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In The Loop – Weekly News for August 3rd, 2008

Welcome to Cross of Glory!

We are glad you have joined us for worship today. When you arrived for worship today you were handed a card to fill out. We are asking you to please place these cards in the offering basket with your offering each week. 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.

PowerPoint Team Meeting

There will be a PowerPoint Team meeting on August 24th following the worship service. This team is responsible for the PowerPoint presentations that help guide our services each week. Anyone wanting to join this team is encouraged to attend the meeting on the 24th.

New Member Class

On August 13th, 20th, and 27th from 6:00 PM until 7:30 PM Cross of Glory will be having new member classes. Pastor PJ Malin will be leading this class. If you are interested in the class and would need childcare please let us know at the church office.

New Member Sunday will be held on September 7th.

Casa Team Jóvenes Dos Left on Saturday, August 2nd

Casa Team Jóvenes Dos left on Saturday, August 2nd and will be in Mexico through August 10th. This is a team of Cross of Glory Youth consisting of 16, 17 & 18 year olds who are volunteering their time and talents during the first week of August at Casa de Los Ángeles, a daycare facility for working mothers in San Miguel, Mexico.

College Send-Off Blessing on August 17th

Cross of Glory would like to acknowledge those members of our congregation who are going to be going off to College this fall with a blessing during our worship service on August 17th. Please join us!

Friday Night Group's Summer Meetings

During most of the year, the Friday Night Group meets for Bible Study at Cross of Glory at 7:00 pm on Fridays. During August, we are staying in touch with two get-togethers.

Last night we met at Taste of Orland. On Friday, August 22nd, we will get-together at Cold Stone Creamery in Lockport. We will discuss Proverbs 23. We will also plan our next study and an activity in September.

For more information, please contact study leader Tom Waller.

Mailboxes in the Welcome Area

Just a reminder...In the Welcome Area hallway by the copy machine we have a group of mailboxes.

If you are part of any of the following teams, please check the mailbox from time to time for possible mail: Adult Ministry, Bookstore/In the Loop, Children's Ministry, Church Council, Men's Group, Music Team, Prayer Team, Preaching & Assisting Team, Women's Group, and Youth Ministry.

The staff also has mailboxes there that can be used by members of the congregation to communicate with staff members. This is just another way to communicate in addition to e-mail and telephone.

Fire Sprinkler System Funds

The Fire Sprinkler System is very close to completion! To finish the job some electrical and alarm work will need to be done. The pump assembly has been installed, and a section initially installed will need to be repaired before the system can be tested.

Because of this there are additional funds needed to do the electrical, alarm work, and testing. We will also need to add another entranceway/doorway into the utility closet. The cost is \$2,225 for work on the electric and alarm system plus about \$835 for a new doorway. This comes to approximately \$3,060.

2nd Quarter Contribution Statements

The 2nd quarter contribution statements have gone out in the mail. If you did not receive your statement or have a question regarding it please contact Laura Uzzardo in the church office.

LYO Summer Schedule of Activities

LYO is our summer teen program at Cross of Glory for teens entering 6th Grade through High School. We'll be meeting on 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 you have any questions, please contact Dan Murtaugh at (815) 351-0983 or by e-mail at murtznl@comcast.net.

More Summer Reading Anyone?

Our next book is *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy. We will meet on Sunday, August 24th at 6:00 pm at Cheryl Nabors' house. Contact Cheryl for additional information.

Summer Recycling Program Update

So far this summer Cross of Glory has recycled 8.26 tons of paper in our Green and Yellow paper recycling bins. Thank you so much for all your recycling! If we can get another great month like May we just might be able to win \$500 from



May: 5.20 tons

June: 2.44 tons

July: 0.62 tons (reported so far)

Aug: 00 tons

Total of 8.26 of the 15 tons needed!

We need ALL Your:

- Magazines
- Shopping catalogs
- Newspaper
- Office & School Papers
- Mail

Please do NOT include:

- Plastic
- Glass
- Metal
- Trash

VBS Recap

The Vacation Bible School directors (Terri Niemeyer, Amanda Sandy, and Candy Schoenbeck) would like to thank each and every one of you that helped out with making VBS at Cross of Glory "POWERFUL EXPERIENCE " for all of the children. We had over 80 children here that week. What a great week!

