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In The Loop – News for February 24th, 2008

Blood Drive – This Tuesday, 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 (708)301-6998 or e-mail LUzzardo@TheWelcomePlace.org (but walk-ins are also welcome).

Stewardship Campaign Update

The "Renew Your Subscription" Stewardship Campaign is under way. You should have already received a subscription renewal letter and card in the mail.

Please take some time this week to consider how much of God's creation has been entrusted to you. We ask you to prayerfully consider *renewing your commitment* and when possible, increasing your support.

Your renewal will help pay the mortgage, pay our staff, maintain our building, and fund many of CoG's programs. Please return your renewal cards by Sunday, March 2nd. 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 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)

Questions? Call Dan Murtaugh's cell (815.351.0983).

Two Services on Easter

Cross of Glory will be having two services on Easter Sunday. Join us at 9:15 am or 11:00am. Volunteers are needed for both services. Please sign up on the whiteboard in the Welcome Room.

Palm Sunday Seder Meal

CoG will be having a Seder meal. Learn a little about the culture of Jesus! Supply donations will be needed. More details to follow.

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**
- **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!

COG now has **Lake Michigan water**. 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!* Pastor Gene will speak on Pontius Pilate and the failure to accept responsibility.

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 on March 2nd, March 30th, April 13th, and April 27th to continue with the last four chapters of the study *Hope: Your Heart's Deepest Longings* by Jack Kuhatschek. **Jump in anytime for some great discussions. Everyone is Welcome!**

Youth Programs at Cross of Glory

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 **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.

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

Attend the N.I. Synod Congregational Resourcing Event - March 8th

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 8th 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 1st. Come, experience, and bring home new ministry tools!

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 Sandi Rusek.

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.)

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

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

The Book Reading Group Update

After a wonderful discussion of *Water for Elephants* last week, the group selected *The Priest's Madonna* by Amy Hassinger for our next book.

We will meet on Sunday, April 6th at 6:00 pm at Barnes & Noble in Orland Park. Everyone is welcome to read the book, join the discussion, and help us choose our next book. For additional information, contact Cheryl Nabors.

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 17 th	Receipts for the Week of February 10 th
General Fund: \$3,492	General Fund: \$6,930
Donations to Casa: \$25	Donations to Casa: \$35
Outreach: \$4	Outreach: \$4
Worship Supplies (Snacks): \$50	Children's Ministry (S.E.E.): \$50 / T.E.L.L.: \$25
	Building Use: \$200
	Sunday Attendance: 105
Attendance: 107	Ash Wednesday – Attendance: 30 / Donations: \$285

Upcoming Events for Cross of Glory

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

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
Monday	02/25	Men's Bible Study – 8:15 pm
Tuesday	02/26	Blood Drive – 2:00 to 6:00 pm
Wednesday	02/27	Newsletter Folding
Wednesday	02/27	S.E.E. – 6:00 pm
Friday	02/29	Friday Night Bible Study – Revelation – 7:00 pm
Saturday	03/01	Youth Ski Trip – 7:00 am
Sunday	03/02	Kid's Klub Led by Chris and Caryl
Sunday	03/02	Couples Bible Study – <i>Hope</i> - After Worship
Saturday	03/08	Congregational Resourcing Event at Kishwaukee College
Sunday	03/09	Kid's Klub led by Tammy & Amber
Sunday	03/16	Kid's Klub led by Bonnie and Girls
Sunday	03/16	Palm Sunday - Seder Meal following service
Sunday	03/23	Easter Sunday – Two Services
Sunday	04/06	Book Reading Group – 6:00 at Barnes & Noble in Orland Park

Please Keep These People and Concerns in Your Prayers

Chuck; Tammy; All those searching for a Church Home; Men and Women in The Armed Services; Those struggling with mental illness; 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).