# Crown of Glory Lutheran Church CROWNICLE Fall 2022

### New Beginnings: Finding Inspiration in Our Mission

It has been a long time for Crown of Glory to be without a common goal or a mission statement to lead us into the future, and that time has now passed. Last spring, our congregation called on a small group of members, leaders, and staff to join the Strategic Planning Team. Our goal was to discern, develop, and discover a new mission statement together! Throughout the summer, the team members shared their work with us, and we were able to sample some of the words that inspired them. Today, we move into a new future and a new beginning with a new mission!

Crown of Glory Lutheran Church has always been a community of faith focused on sharing God's love, serving one another, and serving our greater community. It seems only natural that those core values have now become part of our congregation's mission statement! I want to extend my sincere thanks to each member of the Strategic Planning Team for their dedication and work throughout this ongoing process of discernment and exploration. I am excited to share with you, once again, Crown of Glory's new mission statement!

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.

This fall and throughout the year ahead, we will begin to live into our new mission statement in so many ways as it guides us through other new beginnings. Join us throughout the 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. Check out all of the information in this edition of the Crownicle for SPARK Sunday School, Connect, Confirmation, Senior High School, and Adult Ministries. In addition, don't forget to join as we celebrate milestones of faith for youth and adults in the weeks ahead.

#### A Bountiful Faith

Join us in November as we journey together through our stewardship season inspired by the theme *A Bountiful Faith*, where we call on the images of planting the seeds, tending the soil, gathering the harvest, and sharing the bounty. Sustaining and supporting our financial future is a vital part of our mission as a congregation. This fall, we will explore how stewardship and annual gifts to Crown of Glory are not just dollars in the offering plate that keep the lights on, but how they are also resources and financial gifts given out of faith that support our congregation and community. This upcoming year, Crown of Glory will also be faced with a new challenge to raise funds for a special appeal that will eliminate debt from construction loans that date back to our last building project in 2015. This Construction Loan Special Appeal will be an addition to our regular annual stewardship appeal. At the end of October, each household will receive a 2023 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 have a bountiful faith. For more details on our stewardship schedule, see page ten of the Crownicle.

In Christ,

Pastor Reggie Klindworth Senior Pastor

### From the Desk of Pastor Laura



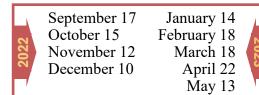
Friends in Christ,

What a summer it has been at Crown of Glory! I give thanks to God for all the ways we have partnered and walked together as a community of faith these last three months. There have been highs and lows, and God has been with us through it all!

As we look forward to this coming fall, there is so much to be excited about and plan for. I hope that you will peruse this newsletter carefully and mark your calendars for all the wonderful opportunities that await us!

Adult Education and Ministry will be bursting with opportunities to explore your faith individually, with a partner, and with the larger Crown of Glory community. Check it out! 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. We will begin the program year studying the book of Exodus together, which promises to be a rich exploration of call, leadership, and forgiveness. Our second study will be on the book of 1 John, focusing on the comforts and challenges that come with a life of faith. The session dates are below, please contact me with questions and to get signed up!

Women's Bible Study





#### Practices and Dialogues: A Study for Partners

Last year's Couples' Bible Study has blossomed into something bigger and better this year! 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. Together we will be studying two series throughout the year. On the second Sunday of each month, we will study *Animate: Practices*, which focuses on faith practices and how we can grow in our spirituality. On the fourth Sunday of each month, we will wrestle with issues of social justice, specifically regarding human sexuality, through the series, *Dialogues On: Sexuality*. Participants are invited to attend one or both study series throughout the year; whatever resonates with you and your partner the most!

We will start the year with an introductory session and a potluck dinner on Sunday, September 18 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Our first learning session will be on Sunday, October 9 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Childcare will be provided by Krysta Flaharty, Director of Children's Ministry, upon request. The session dates are below, please contact me with questions and to get signed up! All are welcome.

PRACTICES AND DIALOGUES: A STUDY FOR PARTNERS September 18 October 9 & 23 November 13 & 27 December 11 January 8 & 22 February 12 & 26 March 12 & 26 April 16 & 30 May 21

### Ministries and Milestones

### Adult Forum



This multi-faceted educational experience will take place from 10:00-10:45 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.

### **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 10-11)! 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 2022 First Communion Class



Calling all 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders who are not yet receiving Holy Communion! It's time for your First Communion instruction!

