

Welcome to Cross of Glory!

We are glad you have joined us for worship today. 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 and CD to learn more about us.

Our Mission Statement



Cross of Glory is a Community of Faith...

Lockport FISH Food Pantry

Neighborhood Block Party

Today, 3:00 pm - 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, they 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. 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 3:00 pm. For more information on this event please call Henry at the church office.

Cross of Glory Ladies – Join Us Today!

We have a fun opportunity to help out our community while listening to great music this Sunday. Come join the women's group at the Fish Food Pantry Benefit from 3-6 pm Sunday, May 23rd. We are meeting at Cross of Glory to carpool between 2:30-2:45. Please bring nonperishable food to donate! If you have any questions contact Karin Knutson or the church office.

Services:

Sunday: 9:00 am & 10:45 am
Wednesday: 6:00 pm

Ministers:

All Members of Cross of Glory

Staff:

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Sermon Blog

pastorpjsermons.blogspot.com

Kids Klub Page

crossofglory.com/kids-klub

CoG is Reaching & Serving...

Council Contact: Beth Gervase

CASA Jovenes Tres (5/16)

Once again Cross of Glory will be sending a group of excited youth volunteers to CASA this summer! There will be various opportunities to support CASA Jovenes Tres in making this life changing trip. Continue to check the COG website for fundraising activities! Your spiritual and financial support is vital to the success of the team and is greatly appreciated!

CoG is Welcoming & Nurturing...

Council Contact: Bonnie Marszalek

Book Club Update – Date Change (5/23)

The next book we are reading is *The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield. We will meet on Sunday, June 6th at 6:00 pm at the Nabors' home to discuss the book. Please bring a suggestion for our next book. Everyone is welcome to read the book and join us for a great discussion. For more information, contact Cheryl Nabors.

Men's Group Meets Weekly (5/02)

Our Men's Ministry gathers every Monday evening from 8:15 to 10:00 p.m for weekly Bible Study and fellowship. The men also perform general maintenance around the building during this time.

Coffee Moms Small Group (4/25)

Coffee Moms ministry at Cross of Glory is an opportunity for moms and kids to come together in fellowship on Thursday mornings at 9:30. Moms get to enjoy copious amounts of coffee, along with conversation with other moms, and a chance to take part in a Bible study. The kids are provided with snacks and a chance to work on social skills as they interact with other children. All moms are welcome to join. Each week we meet at a different member's house. It is not a requirement to host if you join, just come and enjoy! Please contact Julie Malin to get the information for the week. We hope to see you soon!

Pastor's Bible Study (4/25)

Pastor PJ leads a Bible Study on **Wednesday nights from 7:15-8:15pm**. The Bible Study is open to all people at all levels of reading the Bible. If you need childcare, let us know so that we can have that available. All you need to bring is yourself.

CoG is Worshiping & Teaching...

Council Contacts: Brian Gervase (Worshiping)
Terri Niemeyer (Teaching Youth),
Dan Malone (Teaching Adults)

Sermon Blog (4/4)

Cross of Glory sermons are available online at crossofglory.com/worship/sermons. This site includes a link to sermons and graphics at Pastor PJ's sermon blog (pastorpjsermons.blogspot.com) as well as links to our Podcasts on iTunes.com and PodBean.com.

Preschool Registration Open Now (5/02)

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

Get Ready for Vacation Bible School! (5/23)

This year VBS will be July 19th to July 23rd from 9:00 am until Noon. Registration will close on July 5th. Register early! Space is limited! **We are already at full capacity for 4 year olds but are taking names for a waiting list.**

The cost for VBS will be \$10 per child or \$30 max for a family. Registration for children and for volunteering is easy!

Visit www.vacationbibleschool.com/crossofglory for more information and to register! If you have any questions please contact Amanda at vbs@crossofglory.com. We look forward to seeing you at Hero's Headquarters!!

CoG is Giving & Sending...

Council Contact: Bill Nabors

Cross of Glory Recycling Program (5/23)

Last month's Earth Day Fest was the start of our new recycling program that will continue year-round. We will be helping you Reduce, Reuse and Recycle by serving as a drop-off point for the following:

- Recycle Paper
- Aluminum Cans
- Empty Juice Pouches
- Empty Elmer's Glue sticks and bottles
- Mars & Wrigley Candy Wrappers
- Empty Scotch Tape dispensers

Earthkeepers Challenge (5/02)

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 complete information at www.crossofglory.com/earthkeeper.

