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In The Loop – Weekly News for April 13th, 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.

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Good Shepherd Sunday

Today, 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!

Find Hope in Couples Bible Study – Next Sunday

This group meets for brunch after church on Sundays for about an hour and a half. We will gather on April 20th to discuss the last chapter of the study *Hope: Your Heart's Deepest Longings* by Jack Kuhatschek. **Join us for a great discussion.**

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!**

Cross of Glory Wishes to Thank...

Thank you to Andrew Kjos for updating the staff computers! This is very appreciated by staff and has saved Cross of Glory a lot of money!

Thank you to John Uzzardo for taking care of some unpleasant toilet plumbing problems. This has saved Cross of Glory at least \$100.

Thank you to the Homer Township Seniors Group for donating another 2 folding tables! They meet at Cross of Glory once a month for lunch and Bingo! The group is growing and is now up to 100 seniors!

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

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

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.

Casa Runners in 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.

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 on May 18th and training on June 21st.

The Book Reading Group Update

After meeting last Sunday, the Book Reading Group has selected *The Alienist* by Caleb Carr as its next book. If you like murder mysteries, read the book and join us for a great discussion. We will meet on Sunday, May 18th at 6:00 pm at Barnes and Noble in Orland Park. Contact Cheryl Nabors with any questions.

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.

Sprinkler System Fund Raiser

There will be a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on May 17th. This will be a community event to raise funds for the sprinkler system. Hours are 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 for those 11 and older, \$5 for those 10 and under. There will be plenty of food, a silent auction, and the bands will be playing. Church members are encouraged to donate items for the silent auction and to ask friends, colleagues, and family to come to dinner and support the event.

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
Soundlu	Indoor Plant Caretaker
Video / Cable	SEE Teachers/Helpers
PowerPoint Operators	TELL Teachers/Helpers
	Kids Klub Leaders

Casa Team Jovenes Dos

On August 2nd to 9th, 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 sponsored by the T.E.L.L. youth. It will be a bake sale on Sunday, May 11th (Mother's Day) and will take place here at the church.

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.

CoG Council Meets Today

Council meets today after worship.

CoG Prayer Team Meets Next Sunday

Join us next Sunday morning, April 20th, at 8:30 am

CoG Preaching & Assisting Team Meets Next Sunday

Join us after worship next Sunday, April 20th.

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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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 April 6 th
General Fund: \$2,036	General Fund / Easter: \$2,919
Donations to Casa: \$44	Donations to Casa: \$25
Building Use: \$120	Building Use: \$150
Worship Supplies (Easter Plants): \$30	Fire Sprinkler Fund: \$10
Attendance: 109	Attendance: 118

Upcoming Events for Cross of Glory

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

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
Friday	04/18	Friday Night Bible Study Group Starts Study of Psalms– 7:00 pm
Sunday	04/20	Prayer Team Meeting – 8:30 am
	04/20	Couples Bible Study – <i>Hope</i> - After Worship
	04/20	Preaching & Assisting Team Meeting 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
Sunday	05/18	VBS Meeting - After Worship
Saturday	06/21	VBS Training

Please Keep These People and Concerns in Your Prayers

Anna; Chuck; Dennis; John; Joshua; Ken & Pat; Maria; Paul ; Tom; Employees of St Francis Hospital; 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).