

Crown of Glory Lutheran Church

Summer Crownicle 2025



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Your Gifts Support Ministry

Scan the QR code to give.
Include the amount you
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the fund you are giving to.



Council Members 2025



Pictured from left to right:

Pastor Reggie Klindworth— Senior Pastor, Kate Peterson, Chad LaGow, Kristi Kirsch, Deb Mangen, Sherri Eriksrud (Secretary), Eric Larson (Vice President), Bill Tyler, Mikel Jones (President), Bob Chinnock, Pastor Laura Laughlin— Pastor of Worship and Music

VBS Registration is Open!

Contact Gretchen with any questions.

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:

\$65/camper
(includes lunch & snack)

Registration open
until July 14

Register online

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

Gratitude in Action: Serving Together in 2025

Dear Crown of Glory Family,

As we step into a new summer together, I want to pause and express deep gratitude—for our Pastors, staff, musicians, ministry leaders, council members, finance team, educators, caretakers and every volunteer who gives time and energy to help our church. I'm especially thankful for those whose contributions happen behind the scenes, in ways many of us may never even see. I also want to extend heartfelt thanks to all of our church members who open their hearts in welcoming all people, no matter who they are or where they come from. Your kindness and inclusivity reflect the very spirit of Christ's love.

To our longtime members: thank you for your commitment through the years. Your resilience and faithfulness through changing times—socially, culturally, and technologically—are the foundation on which so much of our community stands today. Your hospitality toward new faces and encouragement for them to step into active roles is what keeps our church growing and thriving.

To our 'new' or 'newer' members: thank you for continuing to step out of your comfort zones and getting more involved to help sustain and grow our ministries. We truly value your input and involvement.

Since joining our church council, I've come to realize that running a church is not easy. It takes a lot of effort, planning, resources—and most importantly, people. Volunteers are not just helpful; they are essential. Your involvement, no matter how big or small, is a powerful act of service and faith.

As we look ahead in 2025, volunteering for our key fundraisers is more important than ever. Due to an unexpected decrease in rental income at the end of 2024, our church council and voting members at the annual meeting approved a budget that significantly increases our fundraising goals for 2025. This was necessary in order to maintain our current ministries and staff without asking for additional financial contributions from members who we know are already giving generously. To meet these goals, we'll need your help with concessions at Minnesota Twins games throughout the summer, with the church garage sale at the end of May, and with our annual Fall Social event. These fundraisers not only raise essential funds—they also build community, fellowship, and a shared sense of purpose.

My journey at Crown of Glory has evolved in ways I never expected. I first came for my children—for baptisms, for Sunday school, for friendships, and planting seeds of faith and God's love within them. Then, I started coming more for myself—to build new relationships in my community (especially as a full-time remote worker) and to reflect on my own faith and why it matters to me. That grew into supporting our Pastors and fellow volunteers in new ways, and into mentoring our youth in ways that extended beyond the field or basketball court. Now, I come to serve as our Church Council President—to give back to this wonderful community that continues to shape my faith, teach me new things, strengthen my spirit, and support my family, friends and neighbors.

Council Corner continued

As we move into the summer, I invite you to reflect on your own journey with Crown of Glory. I've learned that some people come to church seeking help in difficult times. Others come searching for deeper truth and spiritual growth. Some come for the music, scripture, prayer, or communion. Others come ready to serve and support however they can. Wherever you are at on your journey, I sincerely hope Crown of Glory is a part of it-and that you feel seen and supported.

In a busy world that often demands we make choices between school, sports, work, hobbies, family, friends, and faith, I believe we can find balance among them all. Our church can be a place of restoration, learning, and action. I encourage each of you to consider how you might step forward this year and find that balance—to grow, to serve, to support, and to inspire.

With faith, hope, and gratitude,
Mikel Jones



Left to Right: My Mom (Kathy), Mikel, Drys, Weston, Graham and Bri

From the Desk of Pastor Reggie Klindworth

Summer is Finally Here!

We have been waiting for summer to arrive! The Holy Spirit is alive and moving at Crown of Glory! Our program year has come to a close, but we are getting ready to move with the Spirit into a summer that is certainly packed with a lot of opportunity and adventure for everyone to enjoy! I invite you to take part in all the summertime activities, events, and Spirit-filled experiences.

There is still more to explore this summer and even more that the Holy Spirit has moved us to do! The senior high youth will be headed to Blue Ridge Mountains, NC on a Mission Trip to experience a week of serving the community in need from June 8– 14. I welcome you to hold this group in your prayers as we prepare for all that God has in store on this trip. This year's summer Mission Trip experience will certainly help shape our faith and help us to better understand where and how God is calling us to serve.

