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In The Loop – News for November 18th, 2007

Welcome to Cross of Glory!

We are glad you have joined us for worship today. We are asking that everyone fill out the Welcome Folder pass it across the row and back. We ask those visiting for the first time to please stop by the Welcome Table and pick up an information packet.

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Annual Meeting Announcement

Cross of Glory's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 10th, 2008. Anyone interested in running for Council is encouraged to speak to Pat Runnion (contact info in the left column).

Please Join Us for Christmas Eve Services

On December 24th, we will have a **4:00 PM service** that will be family-friendly with special music and a children's message.

A **5:00 PM Barn Service** will be at the **Konow Farm**. Make plans to join us for an intimate worship service with Holy Communion celebrating the birth of our Lord, inside a barn at the Konow Farm (16803 S. Cedar Road in Homer Glen).

An **11:00 PM Service**, held at the church, will be a traditional service with Holy Communion, candlelight and music. Bring family, friends and neighbors with you to join in the celebration of the One who was born for us.

Community Thanksgiving Service

Shepherd of the Hill will be hosting this year's Community Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 21st 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.

Pancake Breakfast

The Sr. High TELL kids are having a fundraiser for COG's Sprinkler Campaign. They will be selling tickets before and after worship. If you have any questions, please see Dan Murtaugh

Date: Sunday, December 16th

Place: Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

Times: 7:30 to 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (Choose your time to attend or you can buy tickets for both times!)

Cost: \$5.00 per person (\$20.00 max per family)

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.**

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

We will be assembling the baskets after worship today. Please stay for a few minutes to help out.

Kids Klub Volunteers Needed

Additional teams are needed to lead Kids Klub and one volunteer is needed on November 25th. Please see Mary Beth Randle if you can help!

Advent Devotional Booklets

We have two Advent booklets to choose from: *Living in Hope* by Henri J.M. Nouwen and a family booklet: *Devotions around the Family Advent Wreath*. The booklets are available in the back of the worship area on Sunday's and in the welcome area during the week. Please make sure to stop by and pick one up.

Plant Care Helper Needed

We are looking for someone to take care of the plants. If you are someone that loves plants and can talk to them while watering them on a weekly basis - you are the person we are looking for. Please call or let the church office know that you are interested.

Book Reading Group News

Next book is *The Inheritance of Loss* by Kiran Desai.

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**.

We will not meet this Friday. On Friday, November 30th we will meet at the Nabors' house. On December 7th we will go back to meeting at church.

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.

Kids' Service Project is SOS

SEE & TELL 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.

Ladies Nite Out in December...

Ladies, bring your artistic side out this December for pottery painting. Make something for yourself, or a gift for someone else. Just choose a piece from the selection of unpainted pottery, pick your paints, and create your own original masterpiece. Escape the holiday craze for a few hours of food, drink, friendship, and fun.

When: December 19th from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Where: Crackpots
(9166 W. 159th Street in Orland Park)

Cost: \$5 (plus the cost of your pottery piece)

Bring a friend! RSVP to Nicole Morin by December 18th so there are enough refreshments. 708-326-4782 or onetrainergirl@hotmail.com

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 November Outing

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

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

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

Poinsettia Orders Being Taken Through December 16th

The plants are \$15 each and will help decorate the worship area for Christmas Eve. Proceeds will benefit the Audio/Video Fund. You are welcome to take your plants home after the service you attend. Donations will also be accepted to help purchase poinsettias. Forms are located in the Welcome Room.

Once again, we will offer you the opportunity to mark your poinsettia *In Remembrance* or *In Honor* of someone special in your life. All names will be published in the bulletin on Christmas Eve.

Coffee and Snack Sponsorship

Generous sponsors donate \$10 a week to help Cross of Glory provide delicious snacks and fairly-traded coffee. Additional sponsors are needed.

On November 11th, snacks were sponsored by Deb Murtaugh and coffee was sponsored by Tom Bonick. Today, snacks and coffee are both being sponsored by Katie Wittle.

Cross of Glory's Bibles and Beyond Bookstore

New Casa Items Available Now

Donna Quathamers has a NEW Book
Under the Pepper Tree- \$25

2008 Casa Calendars
Peak Cuisine Cookbook - \$25

Just Arrived! New Handcrafts – \$5 and Up

Inventory Reduction Sale

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

This week, take 50 cents to a dollar off on many specially marked items. Look for the green and orange stickers. Check back often as we sell off this new merchandise at close-out prices!

Christmas Program Information

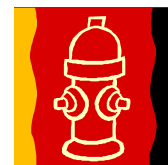
This year's Christmas program will be on December 16th during our 9:15 AM worship service. All children are invited to participate in the children's Christmas program. Thank you to the following volunteers who are planning the program: Mary Beth Randle, Kelly Mizera, Caryl Hruska, Chris Quemeneur, and Laura Uzzardo.

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

Receipts for the Week of November 11 th	Receipts for the Week of November 4 th
General Fund: \$4,967	General Fund: \$3,439
Donations to Casa: \$40	Donations to Casa: \$65
Building Funs: \$65	Building Fund: \$50
Building Use (Preschool): \$400	World Hunger: 155
Outreach: \$4	Outreach: \$4
	Worship Supplies (Snack / Coffee): \$90
Attendance: 135	Attendance: 155

Sprinkler System Donations Needed

We need to 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.



Upcoming Events for Cross of Glory

(Color Code: General, Women, Youth)

Monday	11/19	T.E.L.L. – 7:00 to 8:30 pm
Wednesday	11/21	S.E.E. – 6:00 pm
Sunday	11/25	Kid's Klub Led by Amber
Friday	11/30	Women's Group Outing – Buca di Beppo
Friday	11/30	Friday Night Bible Study Meets at the Nabors – 7:00 pm
Sunday	12/16	Christmas Program – 9:15 Worship Service
Sunday	12/16	Prayer Team Meeting – 6:30 pm
Sunday	12/19	Ladies' Nite Out at CrackPots - 6:30 to 8:30 pm
Sunday	01/13	Council Meeting – 11:00 am
Sunday	02/10	Annual Meeting

Please Keep These People and Concerns in Your Prayers

COG's Volunteers; Flory; Jen & Family; John; Martin & Brian; Michelle; Nancy; Pastor Gene & Carol; Rick; Ryan; Samantha; The Names Submitted to the Call Team; The Call Team

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).