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In The Loop – News for January 6th, 2008

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. Visiting? We ask those joining us for the first time to please stop by the Welcome Table (at the door) and pick up an information packet.

Find Hope in a NEW Couples Bible Study

We wanted to invite you to join us for the couples Bible study at Cross of Glory, where, as usual, there is no experience necessary. This is for any couple, married, dating, friends, you just have to want to gather and learn more about God's word. The plan is to meet after church on Sundays about an hour and a half for brunch (Because what Lutheran can study the Bible without food!!!).

We would like to gather on January 13th and 27th and February 3rd and 17th. We are very excited by the study *Hope: Your Heart's Deepest Longings* by Jack Kuhatschek, and look forward to some good discussions. We will be ordering books for those who would like them for \$6. We will also have childcare available at church.

Please RSVP to the Morins (especially if you need child care!) at 708-326-4782 or onetrainergirl@hotmail.com or call Laura Uzzardo at the church office.

Please join us!

Nicole and Andy Morin

Statements and Offering Envelopes Available Today

The *End of the Year Contribution Statements* are available today. You can find them in the back of the Worship Room next to the offering envelopes for 2008. The offering envelopes for 2008 have a new look! And please note you have a new number and there is no longer a designated area for Building Fund. The Building Fund is combined with the General Offering Fund. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Laura or any other staff member. Have a Blessed 2008.

Life with God Classes Start January 20th

This class will start on Sunday, January 20th (after worship service) and will run for 5 weeks. Pastor Peisker will be leading these classes. If you are interested in becoming a member of Cross of Glory attending these classes would qualify for membership. **All members are welcome to attend these classes.** It is not only for those that would like to become members.

If you have questions please see Pastor Peisker. You can sign up for this class by calling the church office or by attending the first class.

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.**

New Sermon Series Starts Today

Cross of Glory will be starting a new sermon series today. Each week will be about a children's book and will illustrate one of Cross of Glory's Guiding Principles. We will have a variety of people giving the sermon. Come on out and support them and be lifted as we start the New Year! God Is Good!

January 6th - Sermon by Nicole Morin

Jesus is Lord!

Book: *The Day it Rained Colors*

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6 and Ephesians 3:1-12

January 13th - Sermon by Pastor Gene Peisker

Everyone is Welcome

Book: *The Crippled Lamb*

Readings: Isaiah 42:1-9 and Acts 10:34-43

January 20th - Sermon by Sharon Aden

Love Changes People

Book: *The Velveteen Rabbit*

Readings: 1 John 4:7-21 and Matthew 22:37-40

January 27th - Sermon by Dan Murtaugh

Everyone Has Something to Offer

Book: *The Giving Tree*

February 3rd - Sermon by Pastor Peisker

The World Needs What We Have

Book: *Old Turtle*

Readings: Genesis 12:1-3 and Matthew 28:16-20

Youth Program Update

Register your child for **S.E.E.** and **T.E.L.L.** before or after worship on Sundays. You are also welcome to stop in the church office during the week. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$25 per child with a family maximum of \$50.

S.E.E. is for children 3 years of age (potty trained) through 5th grade. S.E.E. meets on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7:30 PM. We will be starting the spring session on January 30th.

Holy Communion Class is for 2nd graders & up and will run with the S.E.E. program.

T.E.L.L. is for children in 6th through 12th grades. T.E.L.L. will be meeting on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 PM starting on January 28th.

Everyone is Welcome to join in these programs. Tell your friends and neighbors! Share the good news of Jesus! Contact the office for more information (708-301-6998).

We are in need of teachers or helpers for both programs. Please contact Dan Murtaugh or Laura Uzzardo at the church office TODAY

Friday Night Bible Study Resumes Friday

This group meets on Friday nights at 7:00 at the church. We will restart on January 11th. At that time, we will resume our study on the book of Revelation.

Join us for some lively and informative discussions. If you have any questions, please see Tom or Debbie Waller.

Coffee and Snack Sponsorship

Generous sponsors donate \$10 a week to help Cross of Glory provide delicious snacks and fairly-traded coffee. Today, coffee is sponsored by the O'Kelly family. Snacks are sponsored by the Sommerfelds.

Book Reading Group News

The Book Reading Group's next book is *The Inheritance of Loss* by Kiran Desai. The next time we meet will be in January. Hopefully, this will offer everyone plenty of time to read the book and join us. The exact date and time has not been determined. Stay tuned for more details.

Cross of Glory Annual Meeting February 24, 2008 at 10:30 AM

Cross of Glory's Annual Meeting is to be held on Sunday, February 24th, 2008, at 10:30 AM

Location: Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
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The purposes of the meeting are:

- To reflect on what Cross of Glory has been doing this past year
- Hear reports from our teams
- Look towards our future
- Elect the Congregation Council

Please mark your calendars and attend this meeting. A quorum (ten percent of COG's voting members) is required in order to conduct the business of the congregation.

Thank You for Jesus' Birthday Cake

Thank you to Chuck and Debbie Fisher and family for providing the cake, paper products and utensils for Christmas Eve service at 4:00 PM.

This has been a tradition for the Fisher family for many years and there are other families that have cake on Christmas and sing Happy Birthday to Jesus.

Everyone enjoyed the party that we had for Jesus! Thanks again !

Sprinkler System Donations Needed

We need to raise \$15,000 for a compressor and labor. The balance collected so far is \$6,430.

Please place your donations in the basket with the hydrant cutout.

Kids' Service Project is SOS

SEE & TELL kids are now collecting to purchase gift cards for SOS Children's Villages of Illinois.

Cross of Glory's Bibles and Beyond Bookstore

New Casa Items Available Now

Donna Quathammer 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 \$1.00 to \$2.00 off on many specially marked items. Look for the green and yellow stickers. Check back often as we sell off this new merchandise at close-out prices!

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

Receipts for the Week of December 23 rd	Receipts for the Week of December 30 th
General Fund: \$16,674	General Fund: \$1,864
Donations to Casa: \$2,030	Donations to Casa: \$40
Building Use: \$111	
Adult Ed (Bible Study) \$6	Outreach: \$24
Poinsettias: \$65	
Sprinkler Fund: \$3,500	
Christmas Eve: \$3,423	
Attendance: 115	Attendance: 56

Volunteer Opportunity

We are looking for someone that is interested in putting the PowerPoint® together for worship. What does this involve? You would be sent the songs and liturgy on Wednesday and then return the power point to Virginia Munro by Friday afternoon for review. It takes about one hour or less to create. If you have any questions please see Virginia.



Upcoming Events for Cross of Glory

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

Sunday	01/06	Preaching and Assisting Team Meeting – After Worship
Friday	01/11	Friday Night Bible Study – Revelation – 7:00 pm
Sunday	01/13	Council Meeting – 11:00 am
Sunday	01/13	Couples Bible Study – After Worship
Sunday	01/20	Life with God Class – After Worship
Monday	01/28	T.E.L.L – 7:00 PM
Wednesday	01/30	S.E.E. – 6:00 PM
Sunday	02/24	Annual Meeting

Please Keep These People and Concerns in Your Prayers

Ava; Debbie; John; Pastor Gene; All those searching for a church home; Men and Women in The Armed Services; The poor and jobless; Those suffering from depression and other mental illnesses; Cross of Glory; COG Call Team; The Pastors interested in serving COG

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).