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In The Loop – News for February 10th, 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.

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...**don8 bl% d**

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).

Kid's Collection Going for LOMC

The last session of SEE the children and congregation collected money for SOS Children's Village. The total collected was \$439.66! God is Good! We will be purchasing gift cards to various places like McDonalds, Pizza Hut, Bowling, Movies, etc... Places they may not be able to go to very often. Thanks for every penny!

For our next collection we will be collecting for Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center (LOMC) in Oregon Illinois. This is a Lutheran camp ground with many programs to offer everyone – retreats, summer camps, family camping, day camps, and more. With the funds we collect we could sponsor a child to go to camp or even help to maintain the facilities! We have 2008 summer camp brochures available in the Welcome Room. You can find out more about LOMC by visiting their website www.lomc.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.

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

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

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

- To recap COG's activities in the past year
- Hear reports from our teams
- Look towards our future
- Elect the Congregation Council

Friday Night Bible Study

We are studying the book of Revelation on Friday nights at 7:00 at the church. If you have any questions, please see Tom or Debbie Waller.

Sprinkler System Update!

On Monday, February 18th, the plumbers will be at COG hooking up **Lake Michigan water** to the building and to the Fire Sprinkler System. The water will need to be turned off for a good part of the day. The next step will be to have the fire sprinkler system finished by a specialized installer. **Donations are needed to offset these costs!** Please place your donations in the basket with the hydrant cutout.

New Sermon Series Starts Next Week

Next Sunday, we are starting a new sermon theme for Lent titled *Jesus Christ – Superstar!*. Pastor Gene starts with **Priests/Jews** (power; tradition and closed minds).

Youth Program Update

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. Cost is \$25 per child with a family maximum of \$50.

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.

Sharon Aden Needs Your Help!

HELP ME! Someone has charged me with **aiding and abetting MDA** with the intent of **helping area residents** with **muscular dystrophy**. I am being locked up for MDA on February 21st, 2008 and my bail is \$1,600.

Please help the MDA Foundation. Your financial help will send a child to MDA camp, assist someone getting a wheelchair, provide physical, occupational or respiratory therapy, or help in research. Checks are tax deductible and should be made out to MDA. You may leave your donation with me or drop a donation off to me here at Cross of Glory. Thank you for your willingness to help the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Sharon Aden

Book Reading Group News

The Book Reading Group will discuss *The Inheritance of Loss* and also *Water for Elephants*. We will meet on Sunday, February 17th at 6:00 pm at Barnes and Noble in Orland Park. We will also select our next book. Contact Cheryl Nabors with questions.

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.

Ladies Group – Movie Night on Feb 22nd

Fool's Gold. Sign up for this event in the Welcome Room or contact Debbie Murtaugh or Laura Uzzardo. We will car-pool from church. Time to be announced.

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.

Find Hope in Couples Bible Study

This group meets for brunch after church on Sundays for about an hour and a half. We will gather next on February 17th as we continue with chapter four of the study *Hope: Your Heart's Deepest Longings* by Jack Kuhatschek. We look forward to more great discussions.

The Welcome Place Preschool

14719 W 163rd St., Homer Glen



Registration is Open for the Fall Session

Welcoming All Children Since 2002

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

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 February 3 rd	Receipts for the Week of January 27 th
General Fund: \$5,036	General Fund: \$2,254
Donations to Casa: \$115	Donations to Casa: \$50
Outreach: \$4	Outreach: \$20
Children's Ministry (S.E.E.): \$400	Children's Ministry (S.E.E.): \$25 / T.E.L.L.: \$25
Youth Ministry (T.E.L.L.): \$150	
Building Use: \$325	Building Use: \$49
Attendance: 98	Attendance: 109

Upcoming Events for Cross of Glory

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

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
Monday	02/11	T.E.L.L – 7:00 pm
Monday	02/11	Men's Bible Study – 8:15 pm
Tuesday	02/12	Senior Bingo - Noon
Wednesday	02/13	S.E.E. – 6:00 pm
Friday	02/15	Friday Night Bible Study – Revelation – 7:00 pm
Sunday	02/17	Prayer Team Meeting – 8:30 am (Note Change in Time!)
Sunday	02/17	Kid's Klub Led by Mary Beth and Sarah
Sunday	02/17	Couples Bible Study – After Worship
Sunday	02/17	Book Reading Group – 6:00 pm at Barnes & Noble in Orland Park
Monday	02/18	No T.E.L.L. (President's Day Holiday)
Thursday	02/21	Casa Youth Trip Meeting – 7:00 pm
Friday	02/22	Ladies Night Out at the Movies - Fool's Gold – Hollywood Blvd in Woodridge
Sunday	02/24	Kid's Klub Led by Bonnie and her girls
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

Chuck; Libby; The Maurella and Beller Families; The Taskay Family; The 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).