

Crown of Glory Lutheran Church

Summer 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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Crown of Glory Building and Offices Closed

June 23 for CoG Staff Retreat/Planning
 July 6 in observance of Independence Day
 July 16 no staff in the office

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Your Gifts Support Ministry

Scan the QR code to give.
 Include the amount you
 would like to contribute and
 the fund you are giving to.



Council Members 2026



Pictured from left to right:

Back Row: Deb Kielty, Krista Hammann, Bill Tyler, Kristi Kirsch (Secretary), Pastor Reggie Klindworth (Senior Pastor), and Eric Larson (Vice President).

Middle Row: Leah Skille, Sherri Eriksrud (President), and Rich Latterner.

Front Row: Deb Mangen.

**Directory
Available for Purchase
for \$10.00 each**

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



Hello
Summer!

The Table Travels: Communion to-go kits are available

Available to put together after worship in the Gathering Space or at the main office during office hours (M-Th, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.)



This summer, we're making it easier to stay connected wherever life takes you. Church members, guests, and visitors can pick up Communion to-go kits to participate in worship and communion from home, at the cabin, on vacation, or wherever they're joining us online. Each kit is prepackaged and gluten free so you can remain part of our church family all summer long—because worship doesn't stop when you're away.

From the Desk of Pastor Reggie Klindworth

Transitioning to Transition Time

Crown of Glory has been moving through a “transition time” for the past couple of months as we continue our search for an Interim Associate Pastor. This “transition time” and our search for an Interim Associate Pastor have taken a bit longer time than hoped for, but we are now moving in the right direction. In recent weeks the Executive Council met with Synod Minister, Pastor Jen Collins, and received two new Interim Associate Pastor candidates. I am happy to announce that we have now completed interviews and most recently extended the Interim Associate Pastor position to the top candidate! We now await the discernment time for the candidate to accept and hope to conclude regular contract agreements in the coming days.

As for the expected time for us to receive the Interim Associate Pastor at Crown of Glory, the Interim Associate Pastor is also going through a “transition time” and closing out their current Interim call at another congregation. Therefore, it is likely Crown of Glory will receive the Interim Associate Pastor near the beginning of July this summer. In the meantime, we anticipate beginning the Transition Team and their important work of identifying the congregation’s hopes for it’s new Associate Pastor. There is a lot of work to do during this transition time and our hopes are high!

The Holy Spirit will be at work as the senior high youth will head to the San Francisco Bay Area, CA for their Mission Trip to experience a week of serving a community in need from June 14– 20, 2026. I welcome you to hold the adult leaders and the youth 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 (VBS) at Crown of Glory! See Gretchen’s article on the next page.

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 2026, and we are currently ahead of our expected budget for the year. 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 your 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



SPARK Ministry

SPARK Sunday School wrapped up on May 3! We are looking forward to resuming again in September, 2026. Registration for next year will begin in mid-August, 2026.

Vacation Bible School will take place at Crown of Glory on July 27 - 30, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. A team of counselors from Luther Crest Bible Camp will lead rising 1st through rising 6th graders. Lunch and snacks will be provided by donations of Thrivent Action Teams and volunteers who will prepare the food. Thanks to a generous donation from a member of Crown of Glory, it will be free to attend VBS this year!

Thankfully, many members have stepped up to volunteer, our kitchen team is assembled, our counselors have a place to stay, and we have Thrivent Action cards coming! Wow!

We are looking for one or two adult or youth (8th Grade and older) volunteers to be present Monday - Thursday at VBS with the campers. The hours are flexible: I'm looking for one person to assist with drop off/opening play and one person to help later in the afternoon with the crafts and games rotations. Please contact me (information below) if this sounds like something you'd like to do.

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!

In peace,
Gretchen
Director of SPARK Ministry

Kids in Worship

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.

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 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.

Ministries and Events

2026 Senior High Youth Mission Trip!

The Holy Spirit will be at work as the senior high youth will head to the San Francisco Bay Area, CA for their Mission Trip to experience a week of serving the community in need from June 14– 20, 2026.

Justice and Inclusion Team Hosting Events:

Prayer Vigil– June 24 (Tentatively)

Booth at Pride Picnic– June 27

Special Music

If you are interested in doing any special music during worship this summer, contact Ginger Larson, ginger.l.larson@gmail.com.



Servant Song

We are looking for new members to join Servant Song. Particularly those interested in playing guitar or another instrument. Rehearsals are done for the year but will start again on September 9. If you are interested email Grace Becker, grace.becker73@gmail.com.



Crown of Glory Church League Softball

It's that time of year again to sign-up for softball. The league is co-ed and plays every Monday from June to mid-August. Players should be 14 or older. Practice will be held on Saturday, May 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Lion's Park Field #3. The first game is Monday, June 1.

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.



Faithful Knotters

We've been working on graduate quilts and gave to 10 graduates May 10. Also gave 10 quilts to the Child and Adolescent Treatment Center in the Minneapolis area.

Finance Corner

Finance Update:

We are 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 was a bit under our monthly goal by roughly \$1,300—still a very solid result.
- Overall, we are only about \$350 off our annual giving target. Amazing work, church family!

Facility Use & Rentals

- Vida Nueva rent has been waived in recent months as they are not having worship or using the facility at this time. However, they hope to begin worshipping again soon at Crown of Glory. A lease renewal is in progress.
- We have a possible new renter, The Greater Temple, as well. We are working to finalize a contract with them to use Crown of Glory for worship and Sunday school and look forward to this partnership.
- Lease renewal for our other partner, Iglesias El Silo, is also in progress.

Staffing & Ministry Expenses

- A Building Administrator has been contracted for 8 – 10 hours a week to provide support for various building use activities.
- Expenses year-to-date for staffing are \$12,500 less than expected primarily from not having another Pastor at this time.

Children's Ministry

- We look forward to Vacation Bible School at Crown of Glory this summer. A generous donation was received to make VBS free for all to attend this year! What a great gift for our youth!

Facilities & Maintenance

- Crown of Glory is engaging in a Security Risk Assessment with Kingswood Security Company. They will be taking several steps to determine how Crown of Glory Lutheran Church can become a safer community.

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, and Sherri Eriksrud.

Rummage Sale



THURSDAY, JUNE 11
2:00 P.M.* - 8:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12
8:00 A.M.* - 5:00 P.M.



SATURDAY, JUNE 13
8:00 A.M.* - 1:00 P.M.

(* Doors OPEN – No entrance until start time)

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