

Join us for Worship:

Sundays

9am and 10:45am

CoffeeHouse

Worship:

Wednesdays

Worship 6:00pm

All with Holy

Communion.

All are welcome!

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If you would like to be taken off our mailing list please give Laura a Call at 708-301-6998.
Thank You.



Easter is Just the Beginning!

By: Pastor PJ Malin

Happy Easter everyone!

Congratulations on making it through Holy Moly Week!!! It was an incredible week. On Thursday we participated in a Passover Celebration like Jesus and his disciples did the night of the Last Supper. On Friday, our youth helped us remember what is so good about Good Friday with a special drama. And on Sunday we heard powerful testimonies about how God has the power to break open any tomb and bring new life! Videos of these services will be up on my sermon blog soon:

www.pastorpjsermons.blogspot.com.

Thank you to everyone who came out to help us celebrate. We had an incredible turn out for Easter. We broke the 400 threshold! On Easter Sunday we had 419 people worship with us! And that's not counting the volunteers more than once. I never would have guessed it (and I actually lost a bet ☺) but our third service was the largest.

I want to say a super huge thank you to everyone who helped with our Adopt a Block program. It really worked!!! Because of you all, the Good News was spread around our community. Even if the people you invited did not come to worship, a seed was planted. And who knows how God will use these seeds to touch lives.

Easter is not the close of all the excitement; it is just the beginning! As we continue our Adventure through the Bible we will make more discoveries about how God is bringing new life in our world. This Sunday we will be celebrating with our youth who are making their Holy Communion. The weekend of April 25th we will be celebrating Earth Day. On Saturday, April 24th we will host an **Earth Day Fest** from noon to 4pm. At the fest there will be opportunities for children and adults to participate in fun activities that teach us how to respect and care for our world. There will also be presentations for the adults on how we can reduce, reuse, and recycle. Add to this food and music, and you have an incredible day! In worship that Sunday, April 25th, we will be talking about how our faith compels us to be good caretakers of our earth. You see, Easter is just the beginning. I look forward to sharing this Easter Season with you and seeing all the ways God continues to break open tombs and bring new life. Cross of Glory is Your Welcome Place!

Pastor PJ



Vacation Bible School 2010

A Fabulous Vacation Bible School Experience!

Calling all 4 year olds - 5th graders! The Cross of Glory Ministry will be Hero Headquarters on July 19th -23rd 2010 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm each day. At Hero Headquarters, kids will meet unlikely Bible heroes who are often overlooked. In fact, we don't know a single one of their names! They were not famous leaders or called by God to perform amazing miracles—yet their small acts were used by God to do wonderful things! Help kids discover that if they're willing to be used by God in any situation, no matter how big or small, they can make a difference. With God's power at work, they can be heroes right where they are! Questions? Please contact Amanda at vbs@crossofglory.com Registration begins May 1 -July 5 visit our VBS website (www.vacationbibleschool.com/crossofglory) or call the church office at 708-301-6998. Cost for a week full of fun and excitement is \$10.00 per child with a \$30.00 maximum per family.



CASA De Los Angeles News:

Thank you to everyone who donated to CASA last month when they were in need. They raised just over \$25,000 dollars. Casa de los Angeles now has 13 runners officially on Team Casa running the Chicago Marathon on Oct. 10, 2010. Please support team casa or sign up to run!

Can you believe it? CASA is going to be celebrating it's 10th anniversary dinner on Saturday May 22, 2010 at Drury Lane in Oakbrook. Come join us! Cocktails and silent auction starts at 5:30, dinner at 7p the cost is \$75.00 per person.

