



Fall Crownicle 2025



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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)

Council Corner **From Challenge to Celebration: God at Work in Our Congregation**

I grew up deeply rooted in the Lutheran tradition—baptized at five days old, active in Sunday school, choir, and confirmation. After my children grew up and the church I attended closed, I spent years searching for a spiritual home. That search ended when a friend invited Steve and me to Crown of Glory. We were warmly welcomed, and over time God drew me into ministries like the nominating committee, Justice & Inclusion Team, and now the Church Council.

This past year, the church council faced a budget challenge after seeing rental partners move away. We set a fundraising goal and trusted God's provision. At the annual meeting in February, the congregation adopted the proposed budget and approved becoming a Reconciling in Christ congregation. In May, over 50 volunteers helped with our garage sale, exceeding the \$6,000 goal by raising over \$9,000. By June, thanks to members giving above pledges, we were \$17,000 ahead of budget. During the summer a team of volunteers have worked at several MN Twins Baseball games manning concession stands and earning money for the church. Finally, just this last week a big crew of volunteers helped raise additional funds and get ready for the Carver County fair.

We've been blessed with many milestones becoming an RIC congregation: the Chancel Choir singing at Carnegie Hall, Pastor Laura enjoyed a sabbatical, welcoming Gretchen as our Director of SPARK Ministry and finally Gretchen and Luther Crest Bible Camp counselors hosted Vacation Bible School for 28 children. We also welcomed two new congregations to share our facility, restoring some of our rental income.

God moves in mysterious ways, and right now those ways are moving Crown of Glory forward with energy, faith, and joy.

By Church Council Member: Deb Mangen

From the Desk of Pastor Laura Laughlin

“Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship the LORD with gladness; come into God’s presence with singing.”
(Psalm 100, vs. 1)

As I return to Crown of Glory after a restful and adventurous sabbatical, I am delighted to welcome the upcoming fall season at Crown of Glory and look forward to all that is in store! Thank you for the gift of sabbath rest; I was holding this congregation in prayer while we were apart and I felt your prayers, as well. God continues to be on the move within this congregation, and I look forward to all that we will learn, sing, play, and worship together. We will be returning to the program year worship schedule beginning September 6 & 7: 5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer on Saturday and 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship on Sunday.

There are so many ways to participate in these facets of life at Crown of Glory and if you have ever wondered what it would be like to study the Bible or dive deep into a timely faith-related topic, read Scripture in worship, run AV in worship, bake Communion bread, decorate the Sanctuary, sing in the Choir, Garage Band, or Servant Song, ring bells with the Chimers, or sing and/or play as a soloist or instrumentalist, this is your year!

When I say that all ages and abilities are welcome, I certainly mean it. These teams and ensembles are filled with joyful and passionate people who love to make music, be creative, and do God’s work together. Take a look at pages ENTER PAGES HERE with some highlights of what each team and ensemble is about, and what they will be doing to start this program year.

This year is going to be jam-packed with art, creativity, music, and a diverse worship life that I am thrilled to lead and experience alongside you! Be sure to attend all the kick-off events on Rally Sunday, September 7, 2025, and walk through the Ministry Fair on Sunday morning to learn more about all the ways you can get involved at Crown of Glory!

In Christ,

Pastor Laura Laughlin
Pastor of Worship and Music

Milestones of Life

What an amazing summer! I hope that the past months have been filled with warm delightful days soaking up the sun and enjoying time with family, as mine have been. But as we move through these last days of summer, it is a subtle reminder that fall is coming. I love the season of fall and all that autumn has to offer us. One of the reasons that fall is so welcoming to me is because I get to celebrate my day of birth. I was born on September 9, 1975. That's right, if you did the math, you figured it out. I'm celebrating one of those "milestones" this fall. I'm going to be 50 years old, or 50 years young, depending upon how you look at it. Either way, it is definitely a milestone year for me!

My children tell me that I'm getting old. I admit, I don't feel old, but then I realize what year it is. I think that my age has allowed me to recognize that milestones are an amazing part of life and they are an amazing part of faith as well. I recognize that once you've been part of a place for a long enough time, you get to celebrate the milestone that comes with life and faith.