We are also excited to share the return of one of our favorite summertime events, Vacation Bible School at Crown of Glory! This summer we welcome camp counselors from Luther Crest Bible Camp! We are super excited to share in this summertime favorite. Get signed up for VBS happening Monday, July 28 – Thursday, July 31, 2025. Registration is open for kids entering 1st – 6th grade.

We are staying on course and on track with our stewardship and gifts moving into the summer, as well. Be sure to review the Finance Corner of this edition of the Crownicle. The Finance Team shares a detailed report on our current year to date expenses and offerings. We have been on course throughout the first five months of 2025, and we are currently ahead of our expected budget for the year. Historically summertime is one of our lowest giving times of the calendar year, so please keep Crown of Glory on your radar this summer.

The summer is also a great time to get signed up for *Simply Giving*, the automated giving program at Crown of Glory. 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

Gretchen Mitcham has gone from
“Interim Director of SPARK Ministry” to
“Director of SPARK Ministry”



We wrapped up our SPARK program year on May 18. Some of our highlights from spring include singing the “Hippopotamus Song” in church and our record attendance on Palm Sunday... 21 kids! I’m so grateful for the partnership of volunteers that we’ve had throughout the program year. Each week volunteers stepped up, and it never felt like “pulling teeth” to find help. Some of our regular volunteers do not have children in the program, and it is a special gift to see them give their time.

At the end of July we will host Vacation Bible School here at Crown of Glory! A team of leaders will come from Luther Crest Bible Camp to lead rising 1st through rising 6th graders. We welcome members and non-members alike, so bring a friend! 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](https://www.crownofglory.org/vbs-registration). (<https://www.crownofglory.org/vbs-registration>)

Registration will remain open until July 14.

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

1. An adult willing to run the kitchen for VBS prepare, serve, and clean up from lunch. Prepare snack. (These duties could be broken up, so please let me know if you have any interest in helping with food.)
2. Volunteer families to provide dinner for the Luther Crest team. (Something you would deliver, not host at your home.)
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 and lunch foods.

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

Do you have toys that are not getting played with? I’m attempting to get a toy rotation going in both of the Kiddos’ Corners. Please send photos of things you would be willing to donate.

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

In peace,
Gretchen

Kids in Worship

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, fidgets, and a sensory search and find tube. 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!

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 8:55 a.m. on Sunday to get signed up. We welcome all children to participate in these worship activities.

Memories to Share

Share Your Crown of Glory Moments

We want to see your fun moments and life at Crown of Glory!

Share them on the Crown of Glory Facebook page
and/or

email them to crownofglorychaska@gmail.com

Graduating Seniors of 2025

What a celebration of achievement for our graduates this year! Twelve graduating seniors celebrated together on May 17 and 18 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!

Kelsey Berkas	Brayden Husfeldt	Hannah Sower
Caiden Burton	Ella Keenan	James Stifter
Bennett Eriksrud	Senja Leeper	Quinn Swanson
Peter Hammerschmidt	Alexis Schaefer	Lucy Wright

Mission Trip 2025

Seven high school youth, one adult leader, and Pastor Reggie are set to head out to Blue Ridge Mountains, NC from June 8 - 14 to serve on their Mission Trip experience! For their Mission Trip experience, they'll be partnering with Youthworks to serve in a variety of ways including partnering with local organizations through food and clothing distribution and sorting, spending time with elderly, community beautification projects and helping facilitate children programming. Please keep all our Mission Trip team members in your prayers this summer.

Adult Leaders:	Youth:	
Pastor Reggie	Bennett Eriksrud	Lexi Morrow
Sarah Morrow	Gavin Holasek	Kalli Peterson
	Jonah Klindworth	Katie Robinson
	Micah Klindworth	

Music Ministry

Music

Music ensembles are finished for the Program Year. Thank you to all for your gift of music. Please reach out to [Ginger Larson](#) if you have interest in doing special music during worship this summer.

Vocalists at Carnegie Hall

We wish all the best and safe travels to the Crown of Glory vocalists going to sing at Carnegie Hall.

Their trip is scheduled for June 22-25.

Ministries, Partnerships, etc.

Crown of Glory Softball League Schedule

If you would like to play some or all the games, please contact Grant Taylor at 952-210-7678 or email at grantataylor@hotmail.com.

