

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

Crown of Life Lutheran Church

19291 Stone Oak Parkway
San Antonio, Texas 78258

PASTORS: Mark D. Barz

Brian L. Kachelmeier

DIVINE SERVICES: 8:00 & 10:45 am

LIVE STREAMING: 8:00 am

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**WE WELCOME ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE AT CROWN OF LIFE
AND THOSE WHO WATCH AND WORSHIP
IN YOUR HOMES ASSISTED BY OUR WEBCAST.**

ALLELUIA! THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE, let us rejoice and be glad in it! In the name of our Risen Savior we greet all who have come to celebrate His Resurrection. Today is a festival of joy and promise, a festival of new life and new hope. Our faith is centered in the victory of Christ over the power of death, made certain by the empty tomb. He has risen, just as He said! May this glorious day – and this time of worship offered to our Living Redeemer – be the beginning of a season and a lifetime of joyous “Alleluias!” Please use the large Worship Guide with this Worship Folder to participate in this gathering of the Body of Christ.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN OUR WORSHIP! Infants, too, are adopted into God’s family by Baptism. And these youngest disciples have a place in the gathering of the visible Body of Christ. The Cryroom is available for parents with fussy children or for nursing mothers. Our Nursery is also staffed by a caring, qualified attendant for children up to the age of 3.

TO OUR GUESTS REGARDING HOLY COMMUNION: We are glad you are here at Crown of Life on this special Sunday. If you are a member of a sister congregation of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, we invite you to receive the Lord’s Supper with us. We ask other guests to speak with Pastor Barz or Pastor Kachelmeier or one of the Elders regarding future participation in this Sacrament. Baptized Christians not yet instructed to receive within this fellowship are invited to receive a Baptismal blessing at the Altar. You may come forward and kneel with your arms laid across your chest as the sign of the cross. For additional information, please see the pamphlet *Holy Communion at Crown of Life Lutheran Church* (available from an Usher) to learn about our beliefs concerning the Lord’s Supper.

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Risen Christ, You are worthy to be crowned with many crowns for You are King and Lord of all! Death is defeated, life is victorious because You are alive! Accept the songs of praise I sing with my fellow-believers as my Easter gift to You. And give me the Spirit’s power to share the Good News of new life with others. Amen.

THIS WEEK'S MISSION & MINISTRY

This Sunday	7:30 am.....	Outdoor Son-Rise Service
(March 31 – Easter Sunday)	8:30 am.....	Easter Breakfast
	9:20 am.....	Easter Egg Hunt
	10:00 am.....	Resurrection Festival Divine Service
	11:40 am.....	Easter Fellowship Lunch
Easter Monday		Church Office Closed
		Preschool & MDO Closed
Tuesday.....	10:00 am.....	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday.....	10:00 am.....	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	8:30 pm.....	Tri-Circuit Pastors Conference
Saturday	9:00 am to 1:30 pm.....	Touch-A-Truck
Next Sunday.....	8:00 am.....	Divine Services with the Lord's Supper
(April 7)	& 10:45 am	<i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>
	9:00 am.....	Fellowship Time
	9:30 am.....	Education Hour Opening: Sunday School, Youth & Adult Bible Studies
	12:05 pm.....	Young Adults Lunch Bunch
	12:10 pm.....	The CROSSING

***The MISSION STATEMENT of
Crown of Life Evangelical Lutheran Church:
Crown of Life Evangelical Lutheran Church receives our Lord's gifts in
Word and Sacraments so that faith may grow, that love may show,
and that more may know.***



CHANCEL FLOWERS & EASTER LILIES

EASTER LILIES trumpet the Good News of Resurrection today after the bareness of the Chancel during the solemn Lenten season. See the listing of thanksgivings and remembrances on page 9.



**Thank you to the many servants during Holy Week and on this
Resurrection Festival: Crucifers, Acolytes, Readers, Singers,
Ringers, Instrumentalists, Lily-Arrangers, Breakfast-Preparers,
Bread-Bakers, Egg-Fillers-and-Hiders, and Altar Care Volunteers.**

WORD OF THE WEEK

ALLELUIA combines two Hebrew words which mean, “*Praise Yahweh!*” [“*Praise the LORD!*”]. Sometimes it is written as *Hallelujah*, but it means the same thing. Throughout Lent we have voluntarily subdued our *Alleluias* – but today they ring out and are visible with the *Alleluia Banners* in celebration of Christ’s Victory over death and the grave.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED & PONDERED

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – Learn how the followers of Christ are raising God’s flag in the world. Listen to “*Raise the Flag*” (*Acts 1:1-11*) with Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler on WOAI 1200 at **6:00 am** on *Sunday, April 7*.

SPEAKING OF LIFE – The Scriptures do not limit the sanctity of human life to a few isolated passages. Almighty God has made forgiveness and salvation, abundant and everlasting, the point of the whole story. He intends His resurrection to encompass and affect every member of our race and every moment of our existence, from fertilization to forever. This is nothing less than the Gospel of the Lord (*1 Corinthians 15:1-4*)!

SPECIAL DATES IN THE FAMILY

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

April 3 Peggy Joseph

4 Keith Martin
Anne Shadle

5 Russ Ingram
Dan Mullinix

ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

April 2 Al & Susan Cruz

WORSHIP & OFFERINGS

OUR FIRSTFRUIT offerings and special gifts demonstrate the glad and generous faith of living disciples, supporting Mission and ministries here at Crown of Life and in many places.

