

# Cross of Glory Lutheran Church



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# In The Loop – News for February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008

## Annual Meeting - February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 10:30 AM\*

We will recap COG's activities in the past year; hear reports from our team; look towards our future; and elect the Congregation Council. There are ten nominees for six Council positions. Information on the nominees is available for your review in the Welcome Room.

If you have any questions for the council or staff and don't feel comfortable asking them in front of the congregation you may place your questions or concerns in the box that is located in the Welcome Room. \*The meeting will begin immediately after worship and will be held at Cross of Glory. Please mark your calendars and attend this meeting. **Childcare will be provided during the meeting!** A quorum (ten percent of COG's voting members) is required to conduct business.

## Blood Drive – February 26<sup>th</sup>

Our first of four blood drives in 2008 at Cross of Glory will be Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. 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 (708)301-6998 or e-mail [LUzzardo@TheWelcomePlace.org](mailto:LUzzardo@TheWelcomePlace.org) (but walk-ins are also welcome).

## Stewardship Campaign Update

The "*Renew Your Subscription*" Stewardship Campaign is under way. You should have received a subscription renewal letter and card in the mail this week. Your renewal will help pay the mortgage, pay our staff, maintain our building, and fund many of CoG's programs. We ask you to prayerfully consider *renewing your commitment* and when possible, increasing your support. Please return your renewal cards by Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Cards can be placed in the offering basket or dropped off at the office during the week.

If you have any questions, contact anyone on the Stewardship Team (Sue Gervase, Jeff Warner, Debbie Waller, Cheryl Nabors, & Sharon Aden).

## Cross of Glory Youth Ski Trip to Cascade Mountain

**Who:** All 6<sup>th</sup> graders & up

**When:** Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

**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 22<sup>nd</sup>. Questions? Call Dan Murtaugh's cell (815.351.0983).

## Welcome! What is Cross of Glory About?

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.

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.

## Sprinkler System Update!

On Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## Sermon Series Continues Next Week

Next Sunday, we are continuing our sermon theme for Lent titled *Jesus Christ – Superstar!* Beth Gervase will highlight some of the people that were very close to Jesus.

## Book Reading Group News

The Book Reading Group will discuss *The Inheritance of Loss* and also *Water for Elephants*. We will meet [today, February 17<sup>th</sup>](#) 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 and snacks are sponsored by the AA Group family. [Additional sponsors are needed.](#)

## Youth Programs at Cross of Glory

**S.E.E.** is for children 3 years of age (potty trained) through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. They meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:30 pm **T.E.L.L.** is for children in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Ladies Group – Movie Night on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>

We will be seeing *Fool's Gold* at Hollywood Boulevard Theatre in Woodridge. 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.

## Kid's Collection Going for LOMC

During 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!** Thanks for every penny!

Our next collection drive we will be 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](http://www.lomc.org)

## Attend the N.I. Synod Congregational Resourcing Event - March 8<sup>th</sup>

The Northern Illinois Synod Congregational Resourcing Event is one of this synod's finest yearly events. Everyone in the congregation is invited to attend on March 8<sup>th</sup> at Kishwaukee College in Malta, IL (near DeKalb).

The event starts at 8:30 AM and will wrap up around 3:15 PM. There is a list of the workshops in the Welcome Room. Please pre-register at the church office by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Come, experience, and bring home new ministry tools!

## 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.

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

## 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 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> (not Thursday as originally scheduled) for those who are interested in going to Casa. The meeting will begin at 7:00 and will be held at COG. If you can not make it on Wednesday, please call Dan Murtaugh directly. He will be available on Thursday evening (on request).

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

If anyone has any questions, they can e-mail Dan Murtaugh at [murtzn1@comcast.net](mailto:murtzn1@comcast.net) or call him at (815) 351-0983.

## 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 next on February 17<sup>th</sup> 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

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### 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

**708-301-3883**

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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 <sup>rd</sup>	Receipts for the Week of February 10 <sup>th</sup>
General Fund: \$5,036	General Fund: \$6,930
Donations to Casa: \$115	Donations to Casa: \$35
Outreach: \$4	Outreach: \$4
Children's Ministry (S.E.E.): \$400	Children's Ministry (S.E.E.): \$50 / T.E.L.L.: \$25
Youth Ministry (T.E.L.L.): \$150	Building Use: \$200
Building Use: \$325	Sunday Attendance: 105
Attendance: 98	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> – Attendance: 30 / Donations: \$285

## Upcoming Events for Cross of Glory

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

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| Sunday    | 02/17 | Kid's Klub Led by Mary Beth and Sarah                                      |
| Sunday    | 02/17 | Couples Bible Study – <i>Hope</i> - After Worship                          |
| Sunday    | 02/17 | Book Reading Group – 6:00 pm at Barnes & Noble in Orland Park              |
| Monday    | 02/18 | <b>No T.E.L.L.</b> (President's Day Holiday)                               |
| Monday    | 02/18 | Men's Bible Study – 8:15 pm  |
| Wednesday | 02/20 | S.E.E. – 6:00 pm   |
| Wednesday | 02/20 | Casa Youth Trip Meeting – 7:00 pm – <b>Note Change in Date</b>             |
| Friday    | 02/22 | Ladies Night Out at the Movies - Fool's Gold – Hollywood Blvd in Woodridge |
| Friday    | 02/22 | Friday Night Bible Study – Revelation – 7:00 pm                            |
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| Sunday    | 02/24 | Kid's Klub Led by Bonnie and her girls                                     |
| Sunday    | 02/24 | Annual Meeting – 10:30 am  |
| Monday    | 02/25 | T.E.L.L. – 7:00 pm   |
| Tuesday   | 02/26 | Blood Drive – 2:00 to 6:00 pm  |
| Wednesday | 02/27 | Newsletter Folding   |
|           |       |  |
| Sunday    | 03/02 | Kid's Klub Led by Chris and Caryl  |
| Saturday  | 03/08 | Congregational Resourcing Event at Kishwaukee College                      |

## Please Keep These People and Concerns in Your Prayers

Carmen; Emily; Lois; Rick; Stella; The Carroll Family; Uncle Tom; 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; All those grieving and suffering as a result of the shootings at N.I.U.

**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).