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In The Loop – News for October 14th, 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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COG Participating in CROP Walk **TODAY**

The Greater Lockport CROP Walk will be Sunday, October 14th. 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 still available today in the bookstore.

You can walk whatever distance you want. **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 Studying Revelation using Max Lucado Study Guide

This group meets on Friday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. at Cross of Glory. This fall, we will begin to 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 is available in the bookstore and is also available when we meet on Fridays 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.

We restarted last Friday by hearing the first half of Revelation. It is not too late. **YOU** are still welcome to join us! Join us **this Friday night** as we start on chapter one of the study guide and then continue reading and hearing this unusual book so that we can fully 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 16th. If you are interested in helping to lead this program, please call the church office at 708.301.6998.

Cross of Glory Nursery News...

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 23rd

Heartland Blood Centers Mobile Coach will be here on Tuesday, October 23rd 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.

Last week's coffee was sponsored by the Open AA group. Snacks were sponsored by Sandi Rusek.

Additional sponsors are needed to help us provide a welcoming experience for everyone.

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.

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.

October Women's Event – October 25th *Soups On – Fall Cooking*

Women of COG are invited to Tamara Chaffin's home to share their favorite fall recipes. Please bring a copy of the recipe and if possible an item to sample. Tammy will collect all of the recipes and collate them. The recipe package will be distributed at a later date.

Thursday, October 25th - 7:30 PM

RSVP to Tammy at 815-478-9684 or
tc25827@yahoo.com

Please RSVP - Tammy will give you directions.
(Manhattan is about 20 minutes south of COG.)

New Sermon Series Starts This Week

Today 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 Quathamier and Dan Murtaugh will join Pastor Gene in presenting these offerings.

Kids' Service Project Update

This fall's service project is in conjunction with SEE and TELL. We are going to be raising money for today's CROP Walk that helps to raise awareness and funds to fight hunger.

Donate Your Paper to Cross of Glory

Bring your recyclable papers on Sunday to help programs at Cross of Glory.

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

Receipts for the Week of September 30 th	Receipts for the Week of October 7 th
General Fund: \$3,619	General Fund: \$5,971
Building Fund: \$30	Building Fund: \$85
Donations to Casa: \$30	Donations to Casa: \$60
Adult Ed (Retreat): \$160	Adult Ed (Retreat): \$40
Children's Ministry (T.E.L.L.): \$25	Operation Fire Sprinklers Fund: \$830
Outreach: \$24	Outreach: \$4
Attendance: 114	Attendance: 108

Upcoming Events for Cross of Glory

(Color Code: General, **Women**, Youth)

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
Wednesday	10/17	S.E.E. – 6:00 pm
Friday	10/19	Friday Night Bible Study Group Study of Revelation – 7:00 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)
Tuesday	10/23	Blood Drive – 2:00 to 6:00 pm
Thursday	10/25	Women's Event – Tamara Chaffin's – 7:30 pm
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

CROP Walkers; Dorothy; Fabish family; Flory; Laura Simpson's dad; Marie; Martin & Brian; Michelle; Michelle Eckmayer's mother; Pat & Larry; Randi; Those healing from last week's marathon; 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, or call the Ministry Center Office at (708.301.6998).