

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church



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In The Loop – News for February 3rd, 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 Couples Bible Study - Today

This group meets for brunch after church on Sundays for about an hour and a half. We will gather on February 3rd and February 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 have childcare available at church. If you will be attending and need childcare, please contact Andy or Nicole Morin at 708-326-4782 or onetraingirl@hotmail.com. You can also call Laura Uzzardo at the church office

Blood Drive – February 26th

Our first of four blood drives in 2008 at Cross of Glory will be Tuesday, February 26th. Heartland Blood will be here with their awesome Mobile Coach from 2:00 to 6:00 pm!

Help save a life and sign up! Every donor at this blood drive will receive a t-shirt that says...

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Please make an appointment by calling Laura @ COG (708)301-6998 or e-mail LUzzardo@TheWelcomePlace.org (but walk-ins are also welcome).

Cross of Glory Youth Ski Trip to Cascade Mountain

Who: All 6th graders & up

When: Saturday, March 1st

Time: 7:00 a.m. to Midnight – Meet at COG

Cost: \$45 - payable to Cross of Glory
plus ski or board rental of \$24
(based on 15 or more paid in advance)



Permission forms are available at the church and must be turned in by February 22nd. Questions? Call Dan Murtaugh's cell (815.351.0983).

Pick Up Your Council Nominee Bio Packet Today

There are 10 nominees for 6 positions. Biographical information is available at the Welcome Table.

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.

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

Cross of Glory's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 24th, 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.

Cross of Glory has ten nominations for council. The council will consist of 6 members of the congregation. The seventh voting member of council will be the pastor of the congregation.

At our annual meeting we will be asking you to elect six members of our council. The 10 nominees for these six positions are Beth Gervase, Ron Gustafson, Tammy Mack, Nicole Morin, Deb Murtaugh, Bill Nabors, Paul Niemeyer, Candy Schoenbeck, Dan Skowron, and Katie Wittle. Three of our nominees, Tammy Mack, Paul Niemeyer and Katie Wittle, are currently serving as council members and are running for re-election.

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 Charlotte Meehan.

Youth Program Update

Register your child for **S.E.E.** and **T.E.L.L.** before or after worship on Sundays or at the church office during the week (8:00 am to 4:00 pm). 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. They meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:30 pm. **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.

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.

Synod Green Team Event

On Saturday, **February 16, 2008** the **Synod Green Team** will host a **training event for congregational Green Teams** offering practical and inspirational guidance and resources for the process of bringing "care of creation" into congregations. The event will take place from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center in Oregon, Illinois. Anyone interested in "**greening**" **our congregation** is encouraged to attend. Congregational teams of 3-5 people would be ideal. There is no charge for the workshop. However, in order to adequately plan for set-up and food, please let the church office know if you are interested in attending and Laura will take care of registration for you.

Book Reading Group News

The Book Reading Group's next book is *The Inheritance of Loss* by Kiran Desai. We will meet on Sunday, February 17th at 6:00 pm at Barnes and Noble in Orland Park. We will discuss the book and select our next book

Sprinkler System Donations Needed

We need to raise \$17,000 for a compressor and labor and for septic tank removal. Please see the display on the back wall for an explanation of the costs. Please place your donations in the basket with the hydrant cutout.

Help is Needed at COG – What Can You Offer?

Volunteers are needed in a number of areas. Please call the church office or contact any member of Council. Phone numbers and e-mails are on page one of this newsletter.

Door Greeters	Stewardship Team
Adult Ushers	Prayer and Caring Team
Worship Coordinators	Glory Seekers
Musicians / Singers	Maintenance
Readers	Groundskeeper
Sound	Indoor Plant Caretaker
Video / Cable	VBS Director(S)
PowerPoint Creator	Easter Egg Hunt Leader(s)
PowerPoint Operators	SEE Teachers/Helpers
Kids Klub Leaders	TELL Teachers/Helpers

Casa Jóvenes Dos (Casa Youth Trip II)

The dates of the trip are August 2, 2008 through August 9, 2008. Those who are interested can sign up now through February 17th. The sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Table. (Just because you express an interest does not commit you to attending.)

There will be an informational parent/youth meeting on Thursday, February 21st for those who are interested in going to Casa. The meeting will begin at 7:00 and will be held at COG.

The final sign-up week (for those who are definitely planning to attend) is February 24th through the 29th. Mandatory team-building dates are to follow.

If anyone has any questions, they can e-mail Dan Murtaugh at murtznl@comcast.net or call him at (815) 351-0983.

Friday Night Bible Study

We are studying the book of Revelation on Friday nights at 7:00 at the church. This Friday we will hear Revelation 19 as we go back to the Max Lucado book on Revelation (Chapter 8). Join us for some lively and informative discussions. If you have any questions, please see Tom or Debbie Waller.

The Welcome Place Preschool

14719 W 163rd St., Homer Glen



Registration is Open for the Fall Session

Now Open for Current & Previous Student Families and COG Members. Open to all on February 4th at 9:00 am

Welcoming All Children Since 2002

Open House January 29th 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 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!

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COG Surplus Items

Cross of Glory is looking to clean out one of our storage units we pay for. We have a couple of items we would like to get rid of.

- Very Heavy Duty Metal Storage Shelving
- Wooden Double Sided Shelf Unit on Wheels

Interested parties may contact Laura in the church office for more information.

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

Receipts for the Week of January 20 th	Receipts for the Week of January 27 th
General Fund: \$2,367	General Fund: \$2,254
Donations to Casa: \$105	Donations to Casa: \$50
Outreach: \$4	Outreach: \$20
Children's Ministry (S.E.E.): \$125	Children's Ministry (S.E.E.): \$25 / T.E.L.L.: \$25
Water / Fire Fund: \$90 / Adult Ed: \$6	Building Use: \$49
Attendance: 97	Attendance: 109

Upcoming Events for Cross of Glory

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

Sunday	02/03	Kid's Klub Led by Chris and Caryl
Sunday	02/03	Couples Bible Study – After Worship
Monday	02/04	T.E.L.L – 7:00 pm
Monday	02/04	Men's Bible Study – 8:15 pm
Tuesday	02/05	Primary Election Day
Wednesday	02/06	No S.E.E. – Ash Wednesday Service
Wednesday	02/06	Ash Wednesday Service – 7:00 pm
Friday	02/08	Friday Night Bible Study – Revelation – 7:00 pm
Sunday	02/10	Kid's Klub Led by Tammy Mack
Sunday	02/10	Preaching and Assisting Team Meeting – After Worship
Sunday	02/10	Council Meeting – After Worship
Tuesday	02/12	Senior Bingo
Wednesday	02/13	S.E.E. – 6:00 pm
Sunday	02/03	Kid's Klub Led by Mary Beth and Sarah
Sunday	02/17	Book Reading Group – 6:00 pm at Barnes & Noble in Orland Park
Sunday	02/17	Prayer Team Meeting
Monday	02/18	No T.E.L.L.
Friday	02/22	Ladies Night Out at the Movies
Sunday	02/24	Annual Meeting – 10:30 am
Tuesday	02/26	Blood Drive – 2:00 to 6:00 pm
Wednesday	02/27	Newsletter Folding

Please Keep These People and Concerns in Your Prayers

Donna; Family and Friends of John Beller; Family and Friends of Helen B.; Uhrenbacher Family; 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; S.E.E., T.E.L.L., and Kids Klub Leaders; Youth of 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).