Crown of Glory Lutheran Church



Lent/Spring Crownicle 2025

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Council Members 2025

A special thank you to Sherri Eriksrud, Deb Peterson, and Sarah Morrow as they finish their term for serving on the Church Council. Sherri Eriksrud and Deb Peterson will finish out a one year term and Sarah Morrow will finish out her three year term.



Welcome to the new Council Members joining in March:

3-Year TermsSherri Eriksrud
Chad LaGow
Bill Tyler

At the time of printing an updated Church Council photo was not available

Council Members:

Bob Chinnock, Sherri Eriksrud, Mikel Jones, Kristi Kirsch, Pastor Reggie Klindworth, Chad LaGow, Eric Larson, Pastor Laura Laughlin, Deb Mangen, Kate Peterson, Bill Tyler



Pastor Laura is going on Sabbatical!

Beginning April 24, 2025, I will be taking a three-month sabbatical for rest, renewal, study, and writing. I am grateful for this congregation's support and invite your prayers during this time!

Amid some time off and respite at home and enjoying time with my family, I will be focusing portions of my sabbatical on the intersection between music and creation rooted in several experiences: hiking a section of the Dingle Way in Ireland, singing with the Crown of Glory choral ensemble at Carnegie Hall in the urban jungle of New York City, visiting Zion National Park and the Grand Canyon while learning about the Native American communities in Arizona, and participating in the music and work of the church as a voting member at the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Phoenix, Arizona.

I give thanks for the support of my colleague, Pastor Reggie, and for the Crown of Glory Staff as they cover and share my responsibilities during the time that I am gone. Just as I invite your prayers for my sabbatical time, I will also be holding you, Crown of Glory, in my prayers throughout the three months that we are apart.

I look forward to returning to worship on August 9, 2025 renewed, refreshed, and ready for another program year of ministry together!

From the Desk of Pastor Laura



Siblings in Christ,

The year's Lenten season brings an opportunity for something new and different! We will be following a Lenten series created and published by *A Sanctified Art* called "Everything [in] Between: Meeting God in the Midst of Extremes." Each weekend in Lent, beginning Ash Wednesday (March 5) and ending on Easter Sunday, we will journey through Luke's gospel, focusing on stories that involve Jesus in relationship with others and his tendency to disrupt the established social, political, and religious divides of his time.

These stories in Luke will help us navigate the polarities in our lives with faith and intention. Each weekend, there will be a piece of artwork that illustrates the Gospel story for that weekend, in addition to highlighting the two supposed opposites discussed in the story. The music, prayers, and liturgy will all change and adapt week to week to fit within the theme of the weekend. The sermons will dive deeper into each theme and help us find where God is present in the "in-between."

The Worship Arts Team has been hard at work preparing supplementary resources for everyone to utilize and enjoy throughout the Lenten season. There will be devotional booklets available for anyone to bring home that will offer further reflection and insight for each weekly theme, as well as devotional cards to use for reflection on the tables in the Sun Hall and by the couch areas around the church building. If you wish to take a pack of cards home with you, there will be some available in the church office!

The schedule of themes (found on the logo) and Gospel passages are below for you to read through and gain some insight into all that we will be talking about during Lent.



Ash Wednesday: Luke 9: 51-62 (Jesus sets out for Jerusalem)



First Weekend in Lent: Luke 10: 25-37 (Parable of the Good Samaritan)



Second Weekend in Lent: Luke 10: 38-42 (Mary & Martha host Jesus)



Ween Third Weekend in Lent: Luke 13: 6-9 (Parable of the fig tree)

From the Desk of Pastor Laura continued





Fifth Weekend in Lent: Luke 19: 1-10 (Zacchaeus greets Jesus)



Palm Weekend: Luke 19: 29-40 (Jesus enters Jerusalem)



Maundy Thursday: Luke 22:1-27 (Last Supper)



Good Friday (Cantata): Luke 23: 32-49 (Jesus dies alongside a penitent thief)



between Easter Sunday: Luke 24: 1-12 (The women grieve and Peter runs to the tomb)

Be sure to mark your calendars for Holy Week 2025, which will feature First Communion during Maundy Thursday worship (April 17 at 6:30 p.m.), the Good Friday Cantata with the Chancel Choir and instrumentalists (April 18 at 6:30 p.m.), Holy Saturday Taizé worship (April 19 at 5:00 p.m.), and two services on Easter Sunday (April 20 at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.).

