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From the Desk of Pastor Laura

"I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD."

(Psalm 27: 13-14)

This summer was packed with goodness at Crown of Glory! What a joy it was to worship together and catch up after long trips and adventures. God has been present throughout the past three months in our community and the ministry we have done together, and it was a beautiful sight to behold! Amid the uncertainty that we sometimes face, we keep our faith rooted in the One who is our constant strength and source of courage. I am grateful for these months of warmth and adventure, and I am excited for what this coming year will bring. As we move towards the kick-off of our program year, there is so much to look forward to! I invite you to peruse this newsletter carefully and mark your calendars for all the wonderful opportunities that await us.

Adult Education will be bursting with opportunities to explore your faith individually, with a partner, and with the larger Crown of Glory community. We will also offer two faith milestone opportunities for kids in the first months of the fall season.

Be sure to find the Adult Education table at the Rally Weekend Ministry Fair in the Sun Hall on September 9 and 10 where I will have more information, including sign-up sheets, for all these opportunities. I look forward to learning and growing in faith with you as we journey into a new year together!

In Christ,

Pastor Laura Laughlin
Pastor of Faith Formation

From the Desk of Pastor Reggie

A Season of Returning

"So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him." (Luke 15:20)

Jesus' story of the prodigal son is a timeless story that brings so many things to light. The younger son learns something about the never-ending love of a parent when he returns home to ask his father for forgiveness. The younger son's return is a remarkable example for Jesus to share the image of how God receives us with compassion and a holy embrace.

Our summertime fun and respite are over, and it is time to get back to our regular program schedule. Fall is a wonderful season of returning and we welcome you with a warm embrace for our fall kick off on Rally Weekend. Join us throughout this fall as we kick off our program ministries for children, youth, adults, and families! We are especially excited to get started on another year of education ministries so be sure to check out all the information in this edition of the Crownicle. In addition, don't forget to join us as we celebrate several milestones of faith for youth and adults in the weeks ahead and let the season of returning begin!

Rooted in Faith: Stewardship

Join us in November as we journey together through our stewardship season inspired by the theme, *Rooted in Faith*, where we hear a message around the gifts that we all share to build a strong foundation: our time, talents, and treasures. Sustaining and supporting our financial future is a vital part of our mission as a congregation. This fall, we invite you to join our stewardship season and become rooted in faith knowing that our resources and financial gifts given out of faith support our congregation and community.

For the second straight year, Crown of Glory will raise funds for a special appeal that will eliminate debt from construction loans that date back to our last building project in 2015. The Construction Loan Special Appeal will be an addition to our regular annual stewardship appeal. At the end of October, each household will receive a 2024 Stewardship Appeal packet by mail detailing this year's theme and goals. Please review the packet and join us each weekend during November for our stewardship season as we explore what it means to be rooted in faith together.

In Christ,

Pastor Reggie Klindworth
Senior Pastor



From the Desk of Deacon Intern Krysta Director of Children's Ministry

Vacation Bible School

Another incredible Vacation Bible School is in the books! *Operation Restoration: Mending God's World*, was a success as children learned about how to be menders in God's world. We had 30 kiddos register for VBS along with 20 volunteers (10 adults and 10 youth). We welcomed Miss Debbie (Lions Club), Jerad Payne (Chaska Fire Department), *One Love Yoga* (group yoga) and Pastor Laura (lesson on prayer) as afternoon teachers. This year had the most volunteers for VBS since before the Covid pandemic! We also welcomed six new families to Crown of Glory for the first time for VBS and several of them said they would either be coming back next year or would be present at our Rally Sunday weekend! This VBS saw growth in fellowship through an increase in volunteer participation and in the potential that new families may come and join our worship community. A special thank you to all the volunteers who helped make VBS such a success this year.

A Heartfelt Goodbye

It is with a heavy and full heart that I leave the position of Director of Children's Ministry at Crown of Glory on August 30. It has been a privilege to learn with and from the incredible kiddos and parents of this congregation. Crown of Glory is a community that clearly values its children, demonstrated through the resources, time, and care put towards kiddos' faith development. The leadership I have witnessed from this community in Children's Ministry and the feedback I have received while in this role all point to the love this community has for their little ones. Crown of Glory has quickly become a home to me as I have formed relationships with several members here, been involved in music, and attended countless events this community has organized over the years. This community has demonstrated it can be flexible in times of hardship (i.e. coming out of a global pandemic) and has operated with care for all members, short and tall, as it has navigated what it means to be in a community with one another. I will continue to pray for this community and its children in its transition to a new Director of Children's Ministry and I will cherish the many memories I have made here for years to come.