Date	Time	Lot	Team
2-June	6:20 p.m.	1	Cross of Grace
9-June	8:40 p.m.	3	Omega
16-June	7:30 p.m.	1	St. John's
23-June	7:30 p.m.	3	St. Hubert's
30-June	7:30 p.m.	3	Zion
7-July	7:30 p.m.	3	Christ Victorious
14-July	8:40 p.m.	1	East Union
21-July	7:30 p.m.	1	Alpha
	8:40 p.m.	3	West Union
28-July	7:30 p.m.	1	Family of Christ

The Vending Machine is Open for Business!

You can find the vending machine down the hallway from the Gathering Space and to the left. At this time we are selling beverages and snacks - several varieties of chips, cookies, bars, pop, sparkling water, and water. Each costs 75 cents or \$1.00 - bring your quarters! There is a dollar changer attached to the machine. It will take a little patience to get your dollar to go in. If you have questions, comments, or requests regarding the vending machine, please direct them to gretchen@crownofglory.org. Proceeds from the machine will benefit our youth programs.

Faithful Knotters

They have been busy making quilts...
16 quilts to His House
27 quilts to Global Health Ministries
3 baby quilts to Global Health Ministries
Quilts for Crown of Glory graduates

Kitchen Essentials Ministry

Thanks to generous donations from Crown of Glory members, the Kitchen Essentials Ministry team has delivered basic kitchen items to 16 Carver County families during 2025. We continue to accept gently used or new kitchen items such as dish sets, flatware sets, pots, pans, coffee makers, tea kettles, toasters and baking pans. Check out the new donation table in the fellowship area at Crown of Glory. We appreciate your continued support of this Love INC ministry. If you have any questions please contact Tracy (952-239-9344), Jodi (952) 567-4397 or Sue (612) 735-2616.

New Building Partnerships

Vida Nueva (New Life) Congregation

Monday Musician Rehearsal- 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Tuesday Prayer Service- 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Saturday Worship- 6:15-8:30 p.m.

Iglesia El Siloe Congregation

Sunday Worship- 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Friday Worship- 7:00-9:00 p.m.
TBD Bible Study

Finance Update:

We're happy to report that our financial picture is strong as we go into summer.
Thank you for your continued generosity and support!



Contributions & Giving

- April giving exceeded our monthly goal by over **\$400**—thank you!
- Holy Week and Easter** brought in nearly **\$6,000**.
- Overall, we're about **\$8,000 ahead** of our annual giving target. Amazing work, church family!



Facility Use & Rentals

- A new lease with **Vida Nueva** begins in May. Please welcome them and check out their schedule in the eblasts.
- Over \$800** in deferred rental revenue will be recognized in coming months with rental activities occurring.



Staffing & Ministry Expenses

- Staffing costs were a little over budget in April, as is typical during the Easter season due to increased hours of contracted musicians.
- Confirmation and Connect** youth ministry funds were fully used up—perfect timing as we wrap up the school year!



Witness & Fellowship

- Paper Products are slightly over budget, but still within the annual overall allowance.



Facilities & Maintenance

- Building supply costs are currently over budget, mostly due to winter-related expenses and some paint and supply costs for sprucing up the old Driving School room.
- A review is occurring from a gracious member who agreed to help review our energy bills!



Looking Ahead

- Check out the garage sale and upcoming fundraisers from the eblasts to continue to help our contributions!

Your giving, your presence, and your prayers make all this possible. We're grateful for how God is working through each of you to support the mission and ministry of our church!

Submitted by the Finance Team: Pastor Reggie Klindworth, Ashley Pederson, Lori Robinson, Jodi Sie, Grant Taylor, Mikel Jones, and Chad LaGow.

June

- 1- Guest Pastor Rich Latterner
- 5- Lutheran Women Gone Wild- La Hermosa, Chaska
- 8- Guest Pastor Rich Latterner
- 8-14- Mission Trip
- 9-12 Office Closed
- 16- Office Closed- Staff Retreat
- 19- Office Closed- Juneteenth
Men's Pub Ministry- BearCave Brewery, Hopkins
- 21- Pride Celebration- McKnight Park, Chaska
- 22-25- Vocalists at Carnegie Hall



July

- 3- Lutheran Women Gone Wild- Mallards, Shakopee
- 25-27- Chaska River City Days
- 28-31- VBS

August

- 4- Pastor Laura's first day back in the office after Sabbatical
- 7- Lutheran Women Gone Wild- Patron, Chaska
- 10- Pastor Laura's first day back in worship

Registration for SPARK, Connect, and Confirmation should become available in August



September

- 1- Office Closed- Labor Day
- 6- Saturday Worship Resumes
- 6 & 7- Rally Weekend
Ministry Fair
Blessing of the Backpacks

Start date not available at time of publication:
SPARK Sunday School, Connect, Confirmation,
Wednesday Night Dinners, and Music Rehearsals