I hope you will join us for this incredible Lenten journey! Given everything our country is going through, and everything that is taking place around the world, it seems like the perfect time to look beyond the binaries and categories we create and trust that God shows up in shades of gray, rainbow hues, and everywhere in between.

Walking with you,

Pastor Laura

From the Desk of Pastor Reggie

The Story of Job: Faithful One of God

The season of Lent is upon us and it is a holy and sacred time in our faith lives. The season of Lent is both a solitary time and a communal time. Lent is a journey that begins on Ash Wednesday where we receive the imposition of ashes upon our forehead as a reminder of our frailties and ends on Palm Sunday, the day that Jesus begins his triumphal final steps towards the cross. During Lent our spirituality invites us to look deeply at our patterns and behaviors and consider how fragile and finite our lives truly are.

During this sacred season of looking inward we ask God to grant us those things that will help sustain and guide us in our faith journey. We invite you to join us each Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. for our Holden Evening Prayer service, as we journey together with the theme of *The Story of Job: Faithful One of God*. Throughout Lent, we will hear from members of our congregation as they share their faith stories with us. You are invited to come and take this holy and sacred journey together in faith.

The Story of Job: Faithful One of God
Lent 1 March 12: Job, A Servant of God
Lent 2 March 19: Job's Suffering
Lent 3 March 26: God Responds to Job
Lent 4 April 2: God's Voice
Lent 5 April 9: Job's Final Words

The final weekend in Lent, April 12 & 13, also happens to be the beginning of Jesus' first steps of Holy Week, as we celebrate on Palm Sunday. As in years past, join us for a traditional Palm Saturday/Sunday worship as we waive our palms to herald Jesus as King. Finally, continue the journey as we look ahead to our Holy Week worship schedule and the great day of celebration of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.





We are into our second semester of SPARK. I'm very grateful for all the volunteers who are helping teach. The SPARK students enjoy singing the songs, hearing the Bible stories, and doing the art projects! You may have noticed art projects decorating the Sun Hall and other areas adding color and cheer.

I am excited to announce that our kids will have a special opportunity to grow their faith over the summer at Vacation Bible School hosted right here at Crown of Glory! A team of leaders will come from Luther Crest Bible Camp to lead rising 1st through rising 6th graders. This opportunity will take place July 28 - 31, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The theme "We are the Church!" is based on the verse in Romans 8:28, "We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, we are called according to His purpose." You can register here.

With this VBS opportunity for our youth comes the opportunity to serve! We will be looking for volunteers for the following opportunities:

- 1. Adult and high school (grades 9-12) volunteers to be present Monday Thursday at VBS with the campers.
- 2. Volunteer families to host the Luther Crest staff: a place to stay, and provide some meals.
- 3. Volunteer families to provide recreational opportunities for Luther Crest staff in the evenings. (An evening at the Arboretum, Valleyfair, the movies...)
- 4. CoG members who would use their Thrivent Action Team dollars to purchase snacks, supplies, etc.

If you are feeling called to any of these areas, please contact me (information below).

Throughout the spring and summer, we will be adding some items to the Sun Hall Kiddos' Corner. The goal is to make the space inviting and welcoming for both older and younger kiddos. The space is used differently during Wednesday night dinners than on Sunday morning fellowship. I will be asking for specific donations. If you have quiet toys that you would like to donate, a toy shelf, or child-sized furniture, please let me know.

As we look forward to the second half of the SPARK program year, I ask again for volunteer support. There is a sign up available for the Kiddos' Corner and SPARK on the <u>website</u>. March - May dates are still available!

Need more information or have questions? Please email gretchen@crownofglory.org and let me know!

I look forward to another semester of learning and growing together!

