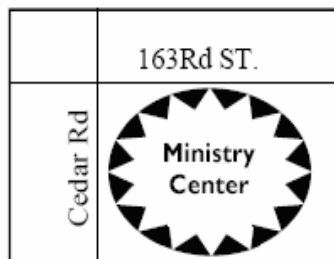


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Thank You.



### A Down To Earth Celebration

By: Pastor PJ Malin

On April 24 we had one of the coolest celebrations I've ever been to at Cross of Glory. It was our first ever Earth Day Fest. We had a clown, face painter, great food, rockin' music, and fun crafts and activities for all ages. The Homer Fire Department even brought its fire truck for us to climb in and explore. It was so cool. But the coolest part of the celebration is that we all learned ways that we can help take care of our earth.

At a learning center, our children got to pedal a bicycle to see how much energy it takes to power a light bulb. At a craft table, our children learned how to turn old cereal boxes into magazine holders and old soup cans into pencil holders. At another station they learned how to make birdfeeders out of pine cones, peanut butter, and bird seed.

Children weren't the only ones having fun and learning. There were tables for the adults to explore as well. We learned about earth friendly cleaning products, rain harvesting, landscaping, recycling, and so much more. Earth Day Fest was a wonderful experience for everyone who came!

Caring for our earth is very important, not just because going green is becoming a popular fad or the politically-correct thing to do. Caring for the earth is central to our faith and our purpose as human beings. The Sunday after Earth Day Fest, April 25, I shared a message called "The Adventure of Caring for Creation." In this message we explored some of the big questions of life: Why am I here? Do I have worth and value? What's my purpose in life? The answers to these big questions spring from the God who made us and keeps us and who created us to keep the earth. To view this message, you can visit: [www.crossofglory.com/worship](http://www.crossofglory.com/worship).

We can all be a part of taking care of our earth. To find out more about how you can be involved, visit our website and sign up for the Earthkeepers Challenge. You can find this at [www.crossofglory.com/earthkeeper](http://www.crossofglory.com/earthkeeper).

Cross of Glory is Your Welcome Place, and together we can make our earth a Welcome Place for everyone and everything!

Pastor PJ



# Vacation Bible School 2010

**A Fabulous Vacation Bible School Experience!**

Calling all 4 year olds - 5<sup>th</sup> graders! The Cross of Glory Ministry Center will be Hero Headquarters on July 19<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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:

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dinner and Silent Auction - Saturday May 22, 2010

Casa de los Angeles, located in San Miguel de Allenda Mexico, is a community of caring people who gather to nurture children, serving the needs of the less fortunate, treating each person with dignity and respect as they work to make a better life for themselves. Join us on Saturday May 22, 2010 for a dinner and silent auction for the support and endowment of CASA. Tickets are \$75.00 per person. For Tickets contact Andrew Kjos at [andrew@kjos.org](mailto:andrew@kjos.org) or you may order online by going to the CASA website ([www.casadelosangeles.org](http://www.casadelosangeles.org)) and clicking on the "Angels and Milagros" icon at the top of the page.



### CASA Jovenes Tres

Once again Cross of Glory will be sending a group of excited youth volunteers (pictured to the right) to CASA this summer! There will be various opportunities to support CASA Jovenes Tres make this life changing trip; including a **BAKE SALE on Mother's Day (May 9 2010) at Worship!** Need a dessert to bring to Mom's house??? Pick it up here! Continue to check the COG website for other fundraising activities! Your spiritual and financial support is vital to the success of the team and is greatly appreciated!



### COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE: GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

Heartland Blood Centers will be back at Cross of Glory on Tuesday May 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Manna Express Ministry...

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](http://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](mailto:barbjt@sbcglobal.net).



### Registration Open Now!

Registration applications for Fall 2010 are now being accepted for the 3yr and 4yr old programs. Limited space is available so call today for more information: **708/301-3883**



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.

## Who is Cross of Glory?

### Our Mission....



### Our Principles....

#### 5 Guiding Principles

- Jesus Is Lord
- Everyone Is Welcome
- We Have What the World Needs
- Everyone Has Something to Offer
- Love Changes Everything



## Chef's Corner... Hawaiian Hula Punch

### Ingredients:

- 2 medium bananas, cut into chunks
- 1 ripe mango, cut into chunks
- 1 ripe papaya, cut into chunks
- 4 cups unsweetened pineapple juice
- 4 cups seltzer

Instructions: In a blender add bananas, mango, papaya, and pineapple juice. Puree until smooth, and pour into glasses.

# The Month+ at a Glance...

- May 2 - Worship 9am / 1045am
- May 2 - Spring Cleaning After worship
- May 2 - VBS Registration Begins
- May 5 - Worship 6pm
- May 9 - Worship 9am/1045am
- May 9 - CASA Jovenes Tres Bake Sale
- May 14 - Confirmation Retreat
- May 16 - Worship 9am/1045am
- May 16 - Confirmation Sunday
- May 18 - Blood Drive 2-6pm
- May 19 - Worship 6pm
- May 22 - Landscape Day
- May 22 - CASA Annual Dinner
- May 23 - FISH Pantry Concert 3pm
- May 23 - Worship 9am and 1045am
- May 26 - Worship 6pm
- May 28 - Preschool Graduation (am class 9am/pm class 11am)