I'm looking forward to some great milestones in life and in faith this coming fall at Crown of Glory. Fall is a wonderful season of returning and I welcome you to join our fall kick-off on Rally Weekend, September 6 and 7. 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 with another year of education ministries, so be sure to check out all the information in this edition of the Crownicle. Don't forget to join us as we celebrate several milestones of faith for youth and adults in the weeks ahead. Let the season of milestones begin!

Moved by the Spirit: Stewardship 2026

Speaking of milestones, join us in November as we journey together through our stewardship season inspired by the theme, *Moved by the Spirit*, where we hear a message around the gifts that we all share, our time, talents, and treasures to build a strong foundation as we share the gifts of the Spirit. 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 learn more about how our resources and financial gifts given out of faith support our congregation and community.

At the end of October, each household will receive a 2026 Stewardship Appeal packet by mail detailing this year's theme and goals. Please review the packet and join us during the first four weekends in November for our stewardship season as we explore what it means to be *Moved by the Spirit* together.

Blessings,

Pastor Reggie Klindworth
Senior Pastor



SPARK Ministry

This summer we had the return of VBS at Crown of Glory! Thanks to a generous member donation we were able to invite counselors from Luther Crest Bible Camp (Alexandria, MN) to lead the program. The counselors taught songs, skits, Bible studies, crafts, and games. We had 27 children participate! The theme this year was “We are the Church” and that was exemplified by the efforts it took to host VBS! The Mangan family opened their hearts and home to the counselors for the week. The kitchen team fed the counselors and campers; thank you to Tami LaGow, Deb Kielty, and Beth Vriesen. Deb and Jim Peterson funded the food for the week with a Thrivent Action Team and a donation. Parents loved the convenience of dropping kids off without a home lunch! Many members helped feed the counselors dinner with a prepared meal or a gift card. We thank the Klindworth family, the Kershner-Cramers, the Youngman and Schulz families, the Jones family, Pat Laursen, Yvonne Ramsland, and the Johnson family for this act of service. We thank Sally Nelson for taking photos throughout the week and posting on social media so we could all get a glimpse into VBS. We are the Church!

We are on the cusp of starting our program year 2025-2026! SPARK Sunday School is for children ages 3 - 3rd grade. Age 3 is a guideline; we ask that children attending are independent in their bathroom use and ready to participate in a group setting. SPARK Sunday School takes place on Sunday mornings after worship service (kids are released a few minutes before worship ends). Please review the SPARK calendar to see which weeks we are in session. (page 10)

SPARK Registration is open on our website: <https://www.crownofglory.org/children>.

It takes volunteers to make our children's programming a success! Each week for SPARK we need at least 2 volunteers. One is the **Leader** and one, or more, volunteer(s) is the **Helper**. Both the Leader and Helper(s) receive the lesson ahead of time by email. The Leader and Helper(s) are expected to preview the lesson so that they are prepared to lead. The Leader will do more of the reading and teaching (from a script). All art materials, coloring pages, and any needed items will be prepared and ready in the SPARK office prior to Sunday morning. The Helper(s) is there to assist the Leader. Volunteers for SPARK may choose to lead once or twice a year, monthly, or anywhere in-between. We encourage parents to volunteer, but it's a special gift to parents when others in the congregation volunteer. It allows for relationships to be built across our congregation and our generations.

You can sign up to Lead or Help [on our website](#).

Another opportunity to volunteer is in our **Kiddos' Corner** during worship. This volunteer will oversee the children, making sure they are playing safely and being relatively quiet. The volunteer will tidy-up the area at the end of the worship service.

You can sign up to volunteer [on our website](#).

There will be a brief training session for SPARK volunteers on Wednesday, September 3, at 5:30 p.m.

Are you interested? Please email gretchen@crownofglory.org and let me know!

Looking forward to the start of a fresh program year!