Casa Fundraiser: Candlelight Yoga

Join us for another extremely relaxing meditative yoga class by candle light on Friday, April 23rd at 7:00 PM. This is a great way to encourage a healthy mind and body and raise funds for Casa Jovenes Team 3, at the same time! Casa is a free day-care in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. Single Mothers have a safe place to leave their 3 and 4 year olds while they go to work. CASA also trains the Mothers to learn self-worth and independence. We are sponsoring and sending a team of motivated and inspired youth to share their love and talents in the daycare centers at CASA, this summer. Beginners are welcome and Janet will offer more challenging modifications for each asana. Janet is excited to volunteer her time and talents to help us raise funds for our mission in Mexico, Casa de los Angeles. All proceeds go toward CASA Jovenes Team 3 and CASA. Please invite friends, co-workers and family.

April 23rd, 7-8:30 PM. Minimum \$8.00 donation.

Everyone is welcome to join the Friday Night Bible Study after yoga.

Contact: Janet Fender 815-838-5285

Tammy Mack 708- 334-8351

www.fenderyoga.com



COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE: GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

Heartland Blood Centers will be back at Cross of Glory on Tuesday May 18th from 2pm - 6pm. Every donar will receive a certificate good for \$11.00 in retail purchases at any Oberweis Ice Cream and Dairy Store! It's just one more reason to donate blood this summer! To schedule an appointment, please contact the church office. Photo ID is required.



The Manna Express Ministry has gift cards available for HUNDREDS of local and national retailers: Jewel, Walmart, JC Penney, Macy's, and many more!

You can find a complete list of retailers on our website: CrossOfGlory.com; or you can stop by the church office during regular business hours. Orders are taken in the office and after worship on Sunday and Wednesday. For more information please email Barb Taskay at barbjt@sbcglobal.net.

CrossOfGlory.Com 708-301-6998

Earth Day Fest



April 24th from Noon to 4:00 pm
FREE TO EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY!
Come One...Come All!

You are invited to participate in fun crafts and educational programs to teach our community about the importance of going "Green". Everyone will have the opportunity to take home something special to remember that every day is another opportunity to create a better Earth. Learn from local exhibitors about sustainability by reducing, reusing and recycling. There will be craft projects and face painting for the children. Bins will be available for cleaned recycled items: Empty juice containers, empty tin cans, and cereal boxes.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Lockport FISH Food Pantry



Praise Concert



Sunday May 23 2010 3pm

Shepherd of The Hill Lutheran Church

The Lockport FISH Pantry provides food for approximately 260 local households. In the past year they have experienced an increase of 36% in clients and are projecting to serve over 10,000 individuals in 2010. With the increase of clients due to the bad economy and unemployment, we are constantly looking for ways to provide for much needed food in our community.

Join Cross of Glory's own *Soul Destination* as they perform at the FISH Pantry's Praise Concert on Sunday May 23 2010. Non-perishable food items will be collected to stock the pantries shelves. There will be food, games and other fun for all ages. Music starts at 3pm. For more information on this event please call Henry at the church office.



Christian Ladies Inspired by Meeting and Believing

The women of Cross of Glory are going on Spring Break!! We will gather at the church on Saturday April 17 2010 from 6pm-10pm to rediscover our freedom in Christ as we enjoy food, fellowship, and the love and support of our fellow women. Treats will be provided, but additions are welcome if you have a favorite dessert or snack. RSVP to the church office or Nicole at onetraingirl@hotmail.com.

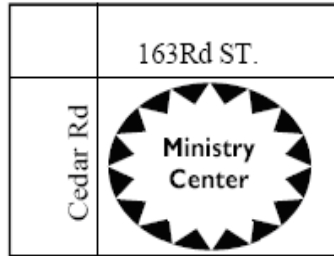
The Month+ at a Glance...



Apr 11 - Worship 9am / 10:45am
Apr 14 - Worship 6pm
Apr 17 - C.L.I.M.B 6pm
Apr 18 - WORSHIP 9am/10:45am
Apr 21 - WORSHIP 6pm
Apr 23 - CandleLight Yoga 7pm
Apr 24 - Earth Day Fest
Apr 25 - Worship 9am / 10:45am



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Wednesday Nights 6:00pm
We have a place for you!

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Details Inside!