

Crown of Glory

Spring Crownicle 2026



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.

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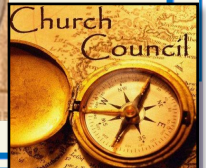
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Council Members 2025



Pictured from left to right:

Pastor Reggie Klindworth (Senior Pastor), Kate Peterson, Kristi Kirsch,
Deb Mangen, Sherri Eriksrud (Secretary), Eric Larson (Vice President),
Bill Tyler, Mikel Jones (President), Bob Chinnock

Council Members who have fulfilled their term:
Mikel Jones, Kate Peterson, and Bob Chinnock

Council Members beginning March 2026:
2-year term– Rich Latterner
3-year term– Krista Hammann, Leah Skille, and Deb Kielty

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Get your copy after Sunday
Worship or stop by the Church
Office during office hours.



New Member Orientation and Welcome

New to Crown of Glory? Want to become a part of the Crown of Glory family? Crown of Glory welcomes newcomers to attend New Member Orientation on Sunday, April 12 starts at 10:15 a.m. and New Member Welcome is held on Sunday, April 19 at 9:00 a.m. during worship service. To get signed up for these welcoming events visit our website at <https://www.crownofglory.org/join-us> and complete the form at the bottom of the page!

Council Corner

Gratitude, Reflection, Transition and Hope

Dear Friends,

When this article comes out, I'm hoping the snow and ice will be gone and the transition into Spring ... with new hope and warmth will be well underway.

My term on the church council for the past three years and as president for the past year will be coming to a close as well. When I was first asked to join the Council and eventually serve as President, I had doubts. I wondered if I actually had the "right" gifts, the time or the skills the church really needed. I wasn't sure I was the right person for the job. But ultimately, I felt called to say "yes" and decided to trust that God would help me—and our Council—figure it out as we went. Looking back, I am so glad I said yes. I didn't realize how much I would learn—not just about how a church runs, but about the incredible people who make it happen and how the Spirit helps guide us along the way.

To our Pastors and my friends on the Council: thank you for being such an amazing team. I've loved getting to know you all better, collaborating together and seeing your heart for this place. To our staff and this whole congregation: thank you for letting me in. Seeing the "behind-the-scenes" of our ministries has given me so much respect and appreciation for the ways we show up and care for one another. It's not always easy and we don't always agree. Sometimes we even get frustrated or discouraged. We are human. But at the end of the day, one thing really stood out to me. A lot of people really care about Crown of Glory. When those people show up, share their time and listen to each other, we figure things out and move forward together.

As a congregation, we find ourselves in a unique transition with our Pastors. With Pastor Laura moving on to her next call, there is an understandable sense of the unknown. We will all miss her leadership, friendship, musical gifts and spirit. However, she is being called by God to go in a new direction and that's not something any of us can or should question. Instead, we need to celebrate the time we had with her, support her on her journey ahead and trust that God has something new in store for us at Crown of Glory too. Transition is not just a gap between what was and what will be; it is a space where God often does the most transformative work. I am eager to see what God has in store for us and am thankful for those willing to help on the call committee, to shepherd us through this and figure out what's next.

As I transition off of the council, I have one final request: **keep showing up and loving each other.** In this coming year of transition, please wrap your arms around Pastor Reggie, our interim Pastor, our dedicated staff and the incoming Council members. They will need your prayers, your patience, and your presence. Whether it is volunteering for our 2026 fundraisers, joining a committee, helping around the building or diving into a new ministry, please remember that our participation is how we grow in faith together. Our church isn't just a building; it is also the way we show up and care for one another.

Peace Be With You,

Mikel Jones

*So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. **Galatians 6:9-10***

From the Desk of Pastor Reggie Klindworth

Embracing the Season of Lent

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

During this sacred season of looking inward, we ask God to grant us those things that will help sustain and guide us in our faith journey. We invite you to join us each Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. for our Holden Evening Prayer service, as we journey together with the theme from *Psalm 40: Do Not Withhold Your Compassion from Me*. Throughout Lent we will hear from members of our congregation as they share their faith stories with us. You are invited to come and take part in this holy and sacred journey together in faith.

Psalm 40: Do Not Withhold Your Compassion from Me.

Lent 1 February 18: Ash Wednesday, Lent Begins

Lent 2 February 25: Waiting Patiently

Lent 3 March 4: Trust in the Lord

Lent 4 March 11: God has Plans for You

Lent 5 March 18: I Love to do Your will

Lent 6 March 25: Your Steadfast Love

Join us each Sunday during the season of Lent for another journey as we walk through each weekend with the theme *Spirit of Truth, Spirit of Life*. Sundays in Lent include an invitation to dive into each week's lectionary readings and highlight main themes that focus our attention on the fulfillment of the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives through images of repentance, restoration, and reconciliation.

