

# Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

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## *In The Loop* – Weekly News for April 20<sup>th</sup>, 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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### Women's Group Charity Purse Project – April 29<sup>th</sup>

Women's Group night is Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm here at Cross of Glory. The night is all about purses. We will do a purse charity project for *Groundwork*, the women's shelter. Bring a purse that you no longer need and some items from the list. Let's fill up those purses with women's supplies for those in need! See the list of needed items in your bulletin. Samantha from *Groundwork*, our local women's shelter will be here with us. Come join us! See Sharon Aden for details.

### Cross of Glory Wishes to Thank...

**Thank you to Charlotte Meehan** for helping with some clerical work last week by preparing a mailing and putting together Visitor Packets.

**Thank you to Tom Bonick** for putting the tables away and setting up the chairs. Cross of Glory had 2 different programs here from the community using our building.

**Thank you to Jodi Tanrikulu** for Glory Seeking the past two weeks. Jodi has been one of Cross of Glory's Glory Seekers since 2001. Glory Seekers drop off fresh cookies and some information about COG to new visitor's home. If you would like to be a Glory Seeker please talk to Jodi or one of the staff members.

### Pentecost Sunday is May 11<sup>th</sup> – Wear Red!

May 11<sup>th</sup> is Pentecost Sunday and Mother's Day. The sanctuary color for Pentecost Sunday is **red**, the color of the church. Technically, red is used only for the Sunday of Pentecost, although some churches use red for the Sundays between Easter and Pentecost Sunday. **We would like everyone to wear something red on Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.** It doesn't matter what it is as long as you have some red on.

### Friday Night Group Discussing Psalms

On April 4<sup>th</sup>, 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!**

## 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.elca.org/faithfuljourney](http://www.elca.org/faithfuljourney)
- By talking to someone on council or staff

## Kid's Collection Going for LOMC

Our current collection drive is for the Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center (LOMC) in Oregon Illinois.

## Spring Cleaning Day at Cross of Glory

**Spring Cleaning day here at COG will** be Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> following worship. Everyone is encouraged to wear their grubby clothes and join us for a day of sprucing this place up. Bring your buckets, sponges/rags, work gloves and anything else that you would use for cleaning inside and outside.

## Earth Day is This Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Consider what you might do for your planet.

- Recycle, Reuse, and Reduce.
- Car pool, bike, walk or use mass transit
- Use soy candles (made from a renewable resource & completely biodegradable).
- Use washable and reusable coffee cups at work, functions and on Sunday morning at worship. (Remember to bring them home.)
- Turn off computers and other electronic devices when they won't be used for at least half an hour.
- Conduct an energy audit of your home.

## CoG Vacation Bible School Starts July 21<sup>st</sup>

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 21<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested in helping or would like some more information you may contact Amanda at [amandarsandy@gmail.com](mailto:amandarsandy@gmail.com) or 815-212-1023 or Candy at [csgsaa@comcast.net](mailto:csgsaa@comcast.net). or 815-485-0774.

There will be a meeting after church on May 18<sup>th</sup> and training on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

## The Book Reading Group Update

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 Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 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 17<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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

## Casa Team Jovenes Dos

On August 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Casa Youth trip meetings are on April 27<sup>th</sup>, May 18<sup>th</sup>, June 8<sup>th</sup>, June 29<sup>th</sup>, and July 20<sup>th</sup>. These meetings are on Sunday and will follow worship service.

## Casa Jovenes Dos Bake Sale

On **Sunday, May 11th**, Mother's Day, Casa Jovenes Dos will be having a bake sale here at Cross of Glory. The teens will have all sorts of tasty treats to sell and help raise money for their trip to Casa de Los Angeles in August. The Bake Sale will begin at 8:45AM and run after the church service. If you would like to donate baked items to sell please talk to Dan Murtaugh or Jamie Knutson. Come help support our Casa youth team!

## 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](http://marathon.casadelosangeles.org).

## Preaching & Assisting Team Meets Today

Join us after worship.

## What "Green" Means to Christians

Earth Day is April 22nd. On the following 5 Sundays we'll consider what "green" means for Christians.

### April 27th- Green Goes with 'God and Good'

Psalm 104:1-9

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

### May 4th - Green Goes with 'Joy' and Joyous 'Stewardship'

Psalm 104:10-24

Matthew 25:14-23

### May 11th - Green Goes with 'Spirit', 'Love', and 'Peace'

Acts 17:22-29

John 14:1415-27

### May 18th - Green Goes with 'Faith'

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Matthew 6:24-34

### May 25th - Green Goes with 'Hope'

1 Peter 3:9-18

Romans 8:12-27

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## 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

## 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.

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

Receipts for the Week of April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Receipts for the Week of April 6 <sup>th</sup>
General Fund: \$5,369	General Fund / Easter: \$2,919
Donations to Casa: \$35	Donations to Casa: \$25
Building Use: \$400	Building Use: \$150
Fire Sprinkler Fund: \$5	Fire Sprinkler Fund: \$10
Attendance: 105	Attendance: 118

## Upcoming Events for Cross of Glory

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

Sunday	04/20	Preaching & Assisting Team Meeting After Worship
	04/20	<b>Hope</b> Bible Study – After Worship
Wednesday	04/23	S.E.E. (Last Night of Spring Session) – 6:00 pm
Friday	04/25	Friday Night Bible Study – <i>Praying the Psalms</i> – 7:00 pm
Sunday	04/27	Casa Youth Trip Meeting – After Worship
Wednesday	04/30	Newsletter Folding
Sunday	05/04	Spring Cleanup Day at Cross of Glory – After Worship
Sunday	05/11	Bake Sale for Casa Trip – 8:45 am to 9:00 am and After Worship
Saturday	05/17	Sprinkler Fund Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser – 4:30 pm
Sunday	05/18	VBS Meeting - After Worship
	05/18	Casa Youth Trip Meeting – After Worship
	05/18	Book Reading Group – Barnes & Noble – 7:00 pm
Saturday	06/21	VBS Training

## Please Keep These People and Concerns in Your Prayers

Chuck; Dean; Debbie; Dennis; Jamie; Jeremy; Laura & Family; Virginia; People whose homes are in foreclosure; People selling their homes; CASA (low on funds); Pastor Gene for sticking by COG in this CALL process; Donna & Miguel, The Families and Volunteers at Casa; 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).