Krysta Flaharty

Deacon Intern Director of Children's Ministry



Blessing of the Backpacks

We will be celebrating our school-age kiddos and the return of a new school year in worship during Rally Weekend (September 9-10)! All children are invited to bring their backpacks to either worship service (Saturday at 5:00 p.m. or Sunday at 9:00 a.m.) to be blessed and to receive a backpack tag to serve as an encouragement for the year!



Fall 2023 First Communion Class

Calling all 3rd and 4th graders who are not yet receiving Holy Communion...it's time for your First Communion instruction! Pastor Laura, in partnership with Peter Potter, will offer a First Communion instruction class on Sunday, September 17 at 1:30 p.m. in the Sun Hall. The celebration of First Communion in worship for this class of students will be October 14 (5:00 p.m.) and October 15 (9:00 a.m.).

Please note: children who are younger than 3rd grade and ready to receive Holy Communion are also welcome! Visit our website to register (<u>www.crownofglory.org/milestones</u>) and contact Pastor Laura (<u>pastorlaura@crownofglory.org</u>) with any questions.

Connect Bible Milestone



All 4th grade Connect students will receive a Connect Bible as they enter this new milestone in their faith journey. The 4th Grade Connect Bible Milestone is scheduled for Rally Weekend September 9-10 at each of our worship services (Saturday at 5:00 p.m. or Sunday at 9:00 a.m.). 4th grade students and their parents will be welcomed forward to receive their Bible during the service. If your 5th grade Connect student does not have a Connect Bible, please contact Pastor Reggie at pastorreggie@crownofglory.org.

9th Grade Confirmation Affirmation of Baptism Service

Crown of Glory celebrates the faith of our young people together as one community of faith. This year's class of 9th grade Confirmation students will be affirming their Baptism on Sunday, October 29 at a special Affirmation of Baptism service held in the Sanctuary at 2:00 p.m. These Confirmation students have enjoyed the last three years of learning and growing together in their faith. Starting at the Faith Retreat at the end of August and through the fall, each 9th grade student will be writing a Statement of Faith that shares their faith journey through their time in Sunday School, Connect, and Confirmation. Please join us in celebrating the faith of our youth!

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SPARK Ministry

SPARK Sunday School

We look forward to the start of SPARK Sunday School on Sunday, September 17! Registration is now open for kids ages 3-3rd grade on our website (crownofglory.org/children).

The Director of Children's Ministry Search Team has been hard at work trying to find our next Director and in this interim time, we are immensely grateful to Crown of Glory members Dee Ann Pettyjohn and Krista Hamman for agreeing to teach SPARK Sunday School. If you are able to volunteer and support Dee Ann and Krista, we welcome all youth volunteers who are Middle School and older, as well as adult volunteers. Please contact Pastor Laura (pastorlaura@crownofglory.org) with questions about volunteering for SPARK Sunday School and visit our website (crownofglory.org/children) to get registered (use the Sunday School Registration form), as well as provide your availability via the SignUp Genius link ("Volunteer Sign-Up") on our website.



Kiddos' Corner

The Kiddos' Corner will continue to be available during worship throughout the fall. If you are in Middle or High School and looking to volunteer to sit in the Kiddos' Corner during worship, please contact Pastor Laura at pastorlaura@crownofglory.org.

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DATE	SPARK THEME
September 17	Joseph Helps His Family
September 24	The Vineyard Workers
October 1	The Chief Priests
October 8	Parable of the Vineyard
October 15	The Wedding Banquet
October 22	Paying Taxes
October 29	The Greatest Commandment
November 5	Be Humble
November 12	Ten Bridesmaids
November 19	Parable of the Talents
November 26	No SPARK- Thanksgiving Break
December 3	Be Ready
December 10	John the Baptist Prepares
December 17	No SPARK- Children's Narrative
December 24	No SPARK- Christmas Eve
December 31	No SPARK- Christmas Break
January 7	Jesus' Baptism
January 14	God Calls Samuel
January 21	Jonah and the Big Fish
January 28	Teaching and Healing
February 4	Jesus Heals
February 11	The Transfiguration
February 18	Noah's Ark
February 25	Abraham and Sarah's Visitors
March 3	The Ten Commandments
March 10	The Light of the World
March 17	Serve and Follow
March 24	Holy Week
March 31	No SPARK- Easter Sunday
April 7	Doubting Thomas
April 14	The Great Commission
April 21	The Good Shepherd
April 28	Phillip and the Ethiopian
May 5	The Holy Spirit Came Down
May 12	Matthias and the Apostle- Mother's Day (Short lesson)
May 19	Year End Celebration

