

Crown of Glory Lutheran Church

One Family

We are 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.

Summer Crownicle 2024

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A Long Time Coming!

At long last, the summer has arrived, and the Holy Spirit is alive and moving at Crown of Glory! Our program year for ministries may be drawing to a close, but we are getting ready to move with the Spirit into a summer that is packed with opportunities and adventure for everyone to enjoy. I invite you to take part in all the summertime activities, events, and Spirit-filled experiences over the next several months.

Summer Worship

Our worship will have a new look to it this summer. After a very strong response from our Summer Worship Survey, we are once again temporarily moving our Saturday Evening Worship service to Wednesday nights for the summer season with a brand-new start time of 6:00 p.m. The service itself will retain much of the same format and feel of an “Evening Prayer” style of worship. Saturday Evening Worship will return for the regular program year on September 7, 2024.

National Youth Gathering/Mission Trip

There is still more to explore this summer and even more that the Holy Spirit has moved us to do! Seven youth and two adults are headed to New Orleans, LA to experience the ELCA National Youth Gathering and a two-day mission trip the week of July 14 – 20. I invite you to hold this group in your prayers as we prepare for all that God has in store for us on this trip. This year’s summer mission trip and the National Youth Gathering will certainly help shape our faith and better understand where and how God is calling us to serve.

Vacation Bible School

For the first time in a few years, we are not able to provide Vacation Bible School for our little ones this summer. Our leadership position is currently vacant as we seek to call and hire a new Director of SPARK Ministry over the summer. Please keep our Children’s Ministry Search Team and their work in your prayers as we conduct our search this summer! I encourage all families looking for Vacation Bible School opportunities to contact me for information on programs provided by neighboring churches.

Stewardship and Finances

We are staying the course with our stewardship and gifts moving into the summer. Be sure to review the Finance Corner in this edition of the *Crownicle*. The Finance Team shares a detailed report of our current year-to-date expenses and offerings. Finally, we give thanks that our congregation approved the refinancing of our Mortgage with our partner Bank Vista on April 28! Securing the refinance of our mortgage allows us to shift our private construction loan debt over to our mortgage and offers us a strong financial future.

The summer is also a great time to get signed up for *Simply Giving*, the automated giving program at Crown of Glory, to help avoid a decrease in offering during the summer months. The registration process is simple and quick! To find out more about how you can get signed up for automated giving today, contact Ashley Pederson, our Director of Finances at ashley@crownofglory.org.

As we look forward to an excellent summer together! Make sure you stay connected with this community of faith through worship, service in the community, and ministries. May your summertime be filled with the presence of God’s Spirit!

Blessings,

Pastor Reggie Klindworth
Senior Pastor

From the Desk of Pastor Laura

Dear Friends in Christ,

Summer is upon us and in the liturgical calendar that means it is time to celebrate Pentecost and lean into the Time after Pentecost, or "Ordinary Time."

On Pentecost (May 18-19), we celebrated the arrival of the Holy Spirit among God's people, creating a diversity of languages, colors, and cultures. This holy, breezy, windy Spirit remains with us today and inspires our faithful living. The Sanctuary was transformed with symbols of the Spirit: holy, living fire in bright red, orange, gold, and pure white doves, descending over the baptismal font, reminding us of the promise we all claim in God's love.

May 26 and 29 will begin our summer worship schedule, with Sunday worship at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday worship at 6:00 p.m. Be sure to watch your weekly Crownicle eNewsletter for "Evening on the Patio" fellowship opportunities that will immediately follow Wednesday worship, sponsored by the Council and various ministry teams throughout the summer season!

Summer worship will also mark the beginning of our Time after Pentecost, or "Ordinary Time," where the Sanctuary is filled with a variety of greens and we celebrate the fullness of life in God, in faith, and in life with one another, friends, and family. This summer will be divided into two worship themes: God's Healing in Jesus and the Bread of Life. As we begin the summer, we will hear several accounts from the Gospel of Mark of Jesus' miracles that often involved healing and bringing about wholeness through faith. The last five weeks of summer, we will switch to the Gospel of John and hear the many descriptions from Jesus of how he is the Bread of Life, sustaining us in our lives and nurturing us in our faith.

