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In The Loop – Weekly News for June 8th, 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.

Cross of Glory Announces New Pastor

Pr. PJ Malin will be ordained at the Northern Illinois Synod Assembly on June 13. Bishop Gary Wollersheim has invited us to attend this significant event in the life of the church. If you are interested in attending and would like more information please contact the church office (708) 301-6998.

When: Friday, June 13th 8:00 p.m.

Where: Augustana College, Centennial Hall – Auditorium
Rock Island, IL

On Sunday June 15th at Cross of Glory Lutheran Church, Pastor PJ Malin will be installed as our Senior Pastor by Bishop Gary Wollersheim. This will be during the 9:15 a.m. worship service. There will be no Kid's Klub next Sunday. We will have color sheets available for those children and parents that would like to go back to the courtyard. The nursery will be staffed but is for those children 2 and under only. Cake and coffee will be served following worship.

Thank You to Pastor Gene and Carol Peisker

Today is Pastor Gene Peisker & Carol's last official day at Cross of Glory. Please be sure to join us after worship as we celebrate all they have done for CoG. Their dedication and love in the past year and a half has been a gracious gift to us all. There is an autograph book available for people to sign and add notes of appreciation.

Donate Green Cleaning Products for LOMC

On June 13th and 14th, Cross of Glory will be attending the Northern Illinois Synod Assembly. You can help support the synod's greening initiative by bringing Clorox **greenworks**[®] cleaning products for the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center. Gift cards from Menards and Ace Hardware are also requested. Donations must be received by today.

Summer Offering with Simply Giving

How can you continue your offering when you are out of town this summer? You can mail in your offering or join our automated withdrawal program - **Simply Giving**. It is very simple and can be set up with a start and end time. Please contact Laura in the church office if you are interested in keeping up your offering this summer.

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Casa Team Jóvenes Dos Stock Certificates

Casa Team Jóvenes Dos is a team of Cross of Glory Youth consisting of 16, 17 & 18 year olds who are volunteering their time and talents at Casa de Los Ángeles, a daycare facility for working mothers in San Miguel, Mexico. The team will help care for the children at the daycare; cleaning, cooking, assisting in the classroom, small repairs on the facilities or equipment, office work and anything else that is needed. Team members are raising funds to pay for air fare and housing fees they will incur. The team decided to have a bake sale, car wash, pancake breakfast, and a stock sale.

The stock sale is a way for the community to invest in these teens and help them reach their goal. People can purchase two different kinds of stock:

\$1.00 - \$50.00 is a Silver Certificate - Purchaser of this stock will receive a letter from the team and an invitation to the thank you dinner when the team returns.

\$51.00 – and beyond is a Gold Certificate - Purchaser of this stock will receive a letter from the team, a small token from the San Miguel Mercado (market), and an invitation to the thank you dinner.

The team is selling stock before and after worship services. Once the team's goal of airfare and housing is reached, any remaining funds will be donated to Casa de Los Ángeles. If you have any questions or want more information, talk to anyone on the Casa Jóvenes team, Anna Bengtson, Ryan Carbonneau, Amanda Fitton, Alex Gustafson, Josh Marszalek, Sarah Randle, Josh Tanrikulu, Corey Zahora, Dan Murtaugh, Melissa Murtaugh, or Jamie Knutson.

Casa Update

Team Casa Jóvenes Dos would like to thank the congregation for sharing their gifts and talents by helping the teens bake for the sale as well as supporting them by buying the tasty treats the teens and congregation baked. We raised enough money to put 1½ people on the plane, raising \$846.37. God is Good!

Please keep June 22nd open for breakfast as the teens share what they have to offer by making and serving CoG and guests a pancake breakfast. Watch for upcoming details.

Children's Offering for 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 Angeles.

Summer Reading Anyone?

Is everyone ready for some summer reading? The book reading group has selected two books for the next meeting - one short book, one longer book. Read one or both and join our discussion. The books are:

The Shack by William P Young

The Rossetti Letter by Christi Phillips

We are planning to meet on Wednesday, July 9th at 7:00 pm at Cheryl Nabors house and hope that you can join us for a great discussion and fellowship. Contact Cheryl Nabors for additional information.

Cross of Glory Wishes to Thank...

A big thank you to Dana Baker for fixing an electrical outlet in the preschool room! Dana is always sharing his gifts with CoG!

Thank you to Cheryl Nabors for getting the cake for Pastor Gene and Carol's gathering! She is always helping out wherever she can.

Summer's Coming! What are You Doing?

There are exciting things happening here at Cross of Glory. The **Homer Parade** is **June 28th**. We are looking for volunteers to walk. Sign up in the Welcome Room.

We also have the opportunity to participate in Lockport's **Old Canal Days Parade** again this year. The parade is on **Friday, June the 20th** and lineup is around 4PM. This is a great chance to take Cross of Glory out into the community and invite them in here to see what we have to offer. If you are interested in driving, we have letters for a car already! Sign up in the Welcome Room or Contact Nicole Morin (708.326.4782 or onetrainergirl@hotmail.com) for more details on how you can get involved.

Holy Half Price Faith Nights! Come out for a **Joliet Jackhammers game** on **Monday, August 18th** at 7:05 PM. Save the date for a great night of local fun and baseball at the Silver Cross Field in Joliet. There will be a pre-game devotional speaker, Christian music throughout, and post-game pictures with Jammer for the kids (or kids at heart). If you've never gone to a game here, it's a great experience. Every seat is good with close views of the field and games between innings to keep the whole family into it. Group tickets are only \$5 each if we round up a group of at least 20. Watch for sign-ups in the Welcome Room later in the month.

