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In The Loop – Weekly News for April 6th, 2008

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.

Easter Egg Hunt Recap and Thanks

Thanks to everyone that helped with the Easter egg hunt. We had about 75 children and 40 parents in attendance on Saturday, March 22 for the hunt. Due to the weather the Easter egg hunt was held indoors.

Thank you very much to Chris Quemeneur for planning and coordinating the hunt. Thank you to everyone that helped by providing candy, juice, cookies and eggs. Thanks to Laura Uzzardo, Caryl Hruska and Chris Quemeneur for filling the eggs and helping the SEE and Kid's Klub children fill eggs. Thanks to Debbie and Dan Murtaugh, Kattie Wittle, Pam Schultz, Kelly Sullivan, Sharon Aden, Kent Munro & Virginia Munro for preparing the building for the egg hunt on Friday evening. Those that volunteered to help on Saturday morning for the Easter egg hunt were: Marsha Capperino, Chris Quemeneur, Cassie Quemeneur, Lexi Quemeneur, Debbie & Dan Murtaugh, Paul Niemeyer, Glen Schoenbeck, Michelle Schoenbeck, Glen Schoenbeck Jr., and Kent Munro & Virginia Munro. Thank you again to everyone that helped to make the Easter egg hunt a success.

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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 April 6th and April 20th to continue with the last two chapters of the study *Hope: Your Heart's Deepest Longings* by Jack Kuhatschek. **Jump in anytime for some great discussions.**

Friday Night Group Doing Study of Psalms

On April 4th, we started to discuss *Praying the Psalms* by Juanita Ryan. This book and study will help us go deeper into our relationship with God. This group meets at CoG on Fridays at 7:00 pm. **Everyone is welcome to join us! You don't need to be able to attend every week!**

Casa Runners Return to the Chicago Marathon

Casa de los Angeles is an official charity of the Bank of America Chicago Marathon. Runners interested in joining the team can get more information at marathon.casadelosangeles.org.

Holy Communion Celebration

Austin and Nathan Kolada will celebrate their Holy Communion today.

E.L.C.A. Social Statement

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is in the process of developing a social statement on human sexuality. The draft social statement was released on March 13, 2008, via the Web, and all congregations were sent copies of the draft. The Northern Illinois Synod will hold hearings on this draft to listen to comments and receive feedback from members of this church.

The NI Synod will host two hearings for members to comment on the text of the **ELCA Draft Social Statement on Human Sexuality**: Monday, **April 21**, 7-9 pm at Gloria Dei in Rockford, IL and Thursday, **April 24**, 7-9 pm at St. John's in Peru, IL.

There are several ways to receive a copy of the Draft Social Statement on Human Sexuality...

- www.nisynod.org/faithfuljourney
- www.elca.org/faithfuljourney
- By talking to someone on council or staff

Stewardship Campaign Update

We ask you to prayerfully consider how much of God's creation has been entrusted to you and then *renewing your commitment* and when possible, increasing your support for Cross of Glory.

Please return your renewal cards today. 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 (Beth Gervase, Jeff Warner, Debbie Waller, Cheryl Nabors, & Sharon Aden)

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.

Thank You to the Communion Teachers

Thank you to Barb Taskay, Jessica Taskay and Colleen Ganzer for teaching the Holy Communion class this year. Their hard work and dedication to teaching the children about Holy Communion was very much appreciated by the parents and the congregation. Thank you again!

CoG Vacation Bible School Starts July 21st

Before you know it, it will be that time of the year... VBS TIME!! We are asking for everyone to spend some time in prayer about how you can help with Vacation Bible School (VBS).

We need Group Leaders (Teachers), Crew Leaders, and helpers. We will provide you with all the materials and training that you need for a successful week of teaching the children about Jesus. We will be having an informational meeting very soon. Our Co-Directors for this year are Amanda Sandy and Candy Schoenbeck. Thank – you to both of you for volunteering to lead VBS this year.

Vacation Bible School will be the week of July 21st. If you are interested in helping or would like some more information you may contact Amanda at amandarsandy@gmail.com or 815-212-1023 or Candy at csgsaa@comcast.net. or 815-485-0774.

There will be a meeting after church today at 10:30.

The Book Reading Group Update

The group has selected *The Priest's Madonna* by Amy Hassinger for our next book. We will meet tonight, 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.

