpreted in many different ways. We have chosen to use the **Book of Revelation** study guide from the series **Life Lessons with Max Lucado**. The book will be available when we meet on Friday at a cost of only \$5.50.

**Revelation is a message of hope to people in despair. In it, Jesus triumphs over Satan and we are invited to share in Jesus' victory.** This study should spark a lot of interesting conversation.

Join us this Friday night as we start on this journey by reading and hearing this unusual book so that we can get our minds and our imaginations ready to experience the intense imagery of Revelation!

If you are looking for a Bible study and think you might like to join us, please contact Tom and Debbie Waller or Bill and Cheryl Nabors with any questions.

## 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.**

## Tithing to the ELCA

Part of Cross of Glory's budget is dedicated to tithing to the greater church. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is the Lutheran synod that Cross of Glory is founded upon. Just as we ask each of our members to tithe a portion of their income to God and to the church, the church also takes a portion of those gifts and gives back to God and to the synod. The synod then uses the congregations' tithes to address the needs of the world. (More on this process can be found in the pamphlet, "Making Christ Known").

Cross of Glory has budgeted at least \$10,000 a year to the synod. For the first seven months of the year, we have not given our tithe to the synod. We have not been doing what we have asked you to do. The money that we have received thus far has been used to pay bills and fund programming at Cross of Glory. The council has decided to start 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.

## Christmas Program Leaders Wanted

We are looking for a leader or co-leaders for our Children's Christmas Program. This year's Christmas program will be on December 16<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in helping to lead this program, please call the church office at 708.301.6998.

## Kids' Service Project Update

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.

## Cross of Glory Nursery News...

### Paid Attendants Needed

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.

### Helpers Needed

We are looking for some helpers for the nursery on Sunday mornings. If you are interested please sign up for a Sunday or two on the clip board that is outside the nursery.

### Deep Cleaners Needed

Cross of Glory is looking for some volunteers to do a Deep Cleaning on the nursery room. No experience is necessary! If interested please contact the church office at 708-301-6998.

## Blood Drive Here on October 23<sup>rd</sup>

Heartland Blood Centers Mobile Coach will be here on Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00 to 6:00 pm. Each donor will receive a free Heartland sweatshirt! You are encouraged to call to set up an appointment with Laura at 708.301.6998. Walk-ins are also welcomed.



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

We ask that volunteers sponsor the fairly-traded 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.

## New Sermon Series Starts Next Week

Next week we begin a series that we are calling *The Spiritual 12 Steps*. Some of the steps are naturally linked, so we project a seven week schedule. Donna Quathammer and Dan Murtaugh will join Pastor Gene in presenting these offerings.

## 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.

## Council Meeting Minutes

The council minutes are displayed in a binder that is on the small table behind the Welcome Table in the Welcome Room. There is a page at the front of the binder for comments from members of the congregation. The Church Council will look at all comments at each council meeting.

## 2007 Women's Retreat Was a Big Success

This year's retreat weekend was filled with reflection and challenged us to probe deeper on our faith walks. We would like to thank Tamara Chaffin, Debbie Murtaugh, Nicole Morin, Cheryl Nabors, Sharon Aden, Beth Gervase, Katie Whittle, Della Bejlovec, Pam Schultz, and Cheryl Martin for all the hard work they devoted to this retreat.

## Save the Date...Save the Date

Next year's women's retreat has already been scheduled!! Save October 24<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup> for a trip to The Lodge at Starved Rock State Park. More details to come.

## Casa Team Cinco Update

by Sharon Aden

*Casa Team Cinco* is still reeling from their time in Mexico. The stories and the feelings that we received from helping in the daycare center or sifting sand for the construction workers are many. Talk to any one of the team members (Kristina Garvey, Dave & Leticia Johnson, Tammy Mack, Emily & Mallory Michalak, Chris Moffitt, Dan & Tammy Skowron, Kelly Sullivan or Sharon Aden) and I am sure they will be more than willing to share Casa with you.

*Casa Team Cinco* would like to thank everyone who supported the team through the fundraisers, private donations and/or prayers. We want to share with you where your dollars went. From the fundraisers (bowling, bake sale, fiesta dinner, car wash and the 5K walk/run) *Casa Team Cinco* received \$5,207.00; from private donations and those on the team paying their own way, the team received \$3,509.00 giving us a total funds raised \$8,716.51. After helping with airfares for those in need, giving Casa, room and transportation fees, we were still able to give **Casa a donation of \$3,741.00.**

The fundraisers, private donations done for each team are meant to support those who want to volunteer, but unable to pay their full way themselves. There has been a misconception that this is a vacation for the volunteers rather than a working mission trip. Volunteers often have to take their paid vacation trips to volunteer. Donna has stated Casa could not make it without the volunteers who help with feeding and diapering the infants, brushing teeth, reading to the children or doing filing, painting, cleaning, construction and just running errands.

Next year, 2008, the second youth team will be traveling to Casa. The youth must be 16 and older. (Guidelines set from Casa). The council has decided that the youth trip will consist of those ages 16-20. The adult trip will be for those 20 and older. (A youth 17 or older may accompany a parent or guardian on the adult trips.)

These new guideline do not preclude any family from going down to Casa on their own to volunteer. Arrangements will need to be made with Donna Quathamer at [casa\\_de\\_los\\_angeles@hotmail.com](mailto:casa_de_los_angeles@hotmail.com).

Thanks again for all your support to our volunteers for our mission Casa de los Ángeles.

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

Receipts for the Week of September 30 <sup>th</sup>	Receipts for the Week of September 23 <sup>rd</sup>
General Fund: \$3,619	General Fund: \$2,539
Building Fund: \$30	Building Fund: \$43
Donations to Casa: \$30	Donations to Casa: \$39
Adult Ed (Retreat): \$160	Adult Ed (Retreat): \$240
Children's Ministry (T.E.L.L.): \$25	Worship Supplies (Snack Donation) : \$20
Outreach: \$24	Building Use: \$138
	Children's Ministry (S.E.E. / T.E.L.L.): \$50 / \$75
	Outreach (Celebration Sunday): \$200
Attendance: 114	Attendance: 91

## Upcoming Events for Cross of Glory

(Color Code: General, Women, Youth)

Monday	10/08	Church Council Meeting – 7:30 pm
<b>Monday</b>	<b>10/8</b>	<b>No TELL This Week (Columbus Day Holiday)</b>
Wednesday	10/10	S.E.E. – 6:00 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
Monday	10/15	T.E.L.L. – 7:00 to 8:30 pm
Tuesday	10/16	Call Team Meeting – 6:30 pm
Saturday	10/20	Casa Fundraiser at Georgios – 6:00 pm
Sunday	10/21	Prayer Team Meeting – 6:30 pm (Also 11/18/2007 and 12/16/2007)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10/23</b>	<b>Blood Drive – 2:00 to 6:00 pm</b>
Sunday	10/28	Trick-or-Treat Tailgating – 1:00 to 3:00 pm (COG Parking Lot)

## Please Keep These People and Concerns in Your Prayers

Atkinson Family; Carl & Lee; Dorothy; Jim; John; Karen; Marathoners; Martin & Brian; Michelle; Shelly; Stephanie; Tam; The Oprondek Family; Yurs; Emerging Leaders at COG; 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).