

## Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

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## *In The Loop* – News for October 28<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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### Trick-or-Treat Tailgating This Afternoon, October 28<sup>th</sup>

The Welcome Place Preschool is inviting all families of Cross of Glory to be a part of the Trick or Treat Tailgating! If you would like to decorate your vehicle and pass out candy to all the kiddies please contact Karin Knutson or Jamie Knutson

**Activities Start at 1:00 pm**

**Trick or Treat Tailgating: 1:00 – 2:00 pm**

**Games & Food: 1:00 – 3:00 pm**

**Costume Contest: Starts at 2:15 pm**

### CROP Walk Wrap Up

The preliminary numbers are in for the CROP Walk. Cross of Glory raised \$1,916.00. Together with the four other churches, we raised a total of \$7,719.40. A huge thank you goes out to everyone who walked and sponsored our walkers. Twenty-one people walked from COG including the Grays; the Skowrons; the Nabors; the Wallers; Jim Kaput, Claire and Nathaniel; Amanda Sandy; Laura Uzzardo; Lori and Bob McAleavy; and Dave and Betsi Plese. Twenty-five percent will go to the FISH Food Pantry in Lockport.

### Bible Donations Being Collected at Cross of Glory

The West Will County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, in cooperation with WGBL have organized Operation Bare Your Bookshelves which is trying to collect one million Bibles to be distributed through missionaries and pastors in Africa, Asia, and South America.

Bring any Bible, new or used, to church between now and November 18th. A collection basket will be provided for you. If you would like, you can write a message inside to the new owner of your Bible.

The average pastor serving the third world struggles to have even one Bible. **Here is a great way for all of us to help spread the Word!**

## 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.**

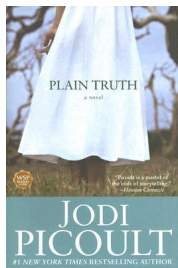
## Tithing to the ELCA

The ELCA 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, COG 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. We have sent the synod a total of \$2500 so far this year. Thank you to everyone whose donations make this possible.

## Book Reading Group

The next book we will be reading is *Plain Truth* by Jodi Picoult. Paradise, Pennsylvania, is a jewel in Lancaster County. There, a dead infant is found in the barn of an Amish farmer. A Philadelphia defense attorney finds herself caught in a clash of wills with her client, an unmarried Amish teenager.



An "excellent portrait of Amish life rarely witnessed by those outside the faith is presented in this "captivating, heart wrenching" novel - where circumstances are not always what they seem, where love meets falsehood, and where relationships grow strong enough to transcend death. "

We will meet on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at Cheryl Nabors' home to discuss the book. Everyone is welcome to read the book and join us for a lively discussion. We will also select the next book. For more information contact Cheryl Nabors.

## Cross of Glory Nursery News...

### New Attendant – Mimi Pappas

Mimi Pappas is our new paid nursery attendant. Mimi has been a member of Cross of Glory. She has her Child Development Associate Credential from Bright Horizons and the Council for Professional Recognition. Her emphasis at Bright Horizons was on infants and toddlers where she planned and executed developmentally appropriate activities including music, art, story time and outdoor recreation. We are glad Mimi is with us again and providing care for our infants and toddlers during our worship service.

### Helpers Needed

We are looking for some helpers for the nursery on Sunday mornings. The number of volunteers needed (if any) is based on the number of children being cared for. If you are interested please sign up for a Sunday or two on the clip board outside the nursery.

## 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.

This week's snacks were sponsored by the Ganzer family. Additional sponsors are needed to help us provide a welcoming experience for everyone.

## Friday Night Group Studying Revelation

This group meets on Friday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. at Cross of Glory. This fall, we are studying the book of **Revelation** using the 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.

It is not too late. YOU are still welcome to join us! Join us this Friday night as we continue with chapter three of the study guide. We would gladly recap the first two chapters for new attendees.

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.

## Don't be Late – Turn Back Your Clocks

Daylight Saving Time ends next Sunday morning (November 4<sup>th</sup>). Be sure to turn back your clocks next Saturday night.