Spirit of Truth, Spirit of Life

1st Sunday of Lent February 22: Hungry and Thirsty

2nd Sunday of Lent March 1: Let Not the Truth be Hidden

3rd Sunday of Lent March 8: Abundant Grace

4th Sunday of Lent March 15: May Our Truth be Revealed

5th Sunday of Lent March 22: Seeing What Jesus Did

Palm Sunday, March 29: A King's Welcome

The final weekend in Lent, March 29, also happens to be the beginning of Jesus' first steps of Holy Week, as we celebrate Palm Sunday. As in years past, join us for a traditional Palm Sunday worship as we waive our palms to herald Jesus as King. Finally, continue the journey as we look ahead to our Holy Week worship schedule of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday Taizé and the great day of celebration of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.



SPARK Ministry

We are into our second semester of SPARK. I'm very grateful for all the volunteers who are helping teach, and lead music! The SPARK students enjoy singing the songs, hearing the Bible stories, and doing the art projects!

As we look forward to the second half of the SPARK program year, I ask again for volunteer support. There is a sign up available for the Kiddos' Corner and SPARK on the website. March - May dates are still available! We are excited to welcome the volunteers who have recently signed up!

Vacation Bible School will take place again, right here at Crown of Glory! A team of leaders will come from Luther Crest Bible Camp to lead rising 1st through rising 6th graders. This opportunity will take place July 27 - 30. More details to follow soon as Luther Crest releases them. We will likely be able to offer a full-day schedule (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.) with lunch included!

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

1. Adult and high school (entering grades 9-12) volunteers to be present Monday - Thursday at VBS with the campers.
2. Volunteer families to host the Luther Crest staff: a place to stay, and provide some meals.
3. CoG members who would use their Thrivent Action Team dollars to purchase snacks, supplies, etc.
4. A kitchen team to make lunches and prepare a snack Monday - Thursday.

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

I'm always looking for toys to add to both the Sanctuary Kiddos' Corner (quiet activities) and the Sun Hall Kiddos' Corner. If you have foam blocks, beads, lacing activities, busy boards, fidgets... to donate, please let me know. Thank you!

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

I'm ready to spring joyfully into Spring with all of you!

In peace,

Gretchen Mitcham
Director of SPARK Ministry



Date	Lesson
2/15	The Transfiguration Matthew 17:1 - 13
2/22	The First Sin Genesis 3:1 - 24
3/1	Abram's Call Genesis 12:1 - 9
3/8	Woman at the Well John 4:5 - 42
3/15	Pool of Siloam John 9:1 - 41
3/22	Lazarus John 11:1 - 45
3/29	Spring Break (No SPARK)
4/5	Easter (No SPARK)
4/12	Doubting Thomas John 20:19 - 31
4/19	The Road to Emmaus Luke 24:13 - 35
4/26	Early Believers Acts 2:43 - 47
5/3	SPARK Celebration

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.



Milestone

Ministry Milestone: First Communion Celebration

Pastor Reggie will be offering a First Communion class on Sunday, March 22 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sun Hall. All 3rd and 4th grade students who have not received communion instruction are encouraged to attend, but all ages of kids are welcome! First Communion will be celebrated during Maundy Thursday worship on Thursday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m. Please register your child for the class at the church website (crownofglory.org/milestones) and contact Pastor Reggie (pastorreggie@crownofglory.org) with any questions!



Youth

Connect and Confirmation Ministry in Recess During Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18 with worship beginning at 6:30 p.m. Connect and Confirmation students and their parents are invited to join worship for the imposition of ashes on this sacred day. There is no Connect or Confirmation Large Group or Small Group during Lent. Confirmation students are expected to attend worship at least 4 out of 6 weeks during Lent. Confirmation students are also scheduled to serve at the Soup Suppers and during worship as ushers & greeters. Please see the schedule below for more information.

Lenten Confirmation Soup Supper Service:		Lenten Worship Confirmation Usher/Greeter Schedule:	
February 18	All 8 th grade	February 18	All 7 th grade
February 25	All 8 th grade	February 25	All 6 th grade
March 4	All 7 th grade	March 4	All 8 th grade
March 11	All 7 th grade	March 11	All 6 th grade
March 18	All 6 th grade	March 18	All 7 th grade
March 25	All 6 th grade	March 25	All 8 th grade

Confirmation Worship Notes During Lent

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

Connect and Confirmation Service Event at Feed My Starving Children

Connect and Confirmation students will serve at the Chanhassen Feed My Starving Children on Wednesday, April 15, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Please note the change in service time. This is a drop off and pick up event. Parents will drop off their Connect and Confirmation students at the Chanhassen FMSC site located at 18732 Lake Dr E, Chanhassen, MN. There is no Confirmation or Connect programming following the conclusion of this event. Pick up time is 6:40 p.m.