Gretchen Mitcham

Director of SPARK Ministry



SPARK Ministry and Youth

Date	Lesson
9/7	Rally Weekend (No SPARK)
9/14	The Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin Luke 15:1-10
9/21	Two Masters Luke 16:19 - 31
9/28	The Parable of the Rich Man Luke 16:19-31
10/5	A Seed of Faith Luke 17:5 - 10
10/12	Ten Men Healed Luke 17:11 - 19
10/19	Fall Break (No SPARK)
10/26	The Pharisee and the Tax Collector Luke 18:9 -14
11/2	Zacchaeus Luke 19:1-10
11/9	The Sadducees' Question Luke 20:27 - 38
11/16	God's Love is Forever Luke 21:5 - 19
11/23	Narrative Rehearsal
11/30	Thanksgiving Break (No SPARK)
12/7	Narrative Rehearsal
12/14	Children's Narrative
12/21	Christmas Break (No SPARK)
12/28	Christmas Break (No SPARK)
1/4	Jesus the Word John 1:10 - 18
1/11	Jesus' Baptism Matthew 3:13 - 17
1/18	The Lamb of God John 1:29 - 42
1/25	The Disciples Matthew 4:12 - 23
2/1	The Beatitudes Matthew 5:1 - 12
2/8	Salt and Light Matthew 5:13 - 20
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 (Annual Meeting)
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

Volunteer Opportunities:

SPARK Leaders and Helpers

Kiddos' Corner

Sign up at:
www.crownofglory.org/children

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 vending machine will benefit our youth programs.

Luther Crest Camp Opportunity

Did your child love VBS Day Camp? Luther Crest is offering a 2-day experience over MEA Break for kids Kindergarten - 5th Grade. The day camp is offered October 16 & 17, from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Luther Crest has lodging options available for the families to stay while kids attend camp. For more information, please visit their [website](#). (Scroll down to find Fall MEA Day Camp.) Feel free to reach out to [Gretchen](#) with any questions.

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

Handing Out Bulletins	1	2	3	4
Lighting Candles	1	2		
Passing Offering Plates	1	2	3	4
Presenting Offering Plates	1	2		
Preparing Altar for Communion	1			
Serving Communion to the Pastors	1	2		
Empowering Events of Communion	1	2		
Empowering Ministry Bulletin Boards	1	2		

See description sheet on the wall to learn more about each opportunity! →

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 4:55 p.m. on Saturday and 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

Milestones and Youth

Ministry Milestone: First Communion Celebration

Pastor Reggie will be offering a First Communion class on Sunday, September 21 at 1:00 p.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 worship on Saturday, October 4 at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 5 at 9:00 a.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!



Blessing of the Backpacks

Calling all Crown of Glory kids! Remember to bring your school bag or backpack to worship with you on Saturday, September 6 and Sunday, September 7. Each child will receive a special tag to tie onto their backpack, along with a blessing to kick off the school and program ministry year.

4th Grade Bible Milestone

The 4th Grade Connect Bible Milestone is scheduled for Saturday, September 13 at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 14 at the 9:00 a.m. worship services. 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.



4th and 5th Grade Connect Ministry

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 to register!



Save the following dates for our upcoming Connect Ministry:

Connect Ministry Orientation Night for parents and students is on
Wednesday, September 3 from 6:00-6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night Dinner begins Wednesday, September 10 from 5:15-6:15 p.m.
Confirmation students will be assigned to serve dinner throughout the year.

Connect Ministry begins Wednesday, September 10 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.
See the Connect calendar on our website for special service events

Youth

6th – 8th Grade Confirmation Ministry

Welcome, 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! Confirmation is completed each night at 8:00 p.m. Please note the Confirmation calendar for different start times for off-site special events and service projects. Visit our website (crownofglory.org/middle-school-youth) for more information and to register!

Save the following dates for our and upcoming Confirmation Ministry:

Confirmation Ministry Orientation Night for parents and students is on
Wednesday, September 3 from 6:30-7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Dinner begins Wednesday, September 10 from 5:15-6:15 p.m.
Confirmation students will be assigned to serve dinner throughout the year.

Confirmation Ministry begins Wednesday, September 10 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
See the Confirmation calendar on our website for special service events
that happen throughout the year.