Pastor Laura and Krysta Flaharty (Director of Children's Ministry), in partnership with Peter Potter, will offer a First Communion instruction class on

Sunday, September 18 at 1:30 p.m. in the Sun Hall. The celebration of First Communion in worship for this class of students will be on October 15 (5:00 p.m.) and October 16 (9:00 a.m.). Children who are younger than 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and ready to receive Holy Communion are also welcome! Visit our website to register (crownofglory.org/milestones) and contact Pastor Laura (pastorlaura@crownofglory.org) with any questions!



"Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Serve the LORD with gladness;

come into his presence with singing.

> Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are hís; we are hís people and the sheep of his pasture. Enter hís gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name. For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations."

Psalm 100

### Fall

#### DATE **SPARK THEME** Sept. 11 NO SPARK Rally Sunday Sept. 18 Two Masters Sept. 25 The Parable of the **Rich Man** Oct. 2 A Seed of Faith Oct. 9 Ten Men Healed Oct. 16 Jacob Wrestles Oct. 23 NO SPARK MEA Break Oct. 30 Zacchaeus Nov. 6 The Sadducees' Question Nov. 13 God's Love is Forever Nov. 20 Volunteer Appreciation NO SPARK Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Break Dec. 4 God's Peaceful World Dec. 11 John the Baptist Dec. 18 Angels Visit Dec. 25 NO SPARK **Christmas Break** Jan. 1 NO SPARK **Christmas Break** Jan. 8 Jesus' Baptism Jan. 15 The Lamb of God Jan. 22 The Disciples Jan. 29 The Beatitudes Feb. 5 Salt and Life Feb. 12 Jesus Teaches about Anger Feb. 19 The Transfiguration Feb. 26 The First Sin Mar. 5 Abram's Call Mar. 12 Woman at the Well Mar. 19 Volunteer Appreciation NO SPARK Mar. 26 Spring Break Holy Week Apr. 2 Apr. 9 NO SPARK Easter Apr. 16 **Doubting Thomas** Apr. 23 The Road to Emmaus Apr. 30 Early Believes May 7 God's House May 14 The Ascension May 21 Year End Celebration

#### What an amazing summer! With 35 kiddos registered with Crown of Glory, and eight other churches that participated with us, *VBS On the Farm* was a blast. When I first began this position, one of my goals was to build relationships with surrounding churches to help expand our sense of community. I am delighted that our VBS kiddos and I got to meet kiddos and leaders from eight other churches, including a Spanish-speaking church. It is my goal to sustain those relationships and have an event with them during the school year!

SPARK Ministry

I am so excited for SPARK Sunday School to start! This year, we are looking for volunteers to sign up for both the Kiddos' Corner and SPARK on Sundays! During Rally Week, we have two opportunities for volunteers to attend our SPARK orientation. All volunteers (middle school and older), including those helping in the Kiddos' Corner, will need to attend the orientation on either Wednesday, September 7 or 14 from 5:00-5:30 p.m. We will review Crown of Glory's new procedures document which features how to keep safe boundaries and prevent kiddos from getting hurt. We will also discuss volunteer opportunities available in SPARK and the Kiddos' Corner. To volunteer, please fill out a SPARK registration form on our website (crownofglory.org/sunday-school-registration) and fill in your availability on Signup Genius via our website (crownofglory.org/children).

Also new this year is a webpage that will launch on the first day of SPARK. It will feature online activities that kiddos can do at home and will be a space where lessons will be held in the event SPARK is canceled. I am excited to have this resource to help us stay connected!

I truly can't wait for classes to start and to see everyone. This past SPARK school year was so much fun and VBS was even better. I'm looking forward to seeing new faces this year, building new relationships with our surrounding communities, and being guided by Jesus the entire way!

"And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as in the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:24-25

With Joy and Excitement,

Krysta Flaharty Director of Children's Ministry



### Youth Ministry

#### Welcome to Connect!

Connect Ministry is our pre-Confirmation ministry for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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!



#### Save the following dates for our upcoming Connect Ministry:

- Connect Orientation Night is on Wednesday, September 7 from 6:00-6:30 p.m.
- All 4<sup>th</sup> grade Connect students will receive a Connect Bible as they enter this new milestone in their faith journey. The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Connect Bible Milestone is scheduled for Rally Weekend on September 10 and 11 at each of our worship services. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade students and their parents will be welcomed forward to receive their Bible during the service. If your 5<sup>th</sup> grade Connect student does not have a Connect Bible, please contact Pastor Reggie at pastorreggie@crownofglory.org.
- Connect Ministry begins Wednesday, September 14 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. See the Connect calendar on our website for special service events that happen throughout the year.



### Confirmation Ministry (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Welcome 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> 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!