In peace, Gretchen

SPARK Schedule and VBS



| Date | Lesson |
|------|--|
| 2/23 | Joseph Feeds His Family - Genesis 45:3 |
| 3/2 | The Transfiguration - Luke 9:28 |
| 3/9 | Tempted - Luke 4:1 |
| 3/16 | God's Promises to Abram - Genesis 15:1 |
| 3/23 | Parable of the Fig Tree - Luke 13:1 |
| 3/30 | Spring Break (No SPARK) |
| 4/6 | Spring Break (No SPARK) |
| 4/13 | Holy Week - Luke 19:28 |
| 4/20 | Easter (No SPARK) |
| 4/27 | Doubting Thomas - John 20:19 |
| 5/4 | Saul to Paul - Acts 9:1 |
| 5/11 | Peter and Tabitha - Acts 9:36 |
| 5/18 | SPARK Celebration |

JULY 28-31;

Monday-Thursday

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Luther Crest Counselors Present...

"We are the Church"



at Crown of Glory

for kids grades 1st-6th in fall of 2025

Cost:

Early Bird Rate (until June 1, 2025)

\$55/camper (includes lunch & snacks)

Register online

https://form.123formbuilder.com/2533123/vbs-registration



Worship Whiteboard!

Looking for a fun way for children to be involved in worship? Located to the left of the Hospitality Station outside the main Sanctuary entrance, the Worship Whiteboard is available to kids of all ages to volunteer to help in worship with things like passing the Offering plates, serving Communion to the Pastors, lighting candles, hand out bulletins, etc. All kids are encouraged to arrive by 4:55 p.m. on Saturday or 8:55 a.m. on Sunday to get signed up. We welcome all children to participate in these worship activities.

Kiddos' Corner

The Kiddos' Corner, in the North side of the Sanctuary, is available during worship. Parents, please help to keep this space organized. If a volunteer is not present, please monitor your children. The same applies to the Kiddos' Corner in the North Sun Hall.

Thank you!



Worship Activity Bags

Worship Activity Bags are located, in the North side of the Sanctuary, on the wall in the Kiddos' Corner. Worship Activity Bags can be utilized throughout worship service. Children are welcome to grab one and bring it back to their seat, returning it after service. Most bags include books, coloring sheets, crayons, a clipboard as a hard surface for coloring sheets, a game, fidgets, and a sensory search and find tube. Help us to keep these bags organized. If you notice something is getting low or missing, please leave the activity bag as the church office so it can be restocked, etc.

Kiddos' Corner Volunteers Needed

We're seeking youth volunteers ($8^{th} - 12^{th}$ grade) to serve as the Kiddos' Corner attendant during the Sunday morning worship service. Attendants will serve for one hour in the Kiddos' Corner helping direct children with 'quiet activities' during worship and assist in cleaning up following worship. Confirmation students, this is a great way to fulfill your Confirmation service hours for the year! To sign up contact Gretchen.

Youth Ministry

Connect and Confirmation Ministry in Recess During Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5 with worship beginning at 6:30 p.m. Connect and Confirmation students and their parents are invited to join worship for the imposition of ashes on this sacred day. There is no Connect or Confirmation Large Group or Small Group during Lent. Confirmation students are expected to attend worship at least 4 out of 6 weeks during Lent. Confirmation students are also scheduled to serve at the Soup Suppers and during worship as ushers & greeters. Please see the schedule below for more information.





| Lenten Worship Confirmation Usher/Greeter Schedule: | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| March 5 | 8 th grade boys | |
| March 12 | 8 th grade girls | |
| March 19 | 7 th grade boys | |
| March 26 | 7 th grade girls | |
| April 2 | 6 th grade boys and girls | |
| April 9 | Volunteers | |



Confirmation Worship Notes During Lent

All Confirmation students are expected to complete at least twenty worship notes throughout the program year. Lent Worship notes are located at the entrance to the Sanctuary. Completed worship notes can be placed in the basket at the Worship Note table! Completed Lent worship notes are worth "double credit" for the most complete worship notes! Confirmation students can take advantage of this and catch-up during Lent! Confirmation worship notes are also available on your smart phone or mobile device during worship and for those livestreaming the weekend Lent worship services. Complete your worship note and submit it electronically when you are finished! Visit our website for more details at http://www.crownofglory.org/worship-notes/