Mission Trip 2026 Senior High Ministry Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser During Lent!

Crown of Glory senior high youth will be heading to a mission trip in the summer of 2026 for an amazing opportunity to serve on a mission trip! Thank you for supporting our youth in their fundraising efforts.

Starting on Sunday, February 22, and each weekend during Lent our senior high youth will be serving fresh Cinnamon rolls and OJ following Sunday morning worship service. Cinnamon rolls are a suggested \$2 donation. All proceeds will support the Senior High Mission Trip.





Wednesday Night Dinner

Soup to Share

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

Soup Suppers During Lent

February 18– Chicken Wild Rice Soup

February 25– Broccoli Cheddar Soup

March 4– Tortellini Soup

March 11– Creamy Tomato Basil Soup

March 18– Potato Soup

March 25– Chicken Tortilla Soup

Wednesday Night Dinners

Join us for a wonderful meal and fellowship on Wednesday nights. Dinner is served almost every Wednesday from 5:15 – 6:15 p.m. The cost is \$6 per youth or \$16 per family (cash or Venmo). Crown of Glory Venmo code is available at the dinner line for payment option. Meals are prepared by the Wednesday Night Dinner Team and served by Confirmation small groups.

Wednesday Night Dinner Team: Seeking New Members

Our Wednesday Night Dinner is a small and mighty team! They work hard to plan the meals, purchase food, prepare meals each week and oversee each Wednesday night serving time. We are seeking new members to join this team of amazing leaders. If you would like to volunteer to serve on this team, we welcome your participation! Contact Pastor Reggie for more details and information.

Donation Thank You

A Thank You to Crown of Glory

Thank you so much for your continued support of the Crown of Glory Kitchen Ministry, a gap ministry of Love INC. The financial donations made in December will ensure that we can continue to assist families in our community with basic kitchen essentials such as toasters, coffee makers, silverware sets, pots, pans, and other kitchen items. In 2025, we served over 70 families and individuals. This is an almost 25 percent increase from the year before. Thanks again for your donations of new and gently used kitchen necessities and financial donations. If you have any questions about the Kitchen Essentials Ministry please contact Tracy (952-239-9344), Jodi (952-567-4397) or Sue (612-735-2616).

Music Ministry

Upcoming Music in Worship:

*Note— schedule subject to change

February 15: Chancel Choir

February 22: Servant Song

March 1: Jazz Worship

March 8: Chancel Chimers

March 15: Chancel Choir

March 22: Servant Song

March 29: Chancel Choir

April 12: Servant Song

April 19: Chancel Choir

April 26: Chancel Chimers

May 3: Servant Song

May 10: Chancel Choir

May 17: Chancel Chimers

Music Ministry

Rehearsal Times During Lent

Servant Song
Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

Chancel Chimers
Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m.

Chancel Choir
Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m.

Ministries

Justice & Inclusion Team

The Justice & Inclusion Team thanks CoG members for their loving generosity and donating to the Prairie Pointe families. With these donations, people were able to begin their new residence equipped with all the basic necessities, many we may not normally think about. What a blessing to have new sheets, towels, and all the kitchen utensils gifted to them through Christ's love. Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude!

Our team started off 2026 with a book study of Ellie Krug's second book, *Being Ellen*. A couple of the team's future goals include, sponsoring a drive for Latina voices and plans to investigate a potential land acknowledgment for Crown of Glory. Please feel free to reach out to any member of the team or even better, join us, we'd love to have more members.

Submitted by *Justice & Inclusion Team* Members Deb and Steve Mangen

Women's Bible Study

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

2026

February 21

March 14

April 11

May 16



Women's Bible Study

Celebration



We are excited to welcome Matt Scherer as the new Scoutmaster for Troop 3174, a role he stepped into in December. Matt now leads the boys troop, which is home to 32 Scouts.

Matt brings a lifelong love of Scouting and a deep commitment to service, shaped by his own experience as a Scout and his continued involvement as a volunteer. He earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 1997 with Troop 347 in Eden Prairie and has carried that dedication forward as a parent volunteer. Over the years, Matt has helped organize camping trips and meetings and has been a strong, dependable volunteer for both Cub Scout Pack 301 and Troop 3174.



Scouting is truly a family affair for the Scherers. Matt's wife, Rachel, is an active troop volunteer, and together they are raising two Scouts of their own, August and Ruthie. We are grateful for Matt's leadership and look forward to the positive impact he will have on Troop 3174.