Be sure to watch the Crown of Glory patio throughout the summer, as our Worship Arts Team will be planting wheat in pots labeled, "The Future Bread of Life," and the full-grown wheat will eventually adorn our worship space as we transition from the Gospel of Mark to the Gospel of John.

A big thank-you to our Worship Arts Team, as they make one final push to prepare the Sanctuary for the summer season before taking a well-deserved few months off. Their inspiration, creativity, and passion for bringing themes and Scripture to life in worship has been absolutely fabulous and I cannot wait to see what they come up with in the 2024-2025 program year!

I also want to lift up the AV Team, Worship Assistants, and Hospitality Team and offer my gratitude for all the ways they led, supported, and provided for our worship life this past year. These three groups of volunteers are a beautiful example of how we are church together, leading and serving one another and our neighbors in love and grace.

As you find yourself traveling throughout the summer, or spending time at your beloved campground or cabin, we delight in the opportunity to worship with you and catch up whenever you find yourself back in your Crown of Glory home. Join us for worship online whenever you are not able to join in person and when you do attend in person, invite a friend or family member to come with you!

I look forward to leaning into this summer life together, learning about God's healing for us through Jesus, and finding new sustenance and strength through the Bread of God's life, love, and grace.

In Christ,

Pastor Laura Laughlin

Pastor of Worship and Music

From the Desk of Administrative Office Assistant Sara



It's amazing how time goes by and how a person's journey changes.
June marks one year for me at Crown of Glory!

Here are some updates:

With the help of several members, Crown of Glory will be transitioning to a new, updated, website! The goal is to have it ready before Rally Weekend. More information to come...

Please continue to help the Kiddos' Corners and activity bags stay organized. If you notice the activity bags are getting low or missing something, please leave the activity bag at the church office so it can be restocked, etc. Also, if you have any ideas for different activities let me know. Thank you.

The windows in the Sun Hall now have window clings on them. The main purpose of this is to prevent birds from crashing into the windows.

A refreshed, more detailed, online option of the building request form is in the works. If you are having an event or gathering this summer, keep Crown of Glory in mind as an option for renting space, equipment, or services. Be on the lookout for a special display board with more information.

Worship slides: Each week I update the website, put together the bulletins, CC, and the worship and announcement slides for worship. As a reminder, if you have an announcement you would like in any of these publications, send me the information before Wednesday at noon. (sara@crownofglory.org)

Sara Keim

Administrative Office Assistant

SPARK Ministry



Our SPARK Sunday School Ministry is wrapped up for the program year. We have had an incredible year of learning and we are grateful for so many volunteers who helped lead our kiddos in the absence of a Director of Children's Ministry. Thank you to all parents and adult leaders for stepping into leadership roles throughout the year to make our Children's Ministry happen!

Our Children's Ministry Search Team is being formed to begin the search for a new Director of SPARK Ministry. This summer will be a time of discernment and excitement as we seek candidates for this new staff position in hopes that we can call a gifted leader to Crown of Glory to lead our SPARK Sunday School Ministry.

No Vacation Bible School at Crown of Glory Summer of 2024

The summer VBS for Crown of Glory has been canceled and will not take place this summer due to leadership needs. We hope to bring back this great summertime experience for our Children's Ministry next summer.

VBS Scholarships Available!

If you are looking for a summertime VBS experience for your kiddos, then we are here to support them! Crown of Glory is offering scholarships to each child who attends VBS at another local congregation.

Family of Christ Lutheran Church ELCA in Chanhassen offers a Preschool VBS for kids ages 3 to not yet in Kindergarten. Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. from June 24 -27. Cost is \$80 per student. Register at www.familyofchristonline.org/

Faith Lutheran Church ELCA in Waconia offers VBS with the theme "Scuba: Diving into friendship with God" from June 3 – 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. each day. Registration is available at www.waconiafaithlutheran.com/upcoming-events/



9th Grade Confirmation Faith Retreat at Green Lake Bible Camp

Our 9th grade Confirmation class will head to Green Lake Bible Camp in Spicer, MN from Thursday, August 22 to Saturday, August 24 for their Confirmation Faith Retreat. This two-and-a-half-day retreat focuses on finalizing students' past three years of their Confirmation experience and prepares them for the affirmation of their baptism on Confirmation Sunday, October 27, 2024, starting at 2:00 p.m. Attendance to the 9th grade Confirmation Faith Retreat is required. The Faith Retreat is led by Pastor Reggie, Sherri Taylor, and the 9th grade adult guides. Registration materials and retreat details will be sent to each Confirmation student.



