

# Cross of Glory Lutheran Church



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# In The Loop – News for March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008

## Annual Meeting Recap

On Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at CoG's annual meeting the congregation elected the following members to the church council. Our new church council is Beth Gervase, Tammy Mack, Nicole Morin, Debbie Murtaugh, Paul Niemeyer and Katie Wittle. Congratulations to them all! Our next church council meeting is on March 9<sup>th</sup> following worship.

## “Thank You” to Sue Gervase, Pat Runnion and Jodi Tanrikulu

Thank you to Sue Gervase, Pat Runnion and Jodi Tanrikulu who have served on Council for the past year. Their prayerful dedication in serving as a leader of this congregation has been a gift to us all. We'll miss you on Council, but look forward to seeing where God is calling you to serve next! THANK YOU!!

## Additional Thanks...

Thank you to Susan Burner and Tom Bonick for being available to count ballots for the annual meeting. Thank you to Tammy Mack for leading the annual meeting. Thanks to the Nabors for providing the snacks. Thanks again everyone!

## Holy Week

Lent is a 40-day liturgical season that began on Ash Wednesday and concludes at the Great Vigil of Easter. The **Sunday of the Passion** or Palm Sunday begins the last week of Lent, known as Holy Week. During this holiest time of the church year, the worship services relive the final week of our Lord's human life. Holy Week includes Maundy Thursday, when Christians observe Christ's "Last Supper" – the institution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion -- and the mandate to serve one another in love. Good Friday commemorates the imprisonment, trial and death by crucifixion of Jesus.

## Holy Week Schedule:

March 16<sup>th</sup> - **Palm Sunday**

**Seder Meal** following worship service – Seder Meal items are needed. See the sign-up sheet or call the office for more details.

March 20<sup>th</sup> - **Maundy Thursday**

Service at 7:00 PM (with **First Communion**)

March 21<sup>st</sup> - **Good Friday** Service at 7:00 PM

March 23<sup>rd</sup> - **Easter Sunday** with worship at **9:15 and 11:00 AM**

## From the Bishop ...Help NIU Campus Ministry

At the Congregational Resourcing Event on Saturday March 8th we will be receiving a special offering for Lutheran Campus Ministry at Northern Illinois University. Please be prepared to be as generous as possible. If you are unable to attend but would like to give a gift to Lutheran Campus Ministry at NIU please send it to the Northern Illinois Synod, 103 W State Street, Rockford, IL 61101. Please indicate on the check, NIU Campus Ministry.

## Welcome!

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.

## Sprinkler System Update!

CoG now has **Lake Michigan water**. Donations are needed to offset these costs! Please place your donations in the basket with the hydrant cutout.

## 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 March 2<sup>nd</sup>, March 30<sup>th</sup>, April 13<sup>th</sup>, and April 27<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## Congratulations!

Today, during the Children's Message, Cody and Hunter Kolbus will be receiving their pin for participating in the *God and Country* program of the Cub Scouts. They will wear these pins proudly!

## Easter Lilies and Hyacinths Sale

Lilies and hyacinths will be used to decorate for Easter Sunday Worship and may be picked up after the service you attend. Your plant may be given "In Remembrance of" or "In Honor of" a special person in your life. Donations will also be accepted to purchase Easter Lilies or Hyacinths to decorate the church. These plants also make a great gift for your family, friends, and/or neighbors.

**Each plant is \$15.00 and order forms are due by March 16<sup>th</sup>.** You can pick up an order form in the welcome area at the church. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 708-301-6998.

## 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.

## Kid's Collection Going for LOMC

Our current collection drive is for the Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center (LOMC) in Oregon Illinois. This is a Lutheran campground with programs to offer everyone – retreats, summer camps, family camping, day camps, and more. Find out more about LOMC by visiting their website [www.lomc.org](http://www.lomc.org)

## Coffee and Snack Sponsorship

Generous sponsors donate \$10 a week to help Cross of Glory provide snacks and fairly-traded coffee. Today, coffee is sponsored by Sandi Rusek and snacks are sponsored by the Sommerfelds.

## Stewardship Campaign Update

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 for Cross of Glory.

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

## 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>

## Easter Egg Hunt Scheduled for March 22<sup>nd</sup>

Rain or shine CoG is having an Easter egg hunt! Bring your children for a morning of fun on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. We have a wonderful family event planned to start at 10:00 AM. The hunt is for children ages 2-10 years old. We have games, crafts and loads of fun planned for all of the children that attend. Please sign up in the welcome area if you can bring cookies, juice, plastic eggs or candy.

**We are looking for volunteers** to help with set-up, clean up, a photographer, and helpers for the morning of the hunt. If you would like more information please contact the church office.

## The Book Reading Group Update

The group has selected *The Priest's Madonna* by Amy Hassinger for our next book. We will meet on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Friday Night Bible Study Not Meeting in March

We have finished studying Revelation and will be taking a short break. Check back here for information on our next study.

## 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

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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 <sup>th</sup>	Receipts for the Week of February 24 <sup>th</sup>
General Fund: \$3,492	General Fund: \$2,066
Donations to Casa: \$25	Donations to Casa: \$10
Outreach: \$4	Outreach: \$4
Worship Supplies (Snacks): \$50	Sprinkler Fund: \$30
	Building Use: \$25
Attendance: 107	Attendance: 112

## Upcoming Events for Cross of Glory

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

Sunday	03/02	Kid's Klub Led by Chris and Caryl
Sunday	03/02	Couples Bible Study – <i>Hope</i> - After Worship
Monday	03/03	T.E.L.L – 7:00 pm
Monday	02/25	Men's Bible Study – 8:15 pm
Wednesday	03/05	S.E.E. – 6:00 pm
Friday	03/07	<b>Friday Night Group NOT Meeting</b>
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
Thursday	03/20	Maundy Thursday Service with First Communion – 7:00 pm
Friday	03/21	Good Friday Service – 7:00 pm
Saturday	03/22	Easter Egg Hunt – 10:00 am
Sunday	03/23	Easter Sunday Services – 9:15 am and 11:00 am
Sunday	04/06	Book Reading Group – 6:00 at Barnes & Noble in Orland Park

## Please Keep These People and Concerns in Your Prayers

Dennis; Family of Jean Schuberth; Jeanette & family ; Ken & Unit (deploying to Kuwait); Lee Burner; Pat & Larry; Paula Gustafson; Scott & Cassie; Teachers Everywhere; Terry; For the new council members voted in – Katie, Tammy, Beth, Debbie, Paul, and Nicole; For the council members that are not returning – Pat, Jodi, and Sue; For those that were not elected – Ron, Dan, Bill, and Candy; 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](mailto:SAden@TheWelcomePlace.org), or call the Ministry Center Office at (708.301.6998).