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.

There will be a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on May 17th at 4:30 pm.

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	SEE Teachers/Helpers
PowerPoint Operators	TELL Teachers/Helpers
	Kids Klub Leaders

Casa Team Jovenes Dos

On August 2 – 9 Cross of Glory will be sending another youth group to Casa de los Angeles. The team, Casa Jovenes Dos, consists of Amanda Fitton, Corey Zahora, Josh Tanrikulu, Josh Marszalek, Alex Gustafson, Anna Bengtson, Sarah Randle, and Ryan Carbonneau. Dan Murtaugh, Jamie Knutson and Melissa Murtaugh will be chaperoning. Please keep this team and their chaperones in your prayers.

Their first fund raiser will be on Sunday, May 11th (Mother's Day) and will be a bake sale here at the church.

Good Shepherd Sunday

April 13, the fourth Sunday of Easter, is Good Shepherd Sunday. It's a day to focus on ways that the church carries out its shepherding ministry today . . . a day to ask, "How does the church care for people in need in our community?" Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) — your congregation's statewide social ministry organization — has been caring for God's lambs and sheep for more than 140 years.

The World Needs What We Have!

Kid's Collection Going for LOMC

Our current collection drive is for the Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center (LOMC) in Oregon Illinois. Find out more about LOMC by visiting their website www.lomc.org

Gracefully Green Group

Grace Episcopal Church in New Lenox is hosting the *Gracefully Green Group* in their church hall. This group will meet the first Tuesday of every month starting on April 1st at 7:00 PM. The topic of the meetings will cover means to living an environmentally friendly lifestyle. Meetings are FREE and there is no membership fee. Come and check us out. Grace Episcopal Church is located at 209 North Pine Street in New Lenox.

CoG's Five Guiding Principles

- ✠ Jesus is Lord
- ✠ Everyone is Welcome
- ✠ Love Changes People
- ✠ Everybody has Something to Offer
- ✠ The World Needs What We Have

CoG's Mission Statement

"Celebrating God...Sharing Christ...Today!"

CoG's Vision

To create a community of faith so compelling that it draws people in and transforms them so that they can change the world.

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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A Ministry of Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

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

Receipts for the Week of March 30 th	Receipts for the Week of March 23 rd
General Fund: \$2,036	General Fund / Easter: \$4,701
Donations to Casa: \$44	Donations to Casa: \$95
Building Use: \$120	Youth Ministry (T.E.L.L.): \$25
Worship Supplies (Easter Plants): \$30	Palm Sunday: \$50
	Maundy Thursday: \$195 / Attendance: 130
	Good Friday: \$140 / Attendance: 35
Attendance: 109	Attendance (Easter): 238

Upcoming Events for Cross of Glory

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

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| Sunday | 04/06 | VBS Meeting – After Worship |
| | 04/06 | Couples Bible Study – <i>Hope</i> - After Worship |
| | 04/06 | Book Reading Group – 6:00 at Barnes & Noble in Orland Park |
| Monday | 04/07 | T.E.L.L. – 7:00 pm |
| Wednesday | 04/09 | S.E.E. – 6:00 pm |
| Friday | 04/11 | Friday Night Bible Study Group Starts Study of Psalms– 7:00 pm |
| Sunday | 04/13 | Church Council Meeting – After Worship |
| Monday | 04/14 | T.E.L.L.(Last Class) – 7:00 pm |
| Wednesday | 04/16 | S.E.E. – 6:00 pm |
| Sunday | 04/20 | Couples Bible Study – <i>Hope</i> - After Worship |
| Wednesday | 04/23 | S.E.E. (Last Night of Spring Session) – 6:00 pm |
| Wednesday | 04/30 | Newsletter Folding |
| Sunday | 05/11 | Bake Sale for Casa Trip |
| Saturday | 05/17 | Sprinkler Fund Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser – 4:30 pm |

Please Keep These People and Concerns in Your Prayers

Chuck; Cunnea Family; Grandma L. Williams; Johnny; Kathy; Ken; Mary, Mallory, Emily, and Hillary; Mayburne; Wayne & Children; Donna & Miguel, The Families and Volunteers at Casa

Victims of Severe Weather; World Leaders; All those Searching for a Church Home; Men and Women in The Armed Services; Cross of Glory; CoG Council; CoG Call Team; Pastors Interested in Serving 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).