

# Cross of Glory Lutheran Church



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# In The Loop – News for January 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 – TODAY!

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 13<sup>th</sup>** and 27<sup>th</sup> and February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. 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.

If you will be attending and need childcare, please contact the Morins at 708-326-4782 or [onetraingirl@hotmail.com](mailto:onetraingirl@hotmail.com) or call Laura Uzzardo at the church office.

**Please join us!**

Nicole and Andy Morin

## Statements and Offering Envelopes Available

The *End of the Year Contribution Statements* are available. 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 20<sup>th</sup>

This class will start next Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> (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.**

## Children's Book Sermon Series Continues

Cross of Glory will be starting a new sermon series today. Each week will be focus on a children's book and how it relates to one of our Guiding Principles.

### January 13<sup>th</sup> - Sermon by Pastor Gene Peisker

**Everyone is Welcome**

**Book: *The Crippled Lamb***

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

### January 20<sup>th</sup> - Sermon by Sharon Aden

**Love Changes People**

**Book: *The Velveteen Rabbit***

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

### January 27<sup>th</sup> - Sermon by Dan Murtaugh

**Everyone Has Something to Offer**

**Book: *The Giving Tree***

Readings: 2 Corinthians 9:7-12 and Luke 21:1-4

### February 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sermon by Pastor Peisker

**The World Needs What We Have**

**Book: *Old Turtle***

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

## Friday Night Bible Study

This group meets on Friday nights at 7:00 at the church. We are continuing our study on the book of Revelation. This Friday we will hear and discuss chapters 13, 14, and 15. Join us for some lively and informative discussions. If you have any questions, please see Tom or Debbie Waller.

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade. S.E.E. meets on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7:30 PM. We will be starting the spring session on January 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. T.E.L.L. will be meeting on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 PM starting on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

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.

## Volunteers Needed for Youth Programs

Cross of Glory is looking for some more volunteers for their S.E.E., T.E.L.L., & Kids Klub programs. All three are looking for more teachers. The curriculums for these programs are easy enough for most people to teach from. Even as you are teaching the children about the many stories from the Bible, you too will learn something (there will be support at all times).

SEE is also looking for someone to lead Snack Time, to lead Music and for someone to either set-up and/or take down for each night.

You may contact any of these people with questions!

Laura Uzzardo – S.E.E.

Dan Murtaugh – T.E.L.L.

Mary Beth Randle – Kids Klub

Tammy Mack – Council / Education

Jodi Tanrikulu – Council / Education

## Sprinkler System Donations Needed

We need to raise \$15,000 for a compressor and labor (Council and staff are preparing a detailed accounting of costs). The balance collected so far is \$6,430. Please place your donations in the basket with the hydrant cutout.

## 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 AA group.

## Book Reading Group News

The Book Reading Group's next book is *The Inheritance of Loss* by Kiran Desai. The exact date and time has not been determined.

## 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008, at 10:30 AM.

**Location:** Cross of Glory Lutheran Church  
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### Purposes of the Meeting:

- 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 business.

## Thank You for Jesus' Birthday Celebration

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

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.

## Kids' Service Project is SOS

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

## The Welcome Place Preschool

14719 W 163<sup>rd</sup> St., Homer Glen



**Registration is Open for the Fall Session**  
for Current & Previous Student Families and COG Members

Welcoming All Children Since 2002

Open House January 29<sup>th</sup> 4:00-7:00 PM

3 Yr Olds - Tuesday and Wednesday  
8:45 to 11:30 AM

4 Yr Olds - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday  
AM Class 8:45 to 11:30 AM  
PM Class 12:15 to 3:00 PM

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## Bibles and Beyond Bookstore

### New Casa Items Available Now

Donna Quathamer 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!

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

Receipts for the Week of January 6 <sup>th</sup>	Receipts for the Week of December 30 <sup>th</sup>
General Fund: \$3,961	General Fund: \$1,864
Donations to Casa: \$60	Donations to Casa: \$40
Outreach: \$4	Outreach: \$24
Christmas Eve: \$50	
Initial Envelope: \$45 / Worship Supplies: \$60	
Attendance: 139	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	01/13	Council Meeting – 11:00 am
Sunday	01/13	Couples Bible Study – After Worship
Monday	01/14	Men’s Bible Study – 8:15 pm
Friday	01/18	Friday Night Bible Study – Revelation – 7:00 pm
Sunday	01/20	<i>Life with God</i> Class – After Worship
Sunday	01/27	Couples Bible Study – After Worship
Monday	01/28	T.E.L.L – 7:00 pm
Tuesday	01/29	Preschool Open House – 4:00 to 7:00 pm
Wednesday	01/30	S.E.E. – 6:00 pm
Sunday	02/24	Annual Meeting – 10:30 am

## Please Keep These People and Concerns in Your Prayers

Aimee & Dennis; Beller and Maurella Families; Charlie; Heather; Henry; John; Karin; Kris & Alex; Marian; Pastor Gene; Plotke Family; Rafacz Family; Sarah; All those searching for a church home; Men and Women in The Armed Services; Casa del los Angeles; Cross of Glory; COG Call Team; 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](mailto:SAden@TheWelcomePlace.org), or call the Ministry Center Office at (708.301.6998).