

## Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

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## *In The Loop* – News for November 11<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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### Bible Donations Being Collected at Cross of Glory

The West Will County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, in cooperation with WGBL, has organized Operation Bare Your Bookshelves to collect one million Bibles to be distributed through missionaries and pastors in Africa, Asia, and South America. (The average pastor serving the third world struggles to get even one Bible.)

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. **Here is a great way for all of us to help spread the Word!**

### 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.

### Volunteers Recognition Luncheon

On Sunday, November 18th Cross of Glory will be thanking all those glorious volunteers that volunteer their time and talents!

**There will be a luncheon in your honor!**

Please RSVP to Virginia Munro ASAP or at least by November 14<sup>th</sup>.

**The luncheon will start at 11:00 to about 12:30 on November 18<sup>th</sup>.**

If you feel you would like to start volunteering you are also welcome to join in the luncheon.

**Everyone Has Something To Offer – Yes, even you!**

RSVP to Virginia Munro at 708.301.6998 or via e-mail at [vmunro@TheWelcomePlace.org](mailto:vmunro@TheWelcomePlace.org).

## 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.**

## Book Reading Group

The next book we will be reading is *Plain Truth* by Jodi Picoult. 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.

## 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

November is a time we collect food for Thanksgiving baskets. We will be assembling the baskets on November 18<sup>th</sup> after worship service. We are looking for the following items: canned turkey, canned gravy, canned sweet potatoes, canned cranberries, instant potatoes, stuffing, canned gravy or gravy mix, canned vegetables, canned pumpkin, bread mix, and cookies. In addition, we welcome Jewel or Dominick's Gift Certificates for any amount.

You can drop donations at the church anytime by putting them in the box labeled Thanksgiving Donation. Thank you for all of your donations!

## Kids Klub Volunteers Needed

Additional teams are needed to lead Kids Klub and one volunteer is needed as a substitute on November 25<sup>th</sup>. Please see Mary Beth Randle if you can help!

## Cross of Glory Nursery News...

### 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.

## 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**.

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.

## Thrivent Voting at COG Today

Members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans have the unique opportunity to vote for the leaders of our local Thrivent chapter (West Will County). Leaders manage and administer funds available through the Care Abounds in Communities program – funds used to multiply the good our members do through volunteer activities to help people in need and our community!

All Thrivent members are encouraged to vote at Cross of Glory on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Please contact Laura Uzzardo for more information or if you are unable to vote at the given time 708-301-6998.

## Kids' Service Project is SOS

SEE & TELL kids collect for others in need in our community and around the world. The kids are now collecting to purchase gift cards for SOS Children's Villages of Illinois. SOS helps children whose world has been turned upside down by parental abuse, neglect, or abandonment by offering them a place to call home with 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.

## 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)

## Women's Group Outing

On Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup> come join the Women of Cross of Glory for a night of fun at Buca di Beppo (15350 South 94<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Orland Park) hosted by Betsi Plese and Amanda Sandy.

Please **RSVP** to Betsi at (815) 588-2514 or [bplese@hotmail.com](mailto:bplese@hotmail.com) or Amanda Sandy at (815) 212-1023 or [sandyam@lewisu.edu](mailto:sandyam@lewisu.edu). by **Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>** so we have a large enough table to accommodate everyone.

We hope you can join us for a relaxing evening out!

## California Fire Relief

Lutheran Disaster Response, a collaborative ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Lutheran Church -Missouri Synod, is responding to the people and the devastation left by the fires in California.

Several of the local Lutheran churches are providing assistance by providing shelter, distributing food and other supplies. Wildfires impacted 7 of the 10 counties in Southern California. The fires spread from Santa Barbara, California to the border of California and Mexico.

If you would like to help financially, you may give through Cross of Glory, by writing a check to ELCA Disaster Response. You can donate by mailing a check made out to ELCA Disaster Response, P.O. Box 71764, Chicago, IL 60694-1764 and designate your giving to "Southern California Wildfires" using the check's memo line. You can also donate using a major credit card by calling 800-638-3522 and designating your donation to "Southern California Wildfires".

Your prayers and gifts are needed and welcomed. When designating your gift for a specific disaster, 100 percent of that gift is used for immediate relief and long-term recovery efforts following that disaster. Should a response become fully funded, additional designated gifts will be applied to a similar domestic or international response.

## Inventory Reduction Sale

### Cross of Glory's Bible and Beyond Bookstore

We are shrinking the bookstore to concentrate on Bibles, Bible Studies, Lutheran Basics, and Fairly-Traded Coffee.

#### Closeout Pricing on...

- Fiction
- Non-Fiction
- Motivational Books
- Children's Books
- Special Occasion Books

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

Receipts for the Week of October 28 <sup>th</sup>	Receipts for the Week of November 4 <sup>th</sup>
General Fund: \$3,200	General Fund: \$3,439
Donations to Casa: \$115	Donations to Casa: \$65
Building Use (AA): \$35	Building Fund: \$50
Children's Ministry (S.E.E.): \$25	World Hunger: 155
Outreach: \$24	Outreach: \$4
	Worship Supplies (Snack / Coffee): \$90
Attendance: 135	Attendance: 155

## Sprinkler System Donations Needed

The sprinklers can be hooked up once we raise \$10,000 for a compressor and labor (Council and Staff are preparing a detailed accounting of costs). Please place your donations in the basket with the hydrant cutout.



## 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	11/11	Book Reading Group – 6:00 pm at the Nabors
Monday	11/12	T.E.L.L. – 7:00 to 8:30 pm
Wednesday	11/14	S.E.E. – 6:00 pm
Friday	11/16	Friday Night Bible Study Group Study of Revelation – 7:00 pm
Sunday	11/18	Kid's Klub Led by Mary Beth and Sarah Randle
Sunday	11/18	Prayer Team Meeting – 6:30 pm (Also 12/16/2007)
Friday	11/30	Women's Group Outing – Buca di Beppo
Friday	11/30	Friday Night Bible Study – 7:00 pm (At the Nabors for this week only)
Sunday	12/16	Christmas Program

## Please Keep These People and Concerns in Your Prayers

Arue Family; Beller Family; Martin & Flory; Pastor Gene & Carol; Pilipauska's Family; Tammy's Grandfather; The Names Submitted to the Call Team; The Call Team; Tom; Wesley

### 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).