Connect and Confirmation Service Event at Feed My Starving Children

Connect and Confirmation students will serve at the Chanhassen Feed My Starving Children on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Please note the change in service time. This is a drop off and pick up event. Parents will drop off their Connect and Confirmation students at the Chanhassen FMSC site located at 18732 Lake Dr E, Chanhassen, MN. There is no Confirmation or Connect programming following the conclusion of this event. Pick up time is 6:40 p.m.

Mission Trip 2025 Senior High Ministry Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser!

Crown of Glory senior high youth will be heading to a mission trip in the summer of 2025 for an amazing opportunity to serve on a mission trip! Thank you for supporting our youth in their fundraising efforts.

Lent Cinnamon Rolls Are Back!

Starting on Sunday, March 9, and each weekend during Lent our senior high youth will be serving fresh Cinnamon rolls and OJ following Sunday morning worship service. Cinnamon rolls are a suggested \$2 donation. All proceeds will support the Senior High Mission Trip.



Ministry Milestone

Ministry Milestone: First Communion Celebration

Pastor Reggie will be offering a First Communion class on Sunday, March 16 at 1:00 p.m. in the Sun Hall. All 3rd and 4th grade students who have not received communion instruction are encouraged to attend, but all ages of kids are welcome! First Communion will be celebrated during Maundy Thursday worship on Thursday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. Please register your child for the class at the church website (<u>crownofglory.org/milestones</u>) and contact Pastor Reggie (<u>pastorreggie@crownofglory.org</u>) with any questions!



New Members

New Member Orientation and Welcome

New to Crown of Glory? Want to become a part of the Crown of Glory family? Crown of Glory welcomes newcomers to attend New Member Orientation on Sunday, March 9 starts at 10:15 a.m. and New Member Welcome is held on Saturday, March 15 at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 16 at 9:00 a.m. during each worship service. To get signed up for these welcoming events visit our website at https://www.crownofglory.org/join-us and complete the form at the bottom of the page!

Soup Suppers During Lent

Soup to Share

A sign-up sheet is located in the Gathering Space for up to 3 volunteers per week of Lent to bring a favorite soup to share. Please bring enough soup to feed at least 20-30 people. Soups should be dropped off on Wednesdays by 4:00 p.m. in the church kitchen. Thank You!

Soup Suppers During Lent
March 5 - Chicken Wild Rice Soup
March 12 - Lentil Soup
March 19 - Polish Hunters Stew
March 26 - French Onion Soup
April 2 - Chicken Pot Pie Soup
April 9 - Garlic Mushroom Soup

Adult Bible Studies

Women's Bible Study

Led by CoG member, Sherri Taylor (sherriktaylor@hotmail.com), this group of curious and delightful women meet once a month on Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. throughout the program year to study a book of the Bible together. This year, they will be journeying through the Gospel of Luke.

See below for their schedule:



Women's Bible Study

2025 March 15 April 12 May 17

Sunday Conversations

Dive into thought-provoking discussion in our adult study group, where we explore a range of biblical themes, social justice issues, and relevant topics. This year, we'll focus on the book *Dialogues: On Race*.

They meet from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Sun Hall. Contact <u>Pastor Laura</u> more information! See schedule below:



March 16: Wither the Women? April 27: Two Christianities Date TBD:

A New Heaven and a New Earth

Music Ministry

Music Ministry

Rehearsal Times During Lent

Servant Song Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

Chancel Chimers
Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m.

Chancel Choir Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m.

Crown Brass
Throughout the year (TBD)

Garage Band Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.





Upcoming Music in Worship:

March 2: Servant Song March 16: Chancel Choir

March 23: Chancel Chimers March 30: Servant Song

April 13: Chancel Choir

April 27: Chancel Chimers

May 4: Chancel Choir



Justice & Inclusion Team



The mission of the Justice & Inclusion Team at Crown of Glory is to foster community, work for equality, ally with our neighbors, and educate ourselves and others to challenge the forces that seek to exclude, harm, or discriminate against any child of God.