Wednesday Night Dinner

Wednesday Night Dinners are Back

Do you want a night off from making dinner? Join us for a wonderful meal and fellowship on Wednesday nights. Dinner is served almost every Wednesday from 5:15 – 6:15 p.m. starting September 10, 2025. 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 made up of Connect and Confirmation parents! 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. Jennifer Payne has served as the Wednesday Night Dinner Coordinator for the past two seasons and will be stepping away from this role. If you are a parent of Connect or Confirmation students and would like to volunteer to serve on this team, we welcome your participation! Contact Pastor Reggie for more details and information.

Youth

9th Grade Confirmation Faith Retreat

Between now and our Confirmation Day, all 9th grade students will be working on completing their Faith Statements. 9th grade Confirmation students will also be participating in their Faith Interviews in preparation for their Affirmation of Baptism service.

9th Grade Confirmation Ministry: Affirmation of Baptism Service

Crown of Glory celebrates the faith of our young people together! This year's class of 9th grade Confirmation students will be affirming their baptism on Sunday, October 26 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. Each 9th 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!

Mission Trip and Senior High Ministry

Six high school youth and two adults had a mission trip experience the Blue Ridge Mountain area of North Carolina this past summer! For this experience, they partnered with Youthworks to serve in a variety of ways including serving with a local Salvation Army and thrift distribution center.

SENIOR HIGH
YOUTH MINISTRY

Have you ever joined a high school mission trip? We're seeking 8th-12th grade students to join an exploration and information night on Tuesday, September 23 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. We'll explore what to expect on our mission trip and consider possible locations around the country! For more information contact Pastor Reggie.

Brand New Ministry: Crown of Glory Senior High Ministry "Youth Group"

We are so excited to get started on a brand-new ministry for our senior high youth (9th-12th grade students). Each month there will be a new event or activity planned for students to enjoy!

Please see below what's happening this fall!

- September 14: Sr. High Youth Group Kickoff held in the Sun Hall from 3:00 -5:00 p.m. Event group games or baking!
- October 12: Sr. High Youth Group from 3:00 -5:00 p.m. Event offsite Hayride & Pumpkin Carving contest.
- November 2: Sr. High Youth Group in Sun Hall from 3:00 -5:00 p.m. Event TBD; plan for upcoming Lefsa making fundraiser.
- December 6: "Lefsa Making" fundraiser event at Church.

Sr. High Youth Ministry Leaders: Sarah Morrow, Gretchen Mitcham, and Deb Peterson

Music Ministry

Chancel Choir

Come and sing with a group of passionate, joyful, and dedicated vocalists! Directed by [Pastor Laura](#) and accompanied by Ginger Larson, all singing abilities are welcome and invited to participate. The Chancel Choir sings in worship twice a month and practices each Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. in the Music Room (7:15 p.m. during Lent). The first rehearsal will be at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, August 27.

Chancel Chimers

If you have ever been wandering the halls on a Wednesday evening at 6:00 and heard delightful laughter coming from the Music Room, you have witnessed the joy of the Chancel Chimers! Directed by Sarah Morrow (sissybmorrow@gmail.com), this group of musicians plays a variety of pieces throughout the year and welcomes all abilities to join them. They play in worship once a month and practice each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. (5:45 p.m. during Lent) in the Music Room. The first rehearsal will be at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 3.

Servant Song

Our Contemporary Worship band is a group of dedicated and talented musicians that love to lead worship and bring some diversity to the music once a month. Led by Servant Song Leader, Grace Becker, the band will practice at 5:00 p.m. every Wednesday in the Sanctuary throughout the entire year. The first rehearsal will be at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 27. Contact Grace (grace.becker73@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining the band!

Garage Band

This group of talented youth brings such life and inspiration to our worship! They are led by CoG member, Lori Robinson (lori.w.robinson@gmail.com), and will practice throughout the year (exact date TBD). I look forward to having them play in worship as their schedules allow!