Youth Ministry

Welcome to Connect! (4th & 5th Grade)

Connect Ministry is our pre-Confirmation ministry for 4th and 5th graders. In Connect, students learn practical ways to apply their faith in their daily life through Biblical and historical stories. Each Wednesday during the program year, students will meet in the church Sanctuary for a large group gathering from 6:00-6:30 p.m. and break into small groups from 6:30-7:00 p.m. Pastor Reggie, Connect Ministry Coordinator, will teach our large group sessions. Small group sessions will be led by adult small group leaders and will review the highlights of each lesson. Visit our website (crownofglory.org/children) for more information and to register!

See the Connect calendar on our website for special service events that happen throughout the year.



Save the Dates:	Date	Time	Where
Connect Orientation Night	Wednesday, September 6	6:00-6:30 p.m.	Crown of Glory Sanctuary
Connect Ministry begins	Wednesday, September 13	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Crown of Glory Sanctuary

Confirmation Ministry (6th – 8th Grade)

Welcome 6th - 8th grade students to Confirmation Ministry! We are excited to start another year of learning and growing in our faith together. Confirmation Ministry is experiential, faith-based, and interactive. Join us this year for a fantastic adventure in faith!

Confirmation begins at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays with our Large Group Gathering in the Sanctuary. Pastor Reggie will lead a 45-minute worship-based lesson on the evening curriculum. At 7:15 p.m. students and adult Small Group Guides break into groups for a deeper discussion on the evening topic until about 7:55 p.m. Students gather in the Sanctuary at 7:55 p.m. for a closing prayer and sending and confirmation concludes at 8:00 p.m. Please watch the Confirmation calendar for different start times for special events and service projects.

Visit our website
(crownofglory.org/middleschool-youth) for more
information and to
register!

Save the Dates:	Date	Time	Where
Confirmation Orientation	Wednesday,	6:30-7:00 p.m.	Crown of Glory
Night	September 6		Sanctuary
Confirmation Kick-off	Wednesday,	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Crown of Glory
Night	September 13		Sanctuary

Senior High Ministry (9th-12th Grade)

Last summer's mission trip to Nashville, TN was amazing, and we cannot wait to see what 2024 has in store for us! Our Senior High Ministry has partnered with Youthworks for over a decade for multiple mission trips all over the United States and we are excited to participate in another memorable trip! Interested in learning more? Students and parents are invited to join us for a Senior High Ministry Mission Trip Exploration Night on Tuesday, October 3 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will be exploring what to expect from a mission trip, possible destination sites, and summer dates. Please RSVP with Pastor Reggie at pastorreggie@crownofglory.org.

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Women's Bible Study at Crown of Glory

Join fellow women of the Word once a month on a Saturday at 9:00 a.m. for coffee and a deep dive into a book of the Bible! Women of all ages are welcome to attend. This year, we will be studying the book of Acts together, which promises to be a rich exploration of the beginning of the church, the movement of the Holy Spirit, and the connections between the early church and our faith lives today. Please contact Pastor Laura (pastorlaura@crownofglory.org) with questions and to get signed up! All are welcome.



Women's Bible Study Dates

2023	2024
September 16	January 20
October 14	February 10
November 18	March 9
December 9	April 13
	May 18



Partner Study Dates

2023	2024
September 17	January 28
October 15	February 25
November 12	April 21
December 17	May 19

A Study for Partners

This educational opportunity is for partners of all shapes and sizes (i.e. any two people who share a close relationship): an adult and their parent, two good friends, romantic partners, siblings, etc. Once a month on a Sunday evening, we will wrestle with social justice issues, specifically regarding human sexuality, through a new series, Dialogues On:

Sexuality. Please contact Pastor Laura (pastorlaura@crownofglory.org) with questions and to get signed up! All are welcome.

Men's Retreat (New this Fall)

Join us for the Men's Faith Retreat: Good News, Good Brews at Green Lake Bible Camp in Spicer, MN from Friday, October 6-Sunday, October 8! We will explore the process of making and bottling home brewed beer together, tour a local brewery, and dive into a devotional series led by Pastor Reggie. More information and registration details are available at www.gllm.org/adult-retreats.html.