After joining the Justice & Inclusion Team at Crown of Glory I realized that discrimination against people and groups is more widespread in Chaska than I had previously thought. I also didn't realize the number of individuals, groups and organizations that are working to help combat discrimination and how important Crown of Glory is in aiding their efforts.

In the past the team has worked with the peace movement by having the City of Chaska issue a proclamation of support for International Peace Day. We also installed a peace pole on our property. We invited the Southern Valley Alliance to speak, and had a drive to collect used cell phones for their use. We contacted Sockdrawers, a group working with the homeless population in Minneapolis, and collected over 200 pairs of socks for distribution to homeless individuals. We also worked with Bountiful Baskets to supply them with paper products and personal cleaning supplies for their clients. We invited a local Latina organization to have a discussion on the legal challenges of immigrants in Chaska. The Team is working on making Crown of Glory a Reconciling in Christ congregation, welcoming people of all sexual orientations.

By joining the J & I team you can learn about the efforts we are working on to make Crown of Glory a place of refuge and welcome to everyone.

Steve Mangen, Team Member

Justice and Inclusion Team

SUPPORTING IMMIGRANTS

On January 18, His House, Latino Voices and Crown of Glory's Justice & Inclusion Team held a forum on immigration in the Sun Hall. Speakers included immigration attorney Ernest Waife and Gercia Hegner from Latino Voices. More than 50 community members came together to discuss how to best support and empower our immigrant neighbors.

In 2016, the ELCA Churchwide Assembly approved "Accompany Migrants with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities" (AMMPARO), our church's strategy to inform our holistic, whole-church response to migration and those forced to flee their communities. The message calls for the church to be a welcoming place that is grounded in the call to welcome the stranger (Matthew 25:35), together with the commitment to justice that advocates for fair and generous laws.

The Justice and Inclusion Team would like to provide our congregation with an opportunity to support our migrant neighbors by volunteering or making donations to Latino Voices. This organization is located in downtown Chaska at 123 West 3rd Street. Their services include help with domestic violence and rental assistance, as well as filling out paperwork, making medical and dental appointments, connecting with county services and holding information sessions with an immigration lawyer.

All the staff at Latino Voices are volunteers, and their office is only open on Fridays because of financial limitations. They provide one-time sessions with an immigration attorney and general sessions informing immigrants of their rights.

You can donate at www.latinovoicesmn.org or look for the flyer in the church Gathering Space with a QR code for PayPal donations. Thank you for your support of this vital community organization!



"For now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land." – Song of Solomon 2:11-12

Spring is quickly approaching and often brings a sense of renewal following the long winter months. The 2024 financial year is behind us. It was a good year, exceeding our budget goals overall and supporting our mission as a church to be one family of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit to welcome everyone, to serve our neighbors, and to share God's love and saving grace. The season of 2025 renews this support and commitment to our mission. A support that has grown with over \$400,000 in pledges for 2025! Crown of Glory has never had a pledge commitment of that amount, a milestone that should certainly be celebrated. The Annual Meeting held on Sunday, February 9, highlighted this as well as so many other wonderful things going on at Crown of Glory.

In addition to the highlights and celebrations at the meeting, the 2025 budget was approved as presented by the Council. Although 2024 was a positive year, it had its challenges, and adjustments were made to have such an outcome. Some of those adjustments included the refinance of our mortgage and pausing our hiring efforts for the youth ministries, to make up for fewer contributions than were hoped for in our 2024 budget. 2025 will have its own challenges. We have lost two renters to start the year for reasons out of our control. This provides opportunities for new renters at Crown of Glory and further outreach to our community. We love to share our beautiful space! Please reach out to either of the Pastors if you know of anyone looking for a space to rent. In the meantime, we encourage the congregation to put their best efforts forward to fundraise and help replace some of that lost rental revenue. Our fundraising goals this year have increased from \$21,000 to nearly \$38,000 for 2025 in order to maintain a balanced budget. There is already some great fundraising events planned that need volunteers, including the Spring Garage Sale, Twins Concessions and Fall Social. Please consider volunteering for one of these events or others that come up during the year. Your financial gifts are always appreciated and welcome, additionally your gift of time is also valued as we emphasize fundraising this year. It will be a great year of community and fellowship together!