Financial Update from Pastor PJ (5/09)

Hi Cross of Glory,

I am writing to give you a financial update. The congregation asked to be kept up-to-date on the financial status of our congregation. This is a really tough financial time for us. I think we are feeling the effects of the economy. Just to give you a sign of the times, this Easter we had more people than last year but almost half of the offering. Yikes! Bill Nabors, our council member for Giving & Sending, wrote a detailed letter in our contribution statement outlining the comparison of giving from last year to this year. Please take a look at this letter. And please prayerfully consider your ability and willingness to propel the ministry of our congregation through your financial giving.

If this is a hard financial time for you, let us know. We have a wonderful program called Project Second Chance whose aim is to offer help to those in need. In turn, we want to share our need with the congregation and ask those who are able, to give with generous and grateful hearts.

God bless you!

Pastor PJ



World Week for Peace in Palestine Israel

29 May - 4 June 2010

Joint action for just peace convened by the World Council of Churches

The World Council of Churches is inviting member churches and related organizations to join a week of advocacy and action for a just peace in Palestine and Israel. Those who share the hope of justice are invited to take peaceful actions, together, to create a common international public witness and send a clear signal to policy-makers, interested publics and their own parishes about the urgent need for a peace settlement that secures the legitimate rights and future of both peoples.

Visit www.worldweekforpeace.org and www.elca.org/our-faith-in-action/justice/peace-not-walls.aspx.

CoG's Five Guiding Principles...

Jesus is Lord

Everyone is Welcome

We Have What the World Needs

Everyone has Something to Offer

Love Changes Everything



Update on our Worshiping and Giving

May 12, 2010

General Fund: \$192
Attendance: 14

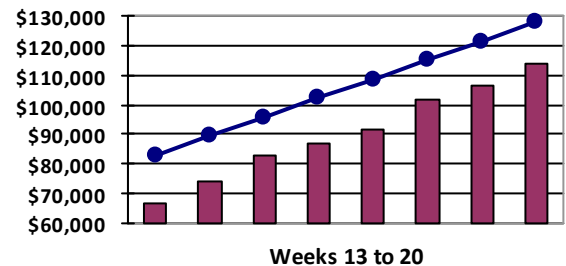
May 16, 2010

General Fund: \$7,543
Casa Offering: \$57
VBS: \$240
Attendance: 243

2010 Budget Recap

YTD Shortage: \$14,184

YTD 2010 Donations (bars) vs Budget (line)



Upcoming Events for Cross of Glory

Sunday	05/23	Neighborhood Block Party & Praise Concert at Shepherd of the Hill – 3:00 pm
Monday	05/24	Men's Bible Study – 8:15 pm (Every Monday)
Wednesday	05/26	Mid-Week Coffeehouse Worship – 6:00 to 7:00 pm (Every Wednesday)
Wednesday	05/26	Pastor PJ's Bible Study – 7:15 to 8:15 pm (Every Wednesday)
Friday	05/28	Friday Night Group Bible Study will not meet. Next meeting "to be announced"
Saturday	05/29	Yoga Class - 8:00 am (Every Saturday)
Sunday	05/30	Worship Every Sunday at 9:00 and 10:45 am
Sunday	06/06	Book Club – 6:00 pm at the Nabors' home
Monday	07/05	Last Day for VBS Registration
Monday	07/19	Vacation Bible School

Adventure Through the Bible

Cross of Glory has embarked on an *Adventure Through the Bible* in 2010. Our goal will be to read through the Bible in a year! Every week we will post readings for each day that should take around fifteen minutes. The sermons will be based on passages from the weekly readings. This week's readings are...

Sunday, May 23	Acts 27: 1-12	1 Samuel 2: 11-36	Psalm 50
Monday	Acts 27: 13-44	1 Samuel 3	Psalm 51
Tuesday	Acts 28: 1-16	1 Samuel 4-5	Psalm 52
Wednesday	Acts 28: 17-31	1 Samuel 6-7	Psalm 53
Thursday	Romans 1:1-15	1 Samuel 8	Psalm 54
Friday	Romans 1:16-32	1 Samuel 9:1 – 10:16	Psalm 55
Saturday	Romans 2:1 – 3:8	1 Samuel 10:17 – 11:15	Psalm 56

To read or listen to *Today's New International Version* (TNIV) Bible...
<http://www.biblica.com/bibles/tniv>.

If you have a question about a reading, write it on *Pastor PJ's Facebook Wall*...
www.facebook.com/pastorpj.malin.

Prayer List

If you would like prayers this week for yourself or for someone else, you can write them in one of the Prayer Journals (at the left-front and left-rear of the *Worship Area*) or call the Ministry Center Office at (708.301.6998).