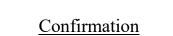
Confirmation begins at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays with our Large Group Gathering in the Sanctuary. Pastor Reggie will lead a 45-minute worshipbased lesson on the evening curriculum. At 7:15 p.m. students and adult small group guides break into groups for a deeper discussion on the evening topic until about 7:55 p.m. Students gather in the Sanctuary at 7:55 p.m. for a closing prayer and sending! Confirmation concludes at 8:00 p.m. Please note the Confirmation calendar for different start times for special events and service projects. Visit our website (crownofglory.org/middle-school-



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youth) for more information and to register!



#### Orientation Night

Wednesday, September 7 from 6:30-7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

### Confirmation Kickoff Night

Wednesday, September 14 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

### Youth Ministry/Events

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Affirmation of Baptism Service

Crown of Glory celebrates the faith of our young people together! This year's class of 9<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation students will be affirming their Baptism on Sunday, October 30 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 9<sup>th</sup> grade student will be working on 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!



### Senior High Ministry (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY Over the past two summers, our Senior High youth have missed out on a mission trip and the ELCA National Youth Gathering due to COVID-19. We are excited to announce that is about to change for the summer of 2023! Our Senior High Ministry has partnered with Youthworks for over a decade and have participated in multiple mission trips all over the United States and are excited to participate in another memorable trip!

Interested in learning more? Students and parents, join us for a Senior High Ministry Mission Trip Exploration Night on Tuesday, October 4 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will be exploring what to expect from a mission trip experience, possible destination sites, and summer dates. Please RSVP with Pastor Reggie at pastorreggie@crownofglory.org.



When: September 10 1:00 PM Where: Dahlgreen Golf Course

Players will be grouped based on ability and play using a best ball format. Tee times are expected to be in the 1:00-2:00 p.m. range. The plan is to play 9 holes. We will return to CoG in time for Saturday worship at 5:00 p.m., for those that would like to attend, and then join in Rally Weekend activities after worship. There are 24 spots available, so sign up now by contacting Grant Taylor by phone (952-210-7678) or via e-mail. (grantataylor@hotmail.com)

### Upcoming Events

Crown

When: October 14 6:00-10:00 PM Where: Crown of Glory

Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship at Crown of Glory's Fall Social. The evening will include live music, a social hour, a meal, and a silent auction! Beer, wine, and keg root beer will be available for purchase. All proceeds directly benefit the work and mission of CoG. Free onsite childcare will be provided. Tickets will be available for purchase starting on Rally Weekend (Sept. 10-11). More information will be provided during worship and in the weekly Crown Connections.



When: October 29 6:00-8:00 PM Where: Crown of Glory

Decorate the trunk of your vehicle with a Halloween or fall theme, hand out treats, and enter to win the prize of best-decorated trunk! Vehicle sign up coming soon.

Don't want to decorate your trunk? Come dressed up in your Halloween costumes and walk around to get all of the treats!

Cozy up around the campfire with some hot apple cider and roast a marshmallow (or 5) to make some delicious s'mores!

### Events



### New Member Orientation

 Sunday, November 6 11:30 a.m. (Lunch Included)

#### New Member Welcome

- Saturday, November 12 5:00 p.m. worship service
- Sunday, November 13 9:00 a.m. worship service

### 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 be



back in person for gatherings, ministries, and worship services. We are even more excited that you would like to join us!

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 seeking to call Crown of Glory home, then 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.

### 2023 Stewardship Appeal: A Bountiful Faith

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

November 5 & 6: Stewardship 1 - Planting the Seeds

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

November 12 & 13: Stewardship 2 - Tending the Soil

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

November 19 & 20: Stewardship 3 - Gathering the Harvest

- Commitment Weekend: All are invited to bring their Commitment Card to worship or to fill out the Stewardship Appeal Commitment Form on our website.
- Christ the King Weekend: Come and share in this engaging weekend of worship.

November 26 & 27: Stewardship 4 - Sharing the Bounty

- Celebration Weekend
- Advent 1: We will begin our 2022 Advent season, where we encounter the light of the Advent star and anticipate the birth of the Christ child.



### Fall

### Finance Corner

As August and the summer months come to a close, we have some good news on the financial ledger to report. As part of the COVID-19 relief bills that the federal government passed in the last two years, Crown of Glory was eligible for a Social Security and Medicare tax rebate for the employees we retained during the COVID-19 shutdown. In July, we received our rebate check which totaled \$29,544.