Thank you for heading into spring with us with a renewed spirit of giving, outreach and community and for your continued support of Crown of Glory.

For a financial summary of 2024 and the 2025 budget, please see the following chart on the next page.

Submitted by the Finance Team: Pastor Reggie Klindworth, Sarah Morrow, Ashley Pederson, Lori Robinson, Jodi Sie & Grant Taylor

Finance Corner Continued

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2024 Summary & 2025 Budget

(Cash Flow Basis)

| SUSTAINING FUND | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---|
| | 2025 Budget | 2024 Actual | 2024 Budget | 2024 Variance | Notes: |
| REVENUES: | | | | | |
| Total Offerings | \$ 560,000 | \$ 536,604 | \$ 584,598 | \$ (47,994) | |
| Rent | 93,485 | 112,149 | 113,756 | (1,607) | |
| Special Events/Fundraisers | 37,882 | 20,806 | 21,000 | (194) | |
| | | | | | Sustaining Fund - Includes \$75 for Justice & Inclusion |
| Other Sources | 11,800 | 18,717 | 7,150 | 11,567 | Revenue (Fund Closed 2/2024) |
| | | | | | |
| Total Revenues | \$ 703,167 | \$ 688,276 | \$ 726,504 | \$ (38,228) | |
| | | - | | | |
| EXPENSES: | | | | | |
| Church Staff | 348,316 | 314,395 | 332,579 | (18,184) | |
| Worship & Music Ministry | 7,480 | 6,656 | 6,450 | 206 | |
| Witness & Fellowship | 3,750 | 8,677 | 4,550 | 4,127 | Includes Hospitality, Wednesday Dinners, Advertising |
| Facilities | 37,650 | 45.155 | 40,200 | 4,955 | , |
| Children's Ministry | 1,000 | 824 | 1,950 | (1,126) | |
| Youth Ministry | 4,000 | 7,428 | 4,880 | 2,548 | |
| , | ,,,,,,, | 1,, | ,,,,,, | -,- | Sustaining Fund - Includes \$68 for Justice & Inclusion |
| Benevolences and Outreach | | 6,963 | 3,250 | 3.713 | |
| Adult Ministry | 185 | 1,389 | 1,150 | 239 | |
| Office Operations | 73,258 | 72,531 | 79,133 | (6,602) | |
| Finance Fees / Other | 600 | 11,169 | | 11,169 | |
| Total General Expenses | 476,239 | 475,187 | 474.142 | | |
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| | | | | | 2024 Mortgage Interest-only Payment of \$14,145 paid from |
| Mortgage, P&I | 226,928 | 228,284 | 242,960 | (14,676) | loan proceeds when refinancing mortgage, June 2024. |
| Personal Loan P&I | | 207,643 | 5,500 | 202,143 | |
| Total Mortgage/Loan Expenses | 226,928 | 435,927 | 248,460 | 187,467 | |
| | | | | | |
| Total Expenses | 703,167 | 911,114 | 722,602 | 188,512 | |
| | | | | | |
| Mortgage Modification Loan Proceed | ds | 239,990 | | 239,990 | |
| | | | | | Interfund Transfers - From Building Special Appeal Fund and |
| Transfers In/Out | | (11,872) | | (11,872) | Mortgage Refinance. |
| | | | | | |
| Net Gain (Loss) | <u> </u> | \$ 5,280 | \$ 3,902 | \$ 1,378 | |

Stewardship Update

2025 Stewardship Appeal and Special Appeal Final Report: Steppingstones of Faith

Together in faith we can accomplish wonderful things! Our 2025 Stewardship Campaign for our Sustaining Fund and Special Construction Loan Appeal is now completed. Your generosity and financial support for 2025 is appreciated.