Senior High Youth Mission Trip

Five high school youth and two adults are set to head out to New Orleans, LA from July 14 through July 20 to serve on a mission trip and attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering! For their mission trip, they will be partnering with the organization, *Youthworks*, to serve in a variety of ways, including partnering with local organizations through food and clothing distribution and sorting, spending time with elderly folks, community beautification projects, and helping facilitate children programming.

Please keep all our mission trip team participants in your prayers this summer!



Class of 2024

Graduating Seniors of 2024



What a celebration of achievement! Fifteen graduating seniors celebrated together in worship on May 18 and 19 in recognition of their academic and faith achievements. Each senior was gifted a hand-made quilt from our Faithful Knotters. We rejoice with our graduates and their families as they begin a new chapter in their life and faith!

Elias Barnett
Ali Collins
Eva Dvorak
Lydia Edison
Jake Fogarty

Cameron Johnson
Jackson Jorgensen
Noah Klindworth
Benjamin Kordonowy
Cale Kramer

Nevin Krause
Hannah Larson
Jacob McCoy
Marci Nelson
Hannah Payne

Youth Experiences

Kiddos' Corner

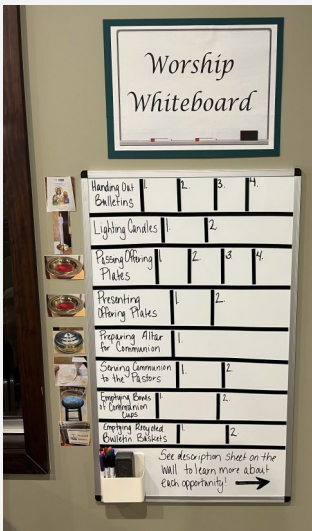
The Kiddos' Corner, in the North side of the Sanctuary, is available during worship. Parents, please help to keep this space organized. If a volunteer is not present, please monitor your children. The same applies to the Kiddos' Corner in the North Sun Hall.

Thank you!

Activity Bags

Located inside the Sanctuary main entrance, activity bags can be utilized throughout worship service. Most bags include books, coloring sheets, crayons, a clipboard as a hard surface for coloring sheets, 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.

Worship Whiteboard



Worship Whiteboard!

Looking for a fun way for children to be involved in our Sunday morning worship? The worship whiteboard is located outside the Sanctuary near the hospitality station. Children of all ages can sign up for a worship duty each morning before worship starts. Children can light the altar candles, hand out bulletins, usher, help prepare the altar table, serve Communion to the Pastors and so much more. We welcome all children to participate in these worship activities.

Summer Camp Experience For Kids

Crown of Glory is proud to partner with Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp (Camp Wapo) in Amery, WI to offer a summer camp experience for kids! Find out more about this amazing camp at

<https://lakewapo.org/>

July 19-21 Wapo Seeds is a weekend camp for kids who have completed 1st-3rd grades.

July 21-26 Wapo Youth is a full week of camp for kids who have completed 4th-9th grades.

Registration is open.

Use this link to register: <http://lwlbc.com/cog-chaska>

Kitchen Essentials Ministry

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Calling all garage sale shoppers! If you enjoy attending garage sales, the Kitchen Essentials Ministry (CoG's Love INC ministry) is in need of donations of gently used kitchen items. We especially need toasters, coffee makers, silverware sets, and baking pans. Donations can be placed on the designated table behind the CoG kitchen. Thank you for supporting this ministry and helping families in Eastern Carver County.

If you have any questions about this ministry, please contact Tracy Cunningham at 952-239-9344.

Music Ministry

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Thank you to every single Crown of Glory and visiting musician who gave of their time and talents this year! What a delightful year of making beautiful music together. I am immensely thankful for the partnership of Ginger Larson, our piano accompanist, and Tabitha Hanson, our organist, in finding new and creative ways to experience music in worship together. Thank you to Sarah Morrow for her leadership of the Chancel Chimers and Garage Band, and for Lori Robinson and Rachel Berg Scherer for their assistance with the Garage Band.

