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In The Loop – Weekly News for May 4th, 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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Question and Answer Session with Pastoral Candidate PJ Malin Thursday at 7 pm

Pentecost Sunday is Next Sunday, May 11th – Wear Red!

May 11th 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 11th.** It doesn't matter what it is as long as you have some red on.

Death Notice – Tom Byrne

Cross of Glory is saddened to announce the death of Tom Byrne from injuries suffered in an auto accident. **A memorial service is scheduled at Cross of Glory on Saturday morning, May 10th, at 10:30.** Watch your COG News or call the church office for more information.

Teacher Appreciation Day

This week is Teacher Appreciation Week. Cross of Glory wishes to acknowledge all of our teachers and thank all of our members who serve CoG as teachers.

Welcome Place Preschool Teachers: Jodie Brne, Gail Knutson, Jamie Knutson, Debbie Nagy, Virginia Munro, Jodi Tanrikulu, and Andrea Trench

Kids Klub Leaders: Bonnie Atkinson, Emily Atkinson, Caity Atkinson, Megan Gervase, Caryl Hruska, Amber Ihrke, Tammy Mack, Chris Quemeneur, Mary Beth Randle, and Sarah Randle.

T.E.L.L. Teachers: Beth Gervase, Dan Murtaugh, Marty Rafacz, and Amanda Sandy

S.E.E. Teachers & Helpers: Anna Bengtson, Colleen Ganzer, Kellie Henry, Caryl Hruska, Lori Marek, Shelby Maurella, Kelly Mizera, Terri Niemeyer, Valerie Plotke, Holly Sykora, Barb Taskay, Andrea Uhrenbacher and Laura Uzzardo

Bible Study Leaders: Andrew Kjos, Nicole and Andy Morin, Pastor Gene Peisker, and Debbie and Tom Waller

Donate Green Cleaning Products

On June 13th, Cross of Glory will be attending the Northern Illinois Synod Assembly. You can help support the greening initiative of the NIS by bringing **Green** Cleaning Products for the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center. Preferred items are Clorox **Green** Cleaning for Windows, Bathrooms, or All-Purpose Cleaner. Gift cards from Menards and Ace Hardware are also requested.

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.



SPAGHETTI SUPPER FUNDRAISER!

Benefiting the **Fire Sprinkler Fund**

Saturday, May 17th

4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Cross of Glory

Bands * Raffles

Silent Auction

50/50 Raffle * Good Food

Kids Games

Ticket Prices

Adults (11+): \$15 / Children (3-10): \$5
Entire Family: \$40

Mark your calendars and invite your family and friends! Tickets are available at worship or during office hours. Office hours are Monday - Friday 8 to 4. Church members are encouraged to donate items for the silent auction and to sell tickets to friends and family!

**Come Enjoy the Night
and Support a Good Cause!**

Children's New Service Project Casa de los Ángeles

The children of Cross of Glory will be donating their Sunday morning offerings to help the daycare center and shelter in San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato Mexico. They will be donating to the daycare center from now until September. Casa de los Angeles has been a vital mission of this congregation.

Casa de los Angeles is a community of caring people who gather to nurture children. It began as a free daycare center in the heart of San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato Mexico. It is a safe haven for the children of mothers who come from the outskirts of town to work or to sell their wares at the local Mercado. Often these children were being left home alone before this center was established. Casa de los Angeles has grown to be a community center in which mothers find the support they need to make a better life for their families. Besides help with their children, these families receive medical care, home and bathroom construction, transitional housing, summer camp, and food bank.

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). 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 Sandy at amandarsandy@gmail.com or 815-212-1023 or Candy Schoenbeck at csgsaa@comcast.net or 815-485-0774. There will be a meeting after church on May 18th and training on June 21st.

Friday Night Group Discussing Psalms

We are currently discussing *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!**

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 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.

Let CoG Know About Your Graduates!

Do you have a College or High School immediate family member graduating? On Sunday, May 18th, Cross of Glory will be recognizing and blessing all High School and College Graduates! We would hate to miss anyone that may be graduating. Please let us know by May 12th. Please include their full name, the school they are graduating from, the college they may be planning to attend in the fall, and if a college graduate their degree.

Information on your graduates can be e-mailed to Laura Uzzardo at luzzardo@thewelcomeplace.org or call (708) 301-6998.

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 21st at 7:00 pm at Barnes and Noble in Orland Park. Contact Cheryl Nabors with any questions.

What "Green" Means to Christians

Earth Day was April 22nd. On the next 3 Sundays we'll continue to consider what "green" means for Christians.

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

Acts 17:22-29

John 14:1415-27

May 18th - Green Goes with 'Faith'

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

Matthew 6:24-34

May 25th - Green Goes with 'Hope'

1 Peter 3:9-18

Romans 8:12-27

Helpers Needed for Kids Klub

The Kid's Klub leaders would appreciate some adult volunteer helpers to assist them with the craft project. Please contact Mary Beth Randle or the church office if you can help.

Join the Constitution Task Force

If you would like to be a member of the team rewriting the Constitution and Bylaws for Cross of Glory, please contact Bill Nabors or the church office.

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

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 27 th	Receipts for the Week of April 20 th
General Fund: \$5,412	General Fund: \$12,853
Donations to Casa: \$145	Donations to Casa: \$5
Building Use: \$23	
Attendance: 102	Attendance: 117

Upcoming Events for Cross of Glory

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

Sunday	05/04	Spring Cleanup Day at Cross of Glory – After Worship
Thursday	05/08	Question & Answer Session with Pastoral Candidate PJ Malin – 7:00 pm
Friday	05/09	Friday Night Bible Study – <i>Praying the Psalms</i> – 7:00 pm
Sunday	05/11	Bake Sale for Casa Trip – 8:45 am to 9:00 am and After Worship
Tuesday	05/13	S.E.E. and T.E.L.L. Teachers' Meeting
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	CoG Congregation Council Meeting – 6:00 pm
Wednesday	05/21	Book Reading Group – Barnes & Noble – 7:00 pm
	05/21	Pre-School Graduation
Monday	05/26	Office Closed (Memorial Day)
Wednesday	05/28	Newsletter Folding
Saturday	06/21	VBS Training

Please Keep These People and Concerns in Your Prayers

Amanda; Byrne Family and Friends of Tom Byrne; Caity; Cheryl; Dan; Elsie Mock & Family and Friends of Cliff Mock; Jan; Matt; Meagan; Nathan; PJ; Sharon; Virginia; CASA and all their Volunteers & Children; World Leaders; All those Searching for a Church Home; Men and Women in The Armed Services; Cross of Glory; CoG Council; CoG Call Team

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).