Thank you to all of the amazing gifted volunteers!

The following is the list of the Station Leaders and Assistants: Bonnie Atkinson, Holly Baron, Marcia Capperino, Robin Gonzalez, Kirsten Kjos, Pastor PJ Malin, Chris Quemeneur, Sarah Randle, Glen Schoenbeck, Rachel Schoenbeck and Vanessa Waller.

The following volunteers were Crew Leaders and Assistants: Emily Atkinson, Benet Bejlovec, Madison Engler, Brian Fisher, Amanda Fitton, Alex Gustafson, Caryl Hruska, Karin Knutson, Chris Mack, Tammy Mack, Shelby Maurella, Bob McAleavy, Nicole Morin, Zach Mutz, Amanda Parker, Katie Plotke, Valerie Plotke, Lori Runnion, Alicia Steffens, Niki Survillas, Holly Sykora and Hunter Wood.

Others that helped before, during and after: Sally Beller, Claire Burner, Lee Burner, Nathaniel Burner, Andrew Kjos, Diane Kjos, Virginia Munro, Paul Niemeyer, Glen Schoenbeck and Laura Uzzardo.

Donations of Supplies: Nancy Byrne, Carrie Carmichael, Barb Corcoran, Tamara Chaffin, Nan Fitton, Caryl Hruska, Andrew Kjos, Tammy Mack, Charlotte Meehan, Nicole Morin, Virginia Munro, Cheryl Nabors, Terri Niemeyer, Chris Quemeneur, Andrea Uhrenbacher, Laura Uzzardo and Debbie Waller.

Operation Food Pantry

This year the children from Power Lab Vacation Bible School brought in canned goods! All the canned goods were brought over to our local food pantry, FISH, located in Lockport.

Women's Retreat...Save the Date (10/24)

Women, you're all invited to the annual retreat where you can *Get a Peace of The Rock!* We will be learning from one another about how to find peace in the beautiful autumn surroundings of Starved Rock State Park and how our relationships with ourselves, our friends, and God can help us to reach this peace.

We will be welcoming Jeanine Murk to speak to our group on Saturday. The bio on her web site states, "Jeanine received her Bible training at Moody Bible Institute. In addition to being a recording artist and public speaker, she has been in full-time ministry with her husband (and two daughters) since 1982. Together, they travel throughout the world sharing their testimony in word and music."



Join us at The Lodge from Friday, October 24th through Sunday, October 26th for a spiritual journey. Retreat fees will cover three meals on Saturday and one on Sunday, supplies, and meeting space. Reservations for rooms are due by September 20th, so start planning for this get-away now!

Cross of Glory Wishes to Thank...

Sandi Rusek brought and planted some new plants for Cross of Glory.

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 July 20 th	Receipts for the Week of July 27 th
General Fund: \$3,476	General Fund: \$3,663
Donations to Casa: \$75	Donations to Casa: \$55
Children's Ministry (VBS): \$700	Children's Ministry (VBS): \$165
Building Use: \$100	Building Use: \$26
Attendance: 111	Attendance: 145

What's New at Cross of Glory? Check Out the CoG Blogs

Sermons are available at www.pastorpjsermons.blogspot.com. The text of each sermon and a video of the adult sermons are available. If you miss a week or want to share the message with someone – this is the place to go. The CoG Blog (www.cogblogh.blogspot.com) is the place to go for all the news about Cross of Glory. Get the latest news or catch up on anything you may have missed.

Upcoming Events for Cross of Glory

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

Wednesday	08/13	New Member Class (also on 8/20 and 8/27) – 6:00 to 7:30 pm
Sunday	08/17	College Send-Off Blessing during Service
Monday	08/18	LYO – 7:00 pm (also on 8/25)
Monday	08/18	Joliet Jackhammer's Game – 7:05 pm
Monday	08/21	Church Council Meeting – 8:00 pm
Sunday	09/07	New Member Sunday

Please Keep These People and Concerns in Your Prayers

Cog's Casa Team Jóvenes Dos; Casa de los Angeles and all their Volunteers & Children

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, or call the Ministry Center Office at (708.301.6998).