Crown Brass

This ensemble is comprised of CoG members and friends of CoG to bring brilliant brass music to our worship a few times throughout the program year. If you play a brass instrument and would like to join this wonderful ensemble, email [Pastor Laura](#)!

Upcoming Music in Worship:

September 7 (Rally Sunday): Chancel Choir
September 14: Servant Song
September 21: Chancel Choir
September 27 (if possible) & 28: Chancel Chimers
October 5: Servant Song
October 12: Chancel Choir
October 18 (if possible) & 19: Chancel Chimers
October 26 (Reformation): Chancel Choir
November 1: Servant Song
November 8 (if possible) & 9: Chancel Chimers
November 16:
November 23 (Christ the King): Chancel Choir
November 30: Servant Song

Music Ministry

Rehearsal Times

Servant Song
Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

Chancel Chimers
Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir
Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.

Crown Brass
Throughout the year (TBD)

Garage Band
(TBD)

Ministries

Altar Guild

This small, but mighty team prepares Communion each week, monitors worship supplies, and bakes Communion bread. Interested in being a bread baker? Contact Pastor Laura (pastorlaura@crownofglory.org) or Steve Clay (stevenhclay@gmail.com) to learn how.

Worship Arts Team

This is a team of creatives, artists, crafters, planners, and doers. They plan a theme for each worship/liturgical season and decorate the Sanctuary to bring that theme to life. Contact Pastor Laura for more Information.

Worship Assistants

This group of volunteers reads Scripture and leads the Prayers of the People, and the Statement of Faith (Sunday only), in worship each weekend. All ages are welcome. Contact Pastor Laura for more information.

AV Team

This group of volunteers knows all things audio, visual, and technology! They run the worship slides, the sound in the Sanctuary, and run and monitor the livestream (Sunday only) each weekend. Do you work in the IT field? Do you love working with like-minded people? Join the AV Team! Contact Pastor Laura for more information.

Men's Fall Retreat 2025

Join us for the Men's Faith Retreat: *Good News, Good Brews* at Green Lake Lutheran Ministries in Spicer, MN from Friday evening, November 21 – Sunday morning, November 23, 2025! We'll explore the process of making home brew together, bottling, tour a local brewery, and dive into a devotional series led by Pastor Reggie. Come and enjoy the superior fall colors at camp and enjoy fellowship. For more information and registration details email Pastor Reggie at pastorreggie@crownofglory.org. Registration deadline is October 27, 2025.

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:

2025

September 20
October 11
November 8
December 6

2026

January 10
February 21
March 14
April 11
May 16



Sunday Conversations

This diverse group journeys through a topic on faith, social justice, or the Bible throughout the program year. They meet once a month on a Sunday evening, final schedule for this year is TBD. Contact Pastor Laura for more information!

Ministries and Partnerships

Welcome Team

The Welcome Team has created and started distributing Welcome Bags for visitors. The Welcome Bag includes a bookmark, Crown of Glory mug, hand painted strength stones, Wednesday night meal voucher, a cup “koozie,” and information about Crown of Glory.

The Welcome Team members are referred to as “Butterflies” and help to welcome newcomers to Crown of Glory by engaging them and offering hospitality. The Welcome Team is seeking additional Crown of Glory members to serve on a new ‘Hospitality and Welcome Team.’ Our new team is called “Kaleidoscope,” as a group of butterflies is known as a “Kaleidoscope!” If you are interested in joining this new Hospitality and Welcome Team, contact Deb Peterson at dpeterson8182@hotmail.com

Kitchen Essentials Ministry

The Kitchen Essentials Ministry team, COG’s Love INC ministry, has been busy making deliveries to Carver County families this summer. So far in 2025 we have filled 25 requests for kitchen items. We accept all basic kitchen items, but at this time we especially need toasters, cookie sheets, tea kettles and silverware sets. Items can be new or gently used and can be placed in the designated area near the Sun Hall. If you have any questions please, contact Tracy (952-239-9344), Jodi (952) 567-4397, or Sue (612) 735-2616.