Registration deadline is October 1, 2023.

Music Ministry Rehearsals start Wednesday, September 6				
1	Servant	Chancel	Chancel	
	Song	Chimers	Choir	
	5:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	6:45 p.m.	

Ministries

Adult Forum at Crown of Glory

This multi-faceted educational experience will take place from 10:15-11:00 a.m. on Sundays following the 9:00 a.m. worship service. A wide range of topics will be presented and discussed pertaining to our church life together, faith, and the broader community. Presentations will be by the pastors, ministry team leaders, and outside speakers. Grab a cup of coffee and join the conversation! All are welcome.



Justice & Inclusion Team

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for we are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:28)

"Being a Welcoming Church"

The Justice and Inclusion Team has been busy planning some exciting events for the fall and winter! We will start the program year with a collection for Bountiful Basket on Rally Weekend. We will be collecting non-food items (diapers, toilet paper, laundry soap, shampoo) in a box in the Gathering Space. Be sure to also stop by our table at the Ministry Fair on Sunday after worship for more information on our ministry and to sign up to join our team!

On the evening of September 19, the J&I Team will be sponsoring a "Gray Area Thinking" training by Ellie Krug. This promises to be an excellent training and will focus on bridging the divides in our culture and community. Ellie is an attorney, school board member and national trainer and speaker. Be sure to watch the eNewsletter and website for more information on this incredible training opportunity!

We are planning three Adult Forum presentations for the fall:

October 1: What Does it Mean to Be Welcoming to All? (Speaker: Krysta Flaharty, Deacon Intern)

October 15 LGBTQIA2S+ and the Bible (Speaker: Pastor Laura and the J&I Team)

October 29: What is a *Reconciling in Christ* Congregation? (Speaker: the J&I Team)

The Justice and Inclusion Team will also be hosting a movie night later in the fall when we will view a documentary entitled, *Doctrine of Discovery: In the Name of Christ*. This film discusses the ways that the Christian Church participated in the extinction and enslavement of Indigenous people and will be followed up with a Bible study.

Finally, the J&I Team hopes to host a joint event (worship service or meal) with Ministerios Renacer Christos, the Hispanic congregation that worships at our church.

We hope you will join us on our journey in becoming a more welcoming and inclusive church!

The Justice and Inclusion Team

(Becky and John Varone, Deb and Steve Mangen, Mikel Jones, Susan Larson, Sally Nelson, Scott Saffert, DeeAnn Pettyjohn, Pastor Laura Laughlin, and Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

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Fall Worship Services

Saturday Evening 5:00 p.m.

In Person



Sunday Morning 9:00 a.m. In Person and Livestream

Saturday, October 14 at 5:00 p.m. Worship with a Blessing of the Animals



New Member Information

Are you new to Crown of Glory? Have you been worshiping with us online and have now started to attend in person? Would you like to make Crown of Glory your church home? We are so excited to have you join us in our mission and ministry as one family of God!

Throughout the year, we provide several opportunities for guests and visitors to join Crown of Glory as members. If you or someone you know is looking to call Crown of Glory home, please contact one of our Pastors or visit our website (crownofglory.org/join-us) to get signed up for our New Member Orientation and Welcome events this coming fall.

New Member Orientation

• Sunday, November 5
10:15 a.m. in the Conference
Room
(Snacks Included)

New Member Welcome

- Saturday, November 11 (5:00 p.m. worship service)
- Sunday, November 12 (9:00 a.m. worship service)

2024 Stewardship Appeal: Rooted in Faith

Join us as we journey together through our stewardship season inspired by the theme, *Rooted in Faith*. Mark your calendar for each of these important weekends in November as our stewardship season unfolds.

November 4 & 5: Stewardship 1

- Kick-off of our stewardship theme: Rooted in Faith
- All Saints Weekend: We honor all in the Crown of Glory community who have died in the past year.

November 11 & 12: Stewardship 2

• Temple Talks: We hear from members as they reflect on their faith and service to their community at Crown of Glory.

November 18 & 19: Stewardship 3

• Commitment Weekend: All are invited to bring their Commitment Card to worship or to fill out the Stewardship Appeal Commitment Form on our website.

November 25 & 26: Stewardship 4

- Celebration Weekend
- Advent begins! Come and share in this engaging weekend of worship.