The music ministries will pause their rehearsals for the summer and resume rehearsing with renewed vigor on Wednesday, September 4:

Servant Song at 5:00 p.m.
Chancel Chimers at 6:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir at 6:45 p.m.
Garage Band: TBD

If you are a musician or someone who would never call yourself a musician but love music, I encourage you to think this summer about joining one of our ensembles this coming fall. You will find yourself part of a community that laughs, sings, rings, and plays together all in the name of the God who created and loves us. All skill levels are welcome and we would love to have you join the fun!

Singing with you,

Pastor Laura Laughlin

Thanks to all of you that attended the 2024 Annual Meeting! Attendees approved a budget that calls for total revenue of \$726,504, total expenses (operating, other expenditures) of \$722,602, and a net of \$3,902. Through March 2024, revenues are ahead of budget by \$8,549, expenses are ahead of budget \$522, which results in a net that is \$9,071 ahead of budget. If we focus on contributions, it shows that \$139,500 was budgeted and \$142,635 has been received to date, with net contributions \$3,135 ahead of budget. This is great to see! As we head into summer, we encourage you to join us in keeping net contributions ahead of budget.

A couple of key items discussed at the Annual Meeting were a mortgage rate adjustment in November and the status of member loans with a total \$203,500. While members have graciously rolled these loans over from one year to the next, the Finance Team has been concerned about the impact on Crown of Glory's financial situation if a sizeable portion of these loans needed to be repaid at one time. Our mortgage holder, Bank Vista, was approached to discuss options for doing the rate adjustment and addressing the member loans. Bank Vista responded with a proposal to modify the existing mortgage to fix the mortgage rate at 7% for the remainder of the loan, change the amortization period from 20 to 25 years, reduce the monthly payment amount by roughly \$1,000, and offer a net proceed to Crown of Glory of roughly \$215,000. This proposal comes with the stipulation that member loans must be paid off. The Finance Team and Executive Council jointly reviewed the offer and recommended the proposal be accepted. The full Council voted to proceed with accepting the proposal. A special congregation meeting was scheduled for April 28, 2024, required notices sent, the meeting was held, and the congregation unanimously approved moving forward with the proposal. The mortgage modification is expected to be closed by the end of May 2024 and all remaining member loans will be repaid once the net proceeds are received by Crown of Glory.

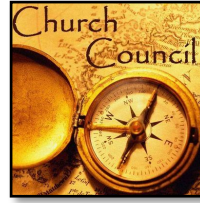
Now that the mortgage rate adjustment and member loans have been addressed, what does that mean? It means that Crown of Glory is in a position to move forward with hiring a part-time SPARK Director. It also means Crown of Glory can start formulating plans to complete the parking lot and finish the kitchen! There is also the potential to partner with Bank Vista to make the lower level of the education wing usable and an additional revenue source. With so many possibilities on the horizon, we give thanks for all the ways God has provided for Crown of Glory, and for your faithful support.

Wishing you a wonderful, enjoyable summer!

Submitted by the Finance Team

Jodi Sie, Ashley Pederson, Lori Robinson, Sarah Morrow, Grant Taylor, and Pastor Reggie Klindworth

Council Members 2024



Pictured:

Back row, from left to right:

Pastor Laura Laughlin, Sherri Eriksrud, Kristi Kirsch,
Mikel Jones (Secretary), Eric Larson, Pastor Reggie Klindworth, Bob Chinnock

Front row, from left to right:

Deb Mangen, Sarah Morrow (Vice President), Kate Peterson (President),
Deb Peterson



Crown of Glory – My “Home” Church

When I think about my “home” church, I hear the theme song from the ‘80s TV sitcom *Cheers* playing in my head:

“Sometimes you want to go, where everybody knows your name. And they’re always glad you came. You want to be where everybody knows your name.”

Growing up, I had a “home” church. It was a wonderful place where I attended Sunday School, took first communion, got confirmed, sang in the choir, and participated in many Christmas narratives. I knew everyone, and they knew me. It was like my second home and an extension of my family.

When my family and I became members of Crown of Glory in 2016, we chose it because of the ministries that were offered, specifically for children and music. We felt this would be a good place to build relationships and create a “home” church. I wanted my girls to have the same experience growing up as I did; however, creating a “home” church doesn’t happen quickly. It takes a lot of time and effort to make connections and build relationships, and I know I will only get out of it what I put into it. If I only want a place to worship once a week and send my kids to Sunday School and Confirmation, then that’s all I should expect out of my home church. But, if I want a place that’s more than that, I need to get involved and put in the work to achieve that outcome. So I joined the Chancel Choir and Chancel Chimers and helped with SPARK. I really started to feel like this was my home church. But, in 2020, a global pandemic hit and put an abrupt stop to the momentum I had going. Being shut down and disconnected from my church was very hard. I felt like the connections I had established were slipping away. Plus, it was hard to instill in my girls what it means to go to church if we couldn’t go to church.