Scouts "Do a Good Turn" at River City Days

Scouts from Chaska Troop 174 were prepared and ready at River City Days in July when someone came to the booth, reporting a woman nearby passed out due to heat and then hit her head on a table. Scouts ran to alert first responders, while adult leaders provided minimal first aid until help arrived. The woman who reported the injury said she looked for the Scout booth, because she knew Scouts would know how to help. Way to go Scouts and Leaders!

Building Partnerships: Congregations that worship at Crown of Glory

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.

Monday Bible Study– 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Friday Worship– 7:00-9:00 p.m.

New Member Information



New Member Potluck & Orientation

- **Sunday, November 2**

What: Family Style Potluck

When: 11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Where: Sun Hall

For Who?: New Member Families and Host Families
(Meal Provided)

What: New Member Families Orientation with CoG Staff

When: 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Where: Sun Hall

For Who?: All New Member Families

New Member Welcome Weekend

- Saturday, November 8 at the 5:00 p.m. worship service
- Sunday, November 9 at the 9:00 a.m. worship service

Fall 2025 New Member Potluck, Orientation and Welcome!

Are you newcomer to Crown of Glory? Have you been worshiping with us online or in person? Would you like to make Crown of Glory your church home? We are delighted to have you attend gatherings, ministries, and worship services. We are even more excited that you would like to make Crown of Glory your church home!

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 make Crown of Glory your home congregation, then contact one of our Pastors or visit our website (crownofglory.org/join-us) to get signed up for our New Member Potluck, Orientation and Welcome events this coming fall. New Member Potluck is Sunday, November 2, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Stewardship

2025 Stewardship Appeal: *Moved by the Spirit*

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

November 1 & 2: Stewardship Step 1: *The Spirit Moves in and around Us*

- Kick-off of our stewardship season and theme.
- All Saints Weekend: We honor all in the Crown of Glory community who have passed away in the past year.

November 8 & 9: Stewardship Step 2: *The Gifts of the Spirit*

- Focus Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
- The Apostle Paul shares about the Gifts of the Spirit.

November 15 & 16: Stewardship Step 3: *Spirit-led Stewardship*

- Temple Talks: We hear from members of Crown of Glory as they reflect on their stewardship and service to their faith community.
- Commitment Weekend: All are invited to bring their Commitment Card to worship or fill out the Stewardship Appeal Commitment Form on Crown of Glory website.

November 22 & 23: Stewardship Step 4: *Spirit-filled Gratitude*

- Celebration Weekend: Giving thanks to God for shared gifts.

Finance Corner

Now that half the year is in the books, it is good to look back and see how Crown of Glory is tracking for two key areas: rental income and contributions. As the 2025 budget was being pulled together, Crown of Glory faced the loss of rental income associated with two tenants and a continuing trend of receiving fewer contribution dollars than budgeted.

The good news: one former tenant has continued limited use of our area, generating a small amount back per month, while two new congregations began one-year contracts starting in May and June. In addition, another local group has been renting the Sun Hall for meetings. Altogether, these arrangements are adding \$1,300 per month in unbudgeted rental income. Thanks to our pastor and staff for working hard to secure these opportunities!

Regarding contributions, 2025 started very well with \$282,401 given versus \$265,168 budgeted, for a difference of \$17,233 to the positive. In previous years, contributions were significantly below the budgeted amount, putting a lot of stress on the staff and congregation to cut expenses and increase contributions to make up for a challenging first half of the year. This year, monthly contributions have met or exceeded the budgeted amount five of the six months to date. That is amazing and bodes well for the rest of 2025!

What started as two potential negative impact items for the 2025 budget are now in a much more positive position. 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, Kate Peterson and Chad LaGow.

Upcoming Events

Fantasy Football Draft Party:

The league is open to players of all levels of experience. The draft party will be at Crown of Glory on September 2 at 7:00 p.m. Need one more team. If you would like to join in the fun, contact [Grant Taylor](#) by email or by phone (952) 210-7678.

Join Us



Beginning September 6 & 7 Worship Service Schedule

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.
(In Person)

Sundays at 9:00 a.m.
(In Person & Livestream)

Blessing of the Backpacks During Worship Service

September 6 & 7

Saturday
at 5:00 p.m.