"Scouting was a steady fixture and a great influence in my life growing up and I hope the same for our Scouts," said Matt. "I look forward to building well-rounded, ethical, and self-confident humans through the scouting program. I can't wait for the adventure that is to come!"

Submitted by Shannon Schwartz



Rental Options at Crown of Glory

Interested in renting a room at Crown of Glory?
We may have what you are looking for!

Birthdays, weddings, banquets, gatherings, meetings, etc. We also rent some items offsite. Check out the information display board in the Gathering Space, [CoG website](#), or talk to Administrative Office Assistant, [Sara K.](#) (M-Th 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.)

Finance Corner

2025 Year-End Financial Update

As we close the books on 2025, we want to share a snapshot of how God's work at Crown of Glory was supported through your faithful generosity this past year.

Giving and Revenue

In 2025, the Sustaining Fund received **\$741,651 in total revenue**, with **\$569,118 coming directly from offerings**. These gifts represent the primary way our congregation supports worship, ministry programming, staffing, and care for our church community. Additional revenue came from building use, special events, **outstanding fundraisers**, and other miscellaneous income, all of which helped strengthen the fund throughout the year.

Expenses and Ministry Support

Total Sustaining Fund expenses for the year were **\$723,645** and remained well-aligned with the approved budget. The largest portion of these expenses supported **staff compensation**, reflecting our commitment to investing in the people who lead, serve, and care for our congregation. Other significant expenses included facilities and building costs, worship and music, children's and youth ministries, administration, benevolence, and outreach. These expenditures reflect the broad range of ministry made possible through the Sustaining Fund.

Year-End Position

As a result of strong giving and disciplined expense management, the **Sustaining Fund finished 2025 with a net cash gain of \$3,683**. This positive result means that cash received exceeded cash spent for the year, strengthening the church's financial position and providing added flexibility as we plan for future ministry needs.

Looking Ahead with Gratitude

Ending the year with a positive Sustaining Fund cash balance is an encouraging sign of faithful stewardship and congregational support. As we move into the new year, continued generosity will help sustain ministry, manage rising costs, and respond to new opportunities for mission and service.

Thank you for your generosity, faithfulness, and partnership in ministry. Your support continues to make a meaningful difference in the life of our church.

Submitted by the Finance Team: Ashley Pederson (Finance Manager) Mikel Jones (Council President) Jodi Sie, Grant Taylor, Lori Robinson, Kate Peterson, Pastor Reggie Klindworth

2025 Summary & 2026 Budget (Cash Flow Basis)

Cash Flow Basis)

	SUSTAINING FUND				Notes:
	2026 Budget	2025 Actual	2025 Budget	2025 Variance	
REVENUES:					
Total Offerings	\$ 590,000	\$ 569,118	\$ 560,000	\$ 9,118	
Rent	101,555	101,874	93,485	8,389	
Special Events/Fundraisers	25,000	43,069	37,882	5,187	
Other Sources	12,700	27,591	11,800	15,791	
Total Revenues	\$ 729,255	\$ 741,651	\$ 703,167	\$ 38,484	
EXPENSES:					
Church Staff	361,186	334,543	348,316	(13,773)	
Worship & Music Ministry	6,250	6,607	7,480	(873)	
Witness & Fellowship	3,800	8,126	3,750	4,376	Includes Hospitality, Wednesday Dinners, Advertising
Facilities	38,260	41,149	37,650	3,499	
Children's Ministry	3,870	5,411	1,000	4,411	
Youth Ministry	5,600	8,017	4,000	4,017	
Benevolences and Outreach	-	9,685	-	9,685	Benevolence Payments to ELCA, Love Inc., RIC & Green Lake Ministry
Adult Ministry	1,085	4,056	185	3,871	
Office Operations	81,476	77,957	73,258	4,699	
Finance Fees/Other	800	1,165	600	565	
Total General Expenses	502,327	496,717	476,239	\$ 20,478	
Mortgage, P&I	226,928	226,928	226,928	0	
Total Mortgage/Loan Expenses	226,928	226,928	226,928	0	
Total Expenses	729,255	723,645	703,167	20,478	
Transfers In/Out		(14,323)		(14,323)	Interfund Transfers - For Giving Tree to Faithful Knotters & Kitchen Essentials Ministry, Special Gift for AED, Music Ministry for Carnegie Trip, \$10,000 to Building Maintenance & Repair Fund.
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ -	\$ 3,683	\$ -	\$ 3,683	

Finance Corner Continued

Check out our calendar on the website for all of the events happening at Crown of Glory.