Finance Corner

Summer is flying by and we look forward to the fall and the start of another program year at Crown of Glory. It is time for another update on how we are tracking to our budget.

Sustaining Fund - Actual to Budget Summary as of 7/31/2023				
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Contributions	\$317,088	\$323,855	(\$6,767)	
Other Revenue	81,281	70,810	10,471	
Total Revenues	398,369	394,665	3,704	
Operating Expenses	(293,490)	(296,709)	3,219	
Mortgage and Interest	A Maria			
Payments 224	(145,033)	(144,185)	(848)	
Total Expenses	(438,523)	(440,894)	2,371	
Net Cash Flow	(\$40,154)	(\$46,229)	\$6,075	

We saw a concerning downward trend in contributions in May and June. After our July Temple Talk and Mid-Year Financial Update letter, we did see a reversal in this trend and July contributions were slightly above budget. Thank you! However, we are still behind budgeted contributions year-to-date. If you are able, please consider a one-time gift or increasing your monthly contribution by 10% for the rest of the year.

Please note fundraisers are included in the "Other Revenue" line in the chart above. We budgeted \$5,000 in fundraiser revenue for July and raised \$6,555 from our rummage sale. The additional \$1,555 helped offset some of May and June's contribution shortfall. Thanks to all who helped make this rummage sale fundraiser a success!

As of 7/31/23, our budget projected a net loss of \$(46,229). Our current net loss is \$(40,154) which means that we are \$6,075 ahead of budget overall. While our contributions are behind budget, our expenses have been slightly lower than expected and other revenue sources (Thrivent gifts, Wednesday dinners, fundraisers, hospitality gifts, etc.) have been higher than expected.

Thank you to all who have given generously in 2023! Now is the time for us to stay vigilant and continue to support Crown of Glory. As the summer winds down, we find ourselves in a negative cash flow position. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the commitment of this congregation, we can and must continue to work together to build back to a place of financial stability.

Submitted by the Finance Team

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

Fall 2023

Hello and greetings! My name is Troy Seefeldt and I joined the Crown of Glory Council this past March. I am delighted to be given this platform to share my faith story with you all!

My wife, Jenn, and I joined CoG shortly after moving to Chaska in 2016. I was scouting churches that summer as we looked to move across the river from Shakopee and was delighted to be welcomed at a Saturday evening service by Pastor Matt. I remember walking in without having a lot of expectations as the church was undergoing a major remodel and seemed rather empty. To my surprise, a grey-haired gentleman wearing a faded jean jacket approached me and without hesitation, extended his hand to greet me and asked my name. I informed him that it was my first time attending worship at CoG. His next words have stuck with me as if they were spoken to me yesterday. Without missing a beat, Pastor Matt looked at me with a welcoming smile and said, "Welcome home, Troy, we have plenty of room for you, come on in." From that moment, I knew we had a new faith home.

We became regular attendees and quickly made friends with many of you. We talked regularly about how we could become more involved and make a difference within our new faith home. It was just a handful of years into joining when we proposed the idea of a Spring Social to Pastors Matt and Reggie. We felt there was a need to pull our congregation together for fellowship and to take the time to raise money for our faith home. We worked with the Council and a handful of volunteers, and the event was a huge success! There were so many smiles, laughs, and many generous donations. A few years later, as we began to emerge from the COVID pandemic, Jenn and I had the opportunity to join a new group of volunteers and put on another social for the CoG community. It was an amazing event that was filled with fellowship, joy, and reconnecting with one another after a long two years apart."

We are now over into the endemic stage of COVID and CoG is facing challenges of attendance and giving. Churches across the Midwest, not just Crown of Glory, are struggling to find ways to pull our communities back together to worship and to invest in a faith home. I wasn't sure what we could do to impact attendance, but after Pastor Reggie approached me about considering joining Council, I discovered a new way that I could make a difference in my faith community. My first instincts led me to say "no" to Pastor Reggie, but God had another plan and here I am, finding myself serving this congregation in new and exciting ways as a member of the Council.

My goal of serving as a member of the CoG Council is to help fill our faith home with new and existing members. It takes a community to maintain this beautiful family that God has pulled together at CoG. We as a Council, and as a congregation, need to identify unique ways to contribute time, gifts, and talents to allow CoG to invigorate our ministries, invest in our surrounding communities, and help those in need. Like you, I often wonder, "Can I truly make a difference?" The answer to that is a resounding, "YES!" Every hour you can volunteer, every new guest you bring to our services, every additional dollar you can donate, and every unique idea you share can contribute to our financial and social well-being as one community of faith.