Recycle Paper at CoG - Help Us Earn \$500

Cross of Glory earns money for paper dropped off at our green and yellow Paper Retriever located in the parking lot. If we can beat the amount of paper collected last May thru August of last year by 20% TO 24.9% we can earn \$500!! What a great way to help the environment and CoG!



Bring your paper from the office, papers from school, newspapers, magazines, catalogs, and junk mail. But please, **no metal, no glass, no plastic, and no corrugated cardboard!**

S.E.E./T.E.L.L./Kids Klub Teachers Party

Attention all S.E.E. (Spiritual Educational Experience), T.E.L.L. (Teen Education for Lifelong Leadership) and Kids Klub Volunteers! This party is for you!

Please join us on Wednesday evening, June 11th at 7:00 for an end-of-year wrap-up party. It's time to gather, unwind, share stories and memories, and (of course!) have a snack or two! You have done so much for the youth of our congregation during the past school year, and we want to show you just how much we appreciate your dedication and hard work!

If you have any questions, please see Tammy Mack or Debbie Murtaugh. We hope to see you there!

LYO Summer Schedule of Activities

Well teens and parents of teens, it's almost summertime, and I think it's almost Tye Dye Season. What better way to kick off LYO (Lutheran Youth Organization) than with our usual Tye Dye Night? June 9th is the official start of Tye Dye Season and LYO. In case you are not familiar with LYO, it is our summer teen program at Cross of Glory for teens entering 6th Grade through High School. We do fun activities, have time to hang out together (fellowship), have story time (Bible study), take trips/outings, and plan to do something for the community as well (service project).

Be sure to block out these dates on your calendar:

Monday, June 9th (Don't forget your white t-shirts!) & 23rd

Mondays: July 7th & July 21st, August 18th & August 25th

Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and last until 8:30 or 9:00. Join us when you can, and bring a friend. Friends are always welcome!

If anyone is interested in volunteering, volunteers are always welcome, too! If you have any questions, please contact Dan Murtaugh at (815) 351-0983 or by email at murtznl@comcast.net.

Blood Drive Wednesday June 25th

Historically, blood donations are reduced during the summer. That makes this drive particularly important. All donors will receive a gift card for a free quart of Oberweis Ice Cream. Sign up in the Welcome Room.

What Can You Offer to Help CoG?

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.

LOMC Thanks Our Kids

LOMC (Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center) would like to thank everyone for all the donations the children collected. This summer they are expecting more than 1,300 young people to experience the church in the outdoor setting on the LOMC 650 acre site. They are planning on using some of the \$387.28 CoG donated to send kids to LOMC from Santa Cruz Lutheran in Joliet. You can check out all they have to offer at www.lomc.org.

Coming Soon ... VBS Power Lab



July 21st – 25th

9:00AM – Noon

Calling all "funologists" . . . all 4-year olds through 5th graders are invited to attend. [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 our lives!

Volunteers are still needed and can sign up on the VBS table in back of the church or call:

Amanda Sandy 815-212-1023

Candy Schoenbeck 815-485-0774

Terri Niemeyer (Preschool) 708-301-1388

Volunteer training and appreciation luncheon will be held on June 21st!

Registration forms are now available. Please register before July 13th to be entered in a coloring contest. Registration forms and coloring sheets are available in the Welcome Room.

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 May 25 th	Receipts for the Week of June 1 st
General Fund: \$5,161	General Fund: \$13,777
Donations to Casa: \$20	Donations to Casa: \$35
Fire Sprinkler Fund: \$335	Outreach: \$24
Building Use: \$100	Building Use (AA): \$32
Attendance: 73	Attendance: 89

Upcoming Events for Cross of Glory

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

Sunday	06/08	Pastor Gene's Last Official Day at CoG – Thank You Party after Worship
	06/08	Casa Youth Trip Meeting – After Worship
Monday	06/09	Pastor PJ Malin's First Day at Cross of Glory
	06/09	LYO Tie Dye Night – 7:00 pm
Wednesday	06/11	S.E.E./T.E.L.L./Kids Klub Teachers Party – 7:00 pm
Friday	06/13	Northern Illinois Synod Assembly (through Saturday)
Friday	06/13	Pastor PJ Malin Ordained at Synod Assembly in Rock Island – 8:00 pm
Sunday	06/15	Pastor PJ Malin Installed at CoG – 9:15 am
Tuesday	06/17	Council Meeting – 7:00 pm
Saturday	06/21	VBS Training
Sunday	06/22	Pancake Breakfast Benefitting Casa Youth Team
Wednesday	06/25	Blood Drive – 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Sunday	06/29	Casa Youth Trip Meeting – After Worship
Sunday	07/20	Casa Youth Trip Meeting – After Worship
Monday	07/21	VBS (through 7/25) – 9:00 am until Noon

Please Keep These People and Concerns in Your Prayers

Amanda; Chuck; Grama Corcarin; Jon, Kate & Baby Julia; Kelley, Family & Doctors; Mayburne; Pat; Pilipauskas Family and all those traveling; Runnion Family; CASA and all their Volunteers & Children; World Leaders; Those Searching for a Church Home; Those Searching for God's Unending Love; Men and Women in the Armed Services; Cross of Glory; Pastor PJ; 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).