2025 Stewardship Commitments

| | Pledges | Amount | 2024 to 2025 Comparison |
|--|---------|-----------|-------------------------|
| New COG Pledger | 9 | \$29,460 | \$29,460 |
| Returning 2025 Pledger, No pledge in 2024 but pledged in prior years | 9 | \$25,800 | \$25,800 |
| Increased | 38 | \$190,570 | \$23,360 |
| Decreased | 6 | \$7,100 | -\$4,180 |
| Same as 2024 | 44 | \$147,936 | |
| Total | 106 | \$400,866 | \$74,440 |



Lenten Theme:

everything [in] between

Ash Wednesday: intention & action (Luke 9: 51-62)

Week 1: stranger & neighbor (Luke 10: 25-37)

Week 2: faith & works (Luke 10: 38-42)

Week 3: rest & growth (Luke 13: 6-9)

Week 4: lost & found (Luke 15: 1-7)

Week 5: righteousness & mercy (Luke 19: 1-10)

Palm Sunday Weekend: shouting & silence (Luke 19: 29-40)

Maundy Thursday: power & humility (Luke 22: 1-27)

Good Friday: acceptance & resistance (Luke 23: 32-49)

Easter Sunday: **grief** & hope (Luke 24: 1-12)



Holden Evening Prayer Service:

Wednesdays

March 12 - April 9

at 6:30 p.m.



The Story of Job: Faithful One of God

Lent 1 March 12: Job, A Servant of God

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Crown of Glory Partners With Local Churches For Ecumenical Ministries

In 2025 Crown of Glory will partner with local congregations to provide ecumenical worship experiences in our communities. Partner congregations include the Moravian Church of Chaska, the United Church of Christ of Cologne, Shepherd on the Hill Presbyterian Church of Chaska, West Union Lutheran Church, and Crown of Glory. Join us for this special worship event.

Easter Sunrise Service hosted at the Chaska Moravian Church:

Join this special Sunrise Easter Worship service beginning at 6:30 a.m. in the main sanctuary of Chaska Moravian Church. Worship will include Easter hymns lead by a senior high youth brass band and lessons led by pastors from our partner churches. Worship will conclude outdoors as the sun rises on Easter morning.



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Ash Wednesday Lutheran Women Gone Wild 2- Holden E 3- Lutheran

- 9- New Member Orientation Cinnamon Rolls Fundraiser
- 12- Holden Evening Prayer Service

Pablos, Shakopee

15- Women's Bible Study

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15 & 16- New Member Welcome

- 16- Cinnamon Rolls FundraiserFirst Communion ClassSunday Conversations
- 19- Holden Evening Prayer Service
- 20- Men's Pub Ministry
 The Savage Tap Craft Beer &
 Brewery, Savage
- 23- Cinnamon Rolls Fundraiser
- 26- Holden Evening Prayer Service
- 27- Fare for All
- 30- Cinnamon Rolls Fundraiser

April

- 2- Holden Evening Prayer Service
- 3- Lutheran Women Gone Wild Cuzzv's, Chaska

Cinnamon Rolls Fundraiser

- 9- Holden Evening Prayer Service
- 12- Women's Bible Study
- 13- Palm Sunday Worship Cinnamon Rolls Fundraiser
- 16- No Wednesday Night Dinner
- 17- Maundy Thursday
 First Communion
- 18- Good Friday Cantata
- 19- Holy Saturday Taizé Worship
- 20- Easter Sunrise Service at

Chaska Moravian Church
Easter Sunday Worship at Crown of Glory

Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30 a.m.

- No Wednesday Night DinnerConnect/Confirmation Service Event
- 24- Pastor Laura Begins Sabbatical Fare for All
- 27- Sunday Conversations

May

- Lutheran Women Gone Wild
 Dangerfield's, Shakopee
- 2 & 3- Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly
- 14- Last Wednesday Night Dinner of the Program Year Connect and Confirmation Year-End Celebration
- 18- Women's Bible Study

17 & 18- Graduate Recognition

- 18- SPARK Sunday School Year-End Celebration
- 21- Preschool Place Graduation
- 22- Fare for All
- 26- Office Closed