This is our faith family; this is our faith home. Thank you.

Council Members

Council Members

President:

Vice President:

Secretary:

Jodi Sie

Robert Chinnock

Sarah Morrow



Members:

Steve Clay, Mikel Jones, Kate Peterson, Rachel Berg Scherer, Troy Seefeldt, Becky Varone, Pastor Reggie, Pastor Laura

Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 9 & Sunday, September 10 Roman September 10 Roman



* Golf Outing * Blessing of the Backpacks * Connect Milestone * Block Party * Bounce House * Face Painting * Lawn Games * Ministry Fair * Pancake Breakfast * Bingo



Fall Social Auction Donations

We are seeking donations from members or community organizations for our auction. If you have any connections or have resources, please let us know or contact them directly for what they may be able to offer for the auction. Examples of ideas: a weekend at a cabin you own, service type offerings (i.e. a member going to another members house to help with something), new items you wish to donate (bikes, theme baskets, gift cards, etc.). Please contact Lori at lori.w.robinson@gmail.com for more information.

Fall 2023

<u>September</u>

- 4- Office Closed: Labor Day
- 6- Programming Orientation
 SPARK Volunteer Orientation
 Music Ministry Rehearsals Begin
 Fantasy Football Draft Party
- 7- Lutheran Women Gone Wild
- 9- Rally Weekend Golf Scramble
 Block Party
- 10- Ministry Fair, Pancake Breakfast, Bingo
- 13- Wednesday Programming BeginsWednesday Night Church Dinner Begins
- 16 Women's Bible Study
- 17- Adult Forum
 First Communion Instruction Class
 Study for Partners
- 19- Training on "Gray Area Thinking"
- 21- Men's Pub Ministry
- 28- Fare For All

November

- 2- Lutheran Women Gone Wild
- 4 & 5- Stewardship Kick-off Weekend
- 5- Adult Forum

 New Member Orientation
- 11 & 12- Stewardship Temple Talks
 New Member Welcome
- 12- Study for Partners
- 16- Fare For All
 Men's Pub Ministry
- 18- Women's Bible Study
- 19- Adult Forum
- 18 & 19 Stewardship Commitment Weekend
- 23- Office Closed: Thanksgiving Day
- 25 & 26- Stewardship Celebration Weekend

October

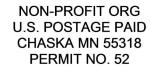
- 1- Adult Forum
- 3- Senior High Ministry Mission Trip
 Exploration
- 5- Lutheran Women Gone Wild
- 6-8- Good News, Good Brews Retreat
- 14 & 15- First Communion Celebration
- 14- Women's Bible StudyWorship with a Blessing of the AnimalsFall Social
- 15- Adult Forum
 Study for Partners
- 19- Men's Pub Ministry
- 26- Fare For All
- 29- Adult Forum

 9th Grade Confirmation Affirmation of
 Baptism Service

December

- 2- Women's Advent Tea
- 3- Adult Forum
- 7- Lutheran Women Gone Wild
- 8- Preschool Place Program
- 9– Christmas Narrative Rehearsal Women's Bible Study
- 10- Adult Forum
- 14- Men's Pub Ministry
- 16- Christmas Narrative Rehearsal Christmas Cantata Rehearsal
- Children's Christmas Party

 Christmas Cantata
 - Children's Christmas Narrative
 - Study for Partners
- 21- Fare For All
- 23- No Worship
- 24- Christmas Eve Worship
- 25- Office Closed: Christmas Day





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RALLY WEEK September 6 - 13

Wednesday, September 6

Servant Song, Chancel Choir, and Chancel Chimers Rehearsals Begin Connect, Confirmation, and SPARK Orientations

Sunday, September 10 Worship Service - 9:00 a.m.

Blessing of the Backpacks Connect Bible Milestone

Events - 10:00 a.m.

Pancake Breakfast, Bingo, Bounce House, Ministry Fair

Saturday, September 9 Golf Outing - 1:00 p.m. Worship Service - 5:00 p.m.

Blessing of the Backpacks Connect Bible Milestone

Block Party - 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Music, Sloppy Joes, Lawn Games, Bounce House, Face Painting, Ministry Fair... Fun for all ages!

Wednesday, September 13

Connect and Confirmation Begin Wednesday Night Dinners Begin SPARK Orientation

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