Also last month, a letter went out to the congregation further explaining our shortfall in contributions and the potential consequences. As you may recall, at the end of July, we were over \$56,000 in the red for the year. Without increased contributions, we were facing complete depletion of our cash reserves and the possibility of cuts in our staff, through salary reductions. Many of our congregation responded with generous increases in their giving. We received about \$14,000 in increased contributions from about eight families, whose extra contributions ranged from \$1,000-4,000. Our sincere thanks go out to those who stepped up their giving!

Our total revenues for July were just over \$99,000, and our revenue shortfall has been reduced to just under \$16,000 (in the red).

However, one month cannot make our year. We need increased giving for the remainder of the year to make sure we can rebuild our cash reserves and avoid staff cuts in the future. During the first half of the year, our monthly shortfall in giving was over \$9,000. Our goal is to eliminate that monthly shortfall and "break-even" for the remainder of the year. Any additional gifts that you can give will help.

In September, the new church year kicks off. Let's make sure that we start the new year from a position of financial strength. Thank you for considering helping your church continue to be a strong part of our community.

*Steve Tinker* Finance Team Member

Finance Team: Jill Nelson, Ashley Pederson, Lori Robinson, Jodi Sie, and Steve Tinker



### Fall

My name is Sarah Morrow, and I am one of the newest Church Council members this year. I grew up in a small town in Wisconsin and was raised in an ELCA Lutheran church. When my husband and I moved to Carver with our girls in 2015, it was important to us to find a church that aligned with our family and faith values. We attended Crown of Glory for about a year before we became members. I loved all the ministries that were going on, especially the choirs and children ministries. Over the years, I have seen those ministries grow and have been excited to see even more added.

This is my first time serving on a Church Council, and I am very excited to be a part of such an important group for the church. When I was asked to serve, I was instantly humbled and honored. I am a few months into my term now, and I have learned how important the decisions are that the Church Council makes. It is no secret that we are behind in our budget and dealing with some current financial struggles. We see it every week in the bulletin or the Crown Connections enewsletter, and the letter that was sent out in July reiterated just how critical it has become. This has led to some difficult discussions, and it may lead to some even more difficult decisions in the future. However, know that the council is committed to the success of Crown of Glory and being fully transparent about where we are as a congregation. There are so many wonderful ministries and plans in the works! We are hopeful they will all continue with every-one's help.

As the season changes from summer to fall and the leaves begin to change, I am excited for ministries to begin. We always kick off a new programmatic year on Rally Weekend. This year we are planning a larger -than-ever two-day event! This will be an extended focus on time together as a community as people come back to Crown of Glory. September 10 and 11 will be full of fun activities, food, music, and most importantly, fellowship. Save the dates!

I am so excited about all sorts of other new events as well, from the Study for Partners to the Fall Social and everything in between. All are welcome to come to any event or any ministry program at Crown of Glory, even if you have not been to church in a while. Now is the time to see what Crown of Glory has and discover how you fit in. It is going to be a great year at Crown of Glory!

Sarah Marrow Council Member

### Council Corner



#### Getting the Point

Fall

Sister Act is a hysterically funny, feel-good, fish-out-of-water movie from the 1990s. Whoopie Goldberg plays a lounge singer who accidentally witnesses a mob boss committing murder. When the police try to hide her from the mob in a convent, she cannot help but turn the whole place upside down, especially its hapless choir of nuns. They go from singing traditional hymns very badly to smooth performances of *I Will Follow Him*, and *My God (My Guy)*. It is a movie of holy, and sometime not-so-holy, hilarity.

Shortly after that movie came out, I went to a conference on worship and music that played cuts from the movie. The lesson apparently was that if you use contemporary popular music it will attract people to your church. I so badly wanted to raise my hand and say that they missed the point. It was not the music; it was the people, what they did, and when, where, why, and how they did it!

Whoopie's character, Dolores, helped the church grow in vitality and life in at least two ways that go hand in hand. First, the choir worked a lot harder, rehearsed a lot more, and committed themselves to developing their musical skills so they could sound better and have more confidence when they performed. The motivation for all that work came from the choir members themselves. Dolores provided leadership and focus for their energy. Indeed, they did attract a lot of attention and helped bring people into the church. However, it had more to do with the quality of their singing than with the music genre.

Second, the whole convent went into service mode. They opened their doors to the community, fed the hungry, repaired cars, and made friends with the people in the neighborhood. This made them a neighborhood gathering space, and they demonstrated that all people are welcome there. In the words of Dolores, they rocked the place! The church now had a greater mission and a purpose.

Music Ministry at Crown of Glory has a mission and a purpose. We are the people who have musical gifts and a little extra time to devote to preparing the music we sing, ring, and play for worship. We use that time to learn the notes, rhythms, and words in greater detail than is possible during worship. We develop our musical skills. We discuss what the songs mean and why we sing them. We work on the music that the whole community sings together so it is easier for our friends in faith to sing. We also learn music that may be too difficult for the whole congregation to sing together and offer it as a musical sermon. It is a high and holy calling that helps us all to worship, in the words of the Psalmist, in beauty and holiness.

