

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

14719 West 163rd Street
Homer Glen, IL 60491

Phone: 708.301.6998

Fax: 708.301.7126

www.TheWelcomePlace.org



In The Loop – Weekly News for May 11th, 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.

Ministers:

All Members of Cross of Glory

Staff:

Gene Peisker, Interim Pastor

Phone: 815.434.3151

GCPeisker@sbcglobal.net

Sharon Aden, Sr. Pastoral Associate

Director – *The Welcome Place*

Christian Care & Counseling Center

SAden@TheWelcomePlace.org

Jamie Knutson-Zahora, Director,

The Welcome Place Preschool

JKnutson-Zahora@TheWelcomePlace.org

Laura Uzzardo, Parish Administrator

LUzzardo@TheWelcomePlace.org

Virginia Munro, Pastoral Assistant

VMunro@TheWelcomePlace.org

Mimi Pappas, Nursery Attendant

Council:

Beth Gervase

nanagervase@comcast.net

Tammy Mack

tammymack13645@comcast.net

Phone: 708.590.6547

Nicole Morin

onetraingirl@hotmail.com

Phone: 708.326.4782

Debbie Murtaugh

murtzn1@comcast.net

Paul Niemeyer Whatisart4@aol.com

Phone: 708.691.4159

Katie Wittle Katie@thic.com

Phone: 708.429.3627

Casa Hogar de los Angeles:

Donna Quatham, Missionary

casa_de_los_angeles@hotmail.com

Web: www.casadelosangeles.org

In the Loop:

InTheLoop@TheWelcomePlace.org

Special Congregational Meeting to Vote on Pastor PJ

A special Congregational Meeting will be held next Sunday, May 18th at 12:30 pm for the purpose of voting to call Pastor PJ Malin and to approve the salary package being offered to him.

Join Us in Thanking Sharon Aden – Next Sunday

Stay with us after worship next Sunday, May 18th for a party to thank Sharon for her many years of service as a staff member at Cross of Glory. A light lunch will be served. For more information, please contact Cheryl Nabors or the church office.

Thanks to Our Spring Cleaners

Thank you to those that helped in our COG Spring Cleaning Day last Sunday. They washed walls, cleaned carpets, washed windows, picked up garbage outside, straightened out the patio, and did lots of landscaping. It is good to care for the things that God gives us. Below we thank everyone that helped.

Sharon Aden, Susan Burner, Hannah Capperino, Jacob Capperino, Paul Capperino, Brian Fisher, Chuck Fisher, Connor Ganzer, Dan Ganzer, Evan Ganzer, Owen Ganzer Beth Gervase, Brian Gervase, Owen Gervase, Sue Gervase, Tessa Gervase, Andrew Kjos, Diane Kjos, Tammy Mack, PJ Malin, Bonnie Marszalek, Brianna Marszalek, Dan Marszalek, Joshua Marszalek, Zachary Marszalek Andy Morin, Meredyth Morin, Nicole Morin, Virginia Munro, Dan Murtaugh, Debbie Murtaugh, Khalin Niemeyer, Paul Niemeyer, Terri Niemeyer, JR Plotke, Melanie Plotke, and Valerie Plotke, Sandy Rusek, Candy Schoenbeck, Glen Schoenbeck, Glen Jr. Schoenbeck, Michelle Schoenbeck and Laura Uzzardo.

Please Watch Your Step – New Plants Outside!

Please be sure to stay clear of the new landscape plants! We need to care and nurture them so they can grow big and strong. Please be extra careful around the outdoor cross area and around the walkways. Both of these areas have new plants that need a chance to get established.

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. Gift cards can be placed in the bookstore mailbox or given to Laura in the office.

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.

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 will be available for purchase starting Sunday, April 27th 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 Collection Recap

The Children's collection for LOMC totaled \$387.28

Children's New Service Project Casa de los Ángeles

From now until September, the children of Cross of Glory are donating their Sunday morning offerings to help Casa de los Ángeles, a vital mission of this congregation.

Casa de los Ángeles 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 in 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. Casa de los Ángeles 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 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.

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.

Friday Night Group Discussing Psalms

We are currently discussing *Praying the Psalms* by Juanita Ryan. 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
Sound Board	Indoor Plant Caretaker
Video / Cable	SEE Teachers & Helpers
PowerPoint Operators	TELL Teachers & Helpers
	Kids Klub Leaders & Helpers

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 **Monday, 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 2 Sundays we'll continue to consider what "green" means for Christians.

May 18th - Green Goes with 'Faith'

Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b and Matthew 6: 24-34

May 25th - Green Goes with 'Hope'

1 Peter 3: 9-18 and Romans 8: 12-27

Coming Soon ... VBS Power Lab



July 21st – 25th

8:30 AM – Noon

Calling all "funologists". All 4-year olds through 5th graders are invited to attend Vacation Bible School

Register between June 1 and July 14 for only \$25 per child (\$50 max per family) and receive a **free CD** of the VBS songs we'll be singing!

This year's theme will be a **Power Lab** and we'll be teaching kids how God's love brings **POWER** to all our lives!

Volunteers are still needed for the following areas:

- + Crew Leaders
- + Assistant Crew Leaders (6th grade & older)
- + Preschool Aides

A friendly reminder to all the Station Leaders who have already "plugged in" . . . **please bring the list of supplies** you'll need to the meeting on May 18th!

Volunteers can sign up at the VBS table at the back of the church or call our co-leaders:

Amanda Sandy: 815-212-1023

Candy Schoenbeck: 815-485-0774

Please attend the **next meeting on May 18th** (directly after service in the multi-purpose room) to find out where you will be working during VBS.

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

708-301-3883

www.TheWelcomePlace.org

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 May 4 th
General Fund: \$5,412	General Fund: \$4,160
Donations to Casa: \$145	Donations to Casa: \$1,085
Building Use: \$23	Fire Sprinkler Fund: \$100
Attendance: 102	Attendance: 130

Upcoming Events for Cross of Glory

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

Tuesday	05/13	S.E.E. and T.E.L.L. Teachers' Meeting
Friday	05/16	Friday Night Bible Study – <i>Praying the Psalms</i> – 7:00 pm
Saturday	05/17	Sprinkler Fund Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser – 4:30 pm
Sunday	05/18	Thank You Party for Sharon Aden – After Worship
	05/18	VBS Meeting - After Worship
	05/18	Casa Youth Trip Meeting – After Worship
	05/18	Special Congregational Meeting to Vote on Calling Pastor PJ – 12:30 pm
	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
Sunday	06/08	Preaching and Assisting Team – After Worship
Saturday	06/21	VBS Training

Please Keep These People and Concerns in Your Prayers

All Communion Kids; Byrne Family; Carrie; Chelsea; College Students; Dan; Dorothy; The Family of Shirley Allers; Gail; Judi; Mary Beff; Mock Family; Mothers and Motherless Families; Scotty; Uzzardo Family; CASA and all their Volunteers & Children; World Leaders; All those Searching for a Church Home; Men and Women in The Armed Services; Spaghetti Dinner Volunteers; Cross of Glory; Pastor PJ; Sharon; Pastor Gene

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).