Sunday
at 9:00 a.m.

2025 RALLY SUNDAY

COME FOR WORSHIP AND
STAY FOR FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!

BRUNCH, MUSIC, BINGO,
BOUNCY HOUSE AND GAMES



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH
9AM - 12PM



CROWN OF GLORY
A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

Rally Sunday: September 7

Kick off the new season with us at Rally Sunday as we welcome everyone back from summer—friends, neighbors, and the whole family! We'll gather for joyful worship, enjoy a delicious **brunch with egg bakes served by the council**, and celebrate with **live music from Brian Johnson**. After brunch, stick around for **BINGO**, a **bouncy house**, and **yard games** that are fun for all ages. Come reconnect, bring someone along, and help us launch a year of faith, fellowship, and fun together!

Upcoming Events

**You're
Invited!**

**Saturday, October 11
Crown of Glory Sun Hall
5:00 p.m.**

**Worship with
Blessing
- of the -
ANIMALS**



**Hope you and your pet
friends can make it!**



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.)

Calendar

September

- 1- Office Closed- Labor Day
- 2- Fantasy Football Draft Party
- 3- SPARK Leader and Helper Training, Connect Orientation, Confirmation Orientation, Chancel Chimers' First Rehearsal
- 4- Lutheran Women Gone Wild- Don Ramon Restaurante, Shakopee
- 6- Saturday Worship Resumes
- 6 & 7- Ministry Fair, Blessing of the Backpacks
- 7- Rally Sunday: Breakfast, Ministry Fair, Bingo, Bounce House, etc.
- 10- Wednesday Night Programming Begins, Wednesday Night Dinner, Music Rehearsals
- 13 & 14- Bible Milestone
- 14- SPARK Sunday School Begins, Sr. High Youth Group Kickoff Event
- 18- Men's Pub Ministry-
BackChannel Brewing, Spring Park
- 20- Women's Bible Study
- 21- First Communion Class
- 23- Senior High School Mission Trip Meeting
- 28-30- Bishop's Theological Conference

October

- 2- Lutheran Women Gone Wild- Mallards, Shakopee
- 4 & 5- First Communion Celebration
- 11- Women's Bible Study, Blessing of Animals
- 12- Sr. High Youth Group Event
- 19- No SPARK: MEA Break
- 25 & 26- Reformation Weekend, Quilt Sale
- 26- 9th Grade Affirmation of Baptism

November

- 1 & 2- All Saints Weekend & Stewardship 1
- 2- Daylight Saving Time Ends, New Member Orientation, Sr. High Youth Group Event
- 6- Lutheran Women Gone Wild- O'Brien's Public House, Shakopee
- 8- Women's Bible Study
- 8 & 9- New Member Welcome & Stewardship 2
- 15 & 16- Commitment Weekend & Stewardship 3-Temple Talks
- 15- Fall Social
- 21-23- Men's Fall Retreat
- 22 & 23- Christ the King & Give Thanks Weekend
- 27- Office Closed- Thanksgiving Day
- 29 & 30- Advent 1
- 30- No SPARK: Thanksgiving Break



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CARNEGIE HALL

CROWN OF GLORY
CARNEGIE VOCALISTS

DR. JENNAYA ROBISON,
DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL
LUTHERAN CHOIR

FREE TO ALL!

09.25.2025

**SUPERVISED
ACTIVITIES FOR
KIDS!**

7:00 PM

**REFRESHMENTS
SERVED!**

CROWN OF GLORY SUN HALL

An Evening at Carnegie Hall

Join us for a festive evening with the Crown of Glory vocalists who sang at Carnegie Hall in June 2025! This one-time only event will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Crown of Glory Sun Hall on Thursday, September 25.

Come for a viewing of the concert, to hear the vocalists share about their experience, to meet their Director, Dr. Jennaya Robison, and enjoy some fellowship and refreshments. Supervised kiddo activities will be provided by Director of SPARK Ministries, Gretchen Mitcham!

Please [RSVP here](#) or at the Church Office.
Contact Pastor Laura for any additional information.