If you are looking for a purpose, or a mission, or want a place to nurture your musical gifts, come talk to me, call me, or email me. Together, we will figure it out. We will find a place for you. Rehearsals for the fall begin Wednesday, September 7:

Servant Song: 5:00-5:50 p.m. in the Sanctuary Chancel Chimers: 6:00-6:45 p.m. in the Music Room Chancel Choir: 6:45-8:00 p.m. in the Sun Hall

Dolores helped the nuns to see that they have a purpose and how that purpose gives their lives meaning. They have a reason to get up in the morning, places to go, and things to do! Admittedly it was not a heavy lift; nuns, as a rule, are already committed to doing ministry work. However, Dolores was a reality check.

We all need a reality check from time to time. There is a lingering sense of hurt and loss in our nation. We need leaders who put people first, not their interests. God has a lot of work for us to do right here in Chaska. Perhaps Dolores and the nuns got the point when they worked hard to improve their choir, open their church doors, and make friends with their neighbors. Perhaps they have a lesson to teach us. Perhaps we have learned the lesson and now need to put it into practice.

Our new mission statement (as seen on the front page) sounds like something that Dolores and the nuns could get behind. Perhaps it is a good springboard for Crown of Glory as we move into a new season. Perhaps it is an ideal that can give us all meaning and purpose. Perhaps it is now up to each of us: to be one, to welcome, serve, and share.

See you in church,							
Tom Paulson							
Director of Music and Worship tpaulson@crownofglory.org							

### Highlights

### SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 5 Office Closed: Labor Day
- Sept. 7 Programming Orientation, Choir Rehearsals Begin
- Sept. 7 Fantasy Football Draft Party
- Sept. 10 Rally Weekend Golf Scramble
- Sept. 10 & 11 Rally Weekend
- Sept. 14 Wednesday Programming Begins
- Sept. 15 Men's Pub Ministry
- Sept. 17 Women's Bible Study
- Sept. 18 First Communion Class Study for Partners: Intro
- Sept. 22 Fare For All
- Sept. 23-25 Good News, Good Brews Retreat



• Sept. 24 & 25 - Celebration of Peace

## Oct. 29 - CoG Fall Family Night

**OCTOBER** 

Oct. 1 - Blessing of the Animals Outdoor

Oct. 9 - Study for Partners: Practices

Oct. 13 - Men's Pub Ministry

Oct. 15 - Women's Bible Study

Oct. 16 - First Communion Celebration

Oct. 23: Study for Partners: Dialogues

Oct. 14 - Octoberfest

Oct. 20 - Fare For All

Worship

• Oct. 30 - Affirmation of Baptism: 9th Grade Confirmation Service



### NOVEMBER

- Nov. 5 & 6 Stewardship Kickoff Weekend
- Nov. 6 New Member Orientation Lunch
- Nov. 12 Women's Bible Study
- Nov. 12 & 13 New Member Welcome
- Nov. 12 & 13 Stewardship Temple Talks
- Nov. 13 Study for Partners: Practices
- Nov. 17 Men's Pub Ministry
- Nov. 19 & 20 Stewardship Commitment Weekend
- Nov. 24 Office Closed: Thanksgiving Day
- Nov. 26 & 27 Stewardship Celebration Weekend
- Nov: 27: Study for Partners: Dialogues

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### DECEMBER

- Dec. 4 Women's Advent Tea
- Dec. 10 Women's Bible Study
- Dec. 11 Study for Partners: Practices & Dialogues
- Dec. 15 Men's Pub Ministry
- Dec. 18 Lefse Bake Sale
- Dec. 19 Cantata / Children's Christmas Narrative
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Worship
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day Worship
- Dec. 26 Office Closed: Christmas Day Observed
- Dec. 31 Final day to submit gifts for the 2022 calendar year



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#### Wednesday, September 7

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

### Sunday, September 11 - Rally Weekend

Worship Service - 9:00 a.m. Blessing of the Backpacks Connect Bible Milestone Rally Events - 10:00 a.m.

BINGO, Bounce House Ministry Fair Brunch Fellowship

#### Saturday, September 10 - Rally Weekend

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. Live Music, Pizza, Kona Ice Games, Bounce House, Face Painting Ministry Fair

#### Wednesday, September 14

Connect and Confirmation Begin Wednesday Night Dinners SPARK Orientation Night