Once the church opened to worship in person, it just didn’t feel like the home church with which I was familiar. It felt like we were new members again who had to create our home church again. It would have been easy to just walk away and find another church to attend, but we chose to stay and make Crown of Glory our home again. My girls attended SPARK and Confirmation and joined the Garage Band. I joined the Chancel Chimers and Chancel Choir again, and then I was asked to serve on the Church Council. I accepted and it opened another opportunity to get involved. It helped me reestablish some long-lost relationships and create new ones. I made new friends and was enjoying my home church again. I have developed deeper relationships with my pastors. I can reach out to them when a member of my family is having a bad week and ask them to pray for us.

Serving on Church Council is only one thing I’m involved with. I’m also on the Executive Council, Finance Committee, lead the Chancel Chimers, co-lead the Garage Band, and sing in the Chancel Choir. Last year, I helped coordinate the Church Rummage Sale. It was another opportunity to get involved and meet other members. It was a successful fundraiser for the church financially and connecting people.

What is it you look for in a home church? Are you feeling like something is missing? Maybe it’s time to get a little more involved. Crown of Glory offers a wide variety of ministry teams. Check out just a few of your options from the list on the next page. Don’t see what you’re looking for? Reach out to Pastor Reggie or Pastor Laura about starting a team of your own! Make Crown of Glory your home.

Submitted by Sarah Morrow

Ministry Teams

Children/Youth Ministry

SPARK Sunday School (age 3 – 3rd grade)
Connect (4th and 5th grade)
Confirmation (6th – 8th grade)
Senior High (9th – 12th grade)

Adult Education Ministry:

Sunday Adult Forum
Monthly Women's Bible Study
Study for Partners

Adult Social Ministry:

Lutheran Women Gone Wild
Men's Pub Ministry

CoG Property:

Time, Talent, and Tasks Ministry
Landscape Ministry
Décor Team
Worship Arts Team
Fundraisers

Music Ministry:

Chancel Choir
Chancel Chimers
Servant Song
Garage Band (Middle and High School)

Community Ministry:

Welcome Team
Justice and Inclusion Team
Creation Care Team
Fare For All
Kitchen essentials
Faithful Knotters
Faithful Knitters
Caring Hand





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Some of the Rally Week Activities:

- * Blessing of the Backpacks
- * Connect Bible Milestone
- * Ministry Fair
- * Golf Outing
- * Block Party
- * Music Ministry Rehearsals begin
- * SPARK, Connect, and Confirmation Ministries begin

June



- 6- Lutheran Women Gone Wild at Dangerfield's**
- 8- Troop #174 service project work**
- 17- Office Closed: Staff Retreat**
- 18- Office Closed until noon**
- 20- Men's Pub Ministry at Unmapped Brewing Co.**
- 22- Chaska Pride Celebration at Chaska Veterans Park**
- 27- Fare for All**

July

- 3- No Wednesday Worship**
- 4- Office Closed (Independence Day)**
- 8- Fare for All**
- 11- Lutheran Women Gone Wild at Oak 19**
- 14-20- Senior High Youth Mission Trip**
- 18- Men's Pub Ministry at Boom Island Brewing Company
and Taproom**
- Picnic with the Police at Chaska Veterans Park**
- 26-28- River City Days**



August

- 1- Lutheran Women Gone Wild at Sapporo Sushi**
- 22-24- 9th grade Faith Retreat**
- 29- Fare for All and Shoe Bus**

September

- 2- Office Closed (Labor Day)**
- 4-8- Rally Week**
- 5- Lutheran Women Gone Wild at Texas Roadhouse**
- 7- Saturday Worship Resumes**
- 26- Fare for All**





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Summer Worship Schedule

Join us

Sundays at 9:00 a.m. (In Person & Livestream)

&

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. (In Person)

Wednesday Worship May 29 through August 28

No Saturday Worship May 25 through August 31