## New Kids' Service Project is SOS

SEE & TELL kids collect for others in need in our community and around the world. The kids finished up with raising funds for CROP Walk and will be starting another project. They will now be collecting to purchase gift cards for SOS Children's Villages of Illinois. At SOS Children's Villages Illinois, they help children whose world has been turned upside down by parental abuse, neglect, or abandonment. They can offer them a place to call home and space to heal. By keeping brothers and sisters together, with a full time professional foster parent in an individual home, they rebuild a loving family life. In Illinois there are two locations; right here in Lockport and Chicago.

They will be able to use the gift cards to do fun things together (like we do) as a family. Some of the gift cards we may purchase with the funds collected can be for bowling, skating, miniature golf, movies, dining out, etc...

## Community Thanksgiving Service

This year Shepherd of the Hill will be hosting the Lockport Community Thanksgiving Service. The service will be Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM. They are also looking for singers to be a part of their mass choir for this community service of praise and thanksgiving. Choir practice will be that evening from 6:00 to 6:30 PM in the sanctuary and we have the music here. If you are interested in singing for this service please see Sharon Aden for the music.

## Lift Needed to Change Light Bulbs

We are in need of a lift to change light bulbs in the courtyard. If there is anyone that has connections to a lift please contact the church office at (708) 301-6998.

## Thanksgiving Food Baskets Coming Soon

We will soon be collecting food and gift cards for Thanksgiving baskets for those in the community that are less fortunate.

## Twelve Steps Sermon Series Continues

The *Christian Twelve Steps* are a practical, time-tested approach for applying the truth of God's Word to our daily lives.

1. We admitted we were powerless over one or more of our personal problems- that our lives had become unmanageable. (Romans 7:18)
2. We came to believe that a power greater than ourselves, Jesus Christ, could restore us to sanity.(Proverbs 3:5-6)
3. We made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God. (II Chronicles 16:9)
4. We made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves. (Lamentations 3:40)
5. We admitted to God, ourselves, and another person the exact nature of our wrongs. (James 5:16)
6. We were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character. (Psalm 51:10)
7. We humbly asked God to remove our shortcomings. (I John 1:9)
8. We made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all. (Luke 6:31)
9. We made direct amends to such people whenever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others. (Matthew 5:23-24)
10. We continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong, we promptly admitted it. (I Corinthians 10:12)
11. We sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry it out. (Proverbs 2:3-5)
12. Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of these steps, we try to carry God's message to all those in need and to practice these principles in all our affairs. (Galatians 6:1)

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

Receipts for the Week of October 14 <sup>th</sup>	Receipts for the Week of October 21 <sup>st</sup>
General Fund: \$5,137	General Fund: \$2,620
Building Fund: \$75	
Donations to Casa: \$40	Donations to Casa: \$115
	Outreach: \$4
Attendance: 77	Attendance: 150

## 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.



## Upcoming Events for Cross of Glory

(Color Code: General, Women, Youth)

Sunday	10/28	Trick-or-Treat Tailgating – 1:00 to 3:00 pm (COG Parking Lot)
Monday	10/29	T.E.L.L. – 7:00 to 8:30 pm
Wednesday	10/31	S.E.E. – 6:00 pm
Friday	11/02	Friday Night Bible Study Group Study of Revelation – 7:00 pm
Sunday	11/11	Book Reading Group – 6:00 pm at the Nabors
Sunday	11/18	Prayer Team Meeting – 6:30 pm (Also 12/16/2007)
Sunday	12/16	Christmas Program

## Please Keep These People and Concerns in Your Prayers

Ava; Blood donors at the COG blood drive this week; Cheryl; Daryl; Delores; Dory, Angels at Casa; Josh & Family; Flory; John; Kathy; Martin & Brian; Pam & Katie; Those suffering emotional problems; Tom & Renee

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

Confirmands this Sunday – Christian Burner, Haleigh Draper, Brian Fisher, Chris Mack, Kevin Mayda, Bobby Wilmsen, and Brendan Dunleavy

### 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).