Worship Attendance: Sunday, March 24

8:00 Divine Service	129	Sunday School	20
10:45 Divine Service	165	Youth Bible Classes	11
Adult Bible Class	64	GOOD NEWS Group	7

Mission & Ministry

Sunday, March 24 \$18,076

Together In Christ

Debt / Mission / Seminary \$264

DIGITAL GIVING can be your response to God’s great and gracious and generous gifts. For those who often do financial transactions with your smart phone or tablet, here is the **QR code** for an offering to our Lord to support the mission and ministries of Crown of Life Lutheran Church.



NOTES FROM OUR PRESCHOOL & PRESCHOOL PREP

SCHOOL REGISTRATION for summer and fall classes continues. Classes are filling in both summer and fall sessions. You may call the office for a tour or more information. The first day of summer classes will be *Monday, June 10*. The first day of fall classes will be *Tuesday, September 3*.

TOUCH-A-TRUCK WILL BE SATURDAY, APRIL 6 – Ambulances, cranes, emergency vehicles, and construction vehicles will be here for everyone to touch, honk, and explore. Plan to join us for a day of discovery, food, and fun for the whole family from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm. We are accepting sponsorships for this fun event in the Education Office. If your company or your family would like to be a sponsor, any monetary donation is appreciated. Most importantly, come out the day of the event and be a part of your Preschool in action!! Fun, food, and fellowship!

GROWING IN OUR DISCIPLESHIP

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES – The Tuesday group is now continuing a study by Heidi Goehmann, *“Emotions & the Gospel.”* The Wednesday group is continuing their study of *“God’s Relentless Love: A Study of Hosea”* by Sharla Fritz. Join us for friendship and study of the word from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Childcare is offered on *Wednesdays*.

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY – Our next study will be *Saturday, April 13*. Be here at 7:05 am (for Matins), at 7:30 am (for breakfast) or at 8:00 am for Bible Study and discussion as we continue working our way through a book titled *Worship 101*.

CROWN OF LIFE EVENTS

WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY – A request has been made to begin such a Bible Study, so we are trying to gauge the interest level. Would you like to participate? Would you be willing to take a coordinating role? If you are interested, please contact the Church Office at office@crownoflifesa.org. Please make the subject line: “Interest in Women’s Evening Bible Study.”

READERS OF THE ROUND TABLE will meet again on *Monday, April 15*, at 6:00 pm to discuss *Echo of Old Books* by Barbara Davis. Bring your own beverage and lunch box. New readers are always welcome to join us. Call *Bobbi Mouser* at 830-385-9486 if you have questions about this gathering.

OUR QUILTING & SEWING GROUP will meet again on *Thursday, April 18*, at 10:00 am. No experience is necessary! Call or contact *Linda Pulliam* at 210-378-9953 for more details.

LET'S ROAD RALLY! We are bringing back the Adult Road Rally (a scavenger hunt on wheels) on *Saturday, May 4*. We'll start at 5:30 pm in the *Community Life Center*. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Community Life Center. Questions should be directed to Kay Pfitzinger at mpfitz@swbell.net. More details to follow!



TOUCH-A-TRUCK

Saturday, April 6 – 9:00 am to 1:30 pm

Invite your friends and neighbors – especially those with younger children – to see and climb in and climb on and honk horns of a variety of trucks and large equipment.

Volunteers are needed for two shifts:

8:30 am to 11:15 am and 11:00 am to 1:30 pm.

Contact **Matt Snyder** at (732) 983-2058 or
matthew.owen.snyder@gmail.com

DCE CALL TEAM UPDATE

A POTENTIAL DCE INTERN –Three weeks ago, Amy Hubach, one of the DCE Program Directors at Concordia University – Nebraska, visited here at Crown of Life. Amy led conversations with a number of Crown of Life staff and members. She informed us ten days ago that we would not be receiving one of the four Interns beginning their service this summer.

LUTHERAN SINGLES CRUISE

SET SAIL ON A SPIRITUAL ADVENTURE with a four-day Lutheran Singles Cruise



(*Thursday, August 1, thru Monday, August 5*), departing from Galveston. This journey is designed for connection and fellowship, offering daily devotions, Bible studies, and opportunities to meet like-minded singles. Embrace this chance to deepen your faith, make new friends, and enjoy the beauty of the sea. Don't miss out on this unique blend of spiritual growth and social fun! Book your spot today. Let **Pastor Kachelmeier** know if you are

interested, or learn more by visiting www.wolfmueller.co/cruise.

L.E.T.S

IF YOU ENJOY discussions about the Catechism, the education, the art, the histories, the liturgy, and the worship of all things Lutheran then come join a new group starting at Crown of Life! ***LETS (Lutheran Education Talk & Studies)*** will meet once a month in the Adult Classroom. Our next topic of discussion “***Church Building Preaches***” will be on the architect, design, and the placement of objects and features within Lutheran churches and how they reflect theological truth. We will meet on ***Friday, April 12*** from ***6:30 to 7:30 pm***. (Please note date change from April 19) Let us delight in learning together and growing in knowledge of the beauty of Lutheranism. Contact Adrienne Salinas for more details (210-846-0470).

YOUTH MINISTRY

THANK YOU to the CROSSING youth and parents who baked the unleavened bread used in our Maundy Thursday Services. And to all the YWWC servants who stuffed eggs and led the Easter Egg Hunt.

A CATECHISM RETREAT will take place on *Monday, June 17*, thru *Thursday, June 20*, at Lutheran Valley Retreat (near Colorado Springs). We could tag along with some youth from St. Paul in Austin. This retreat is geared toward students in 6th to 8th grades; however, high school students are welcome too. The cost is \$350 plus some traveling expenses.

HIGHER THINGS is planned for *Tuesday, July 16*, thru *Friday, July 19*, at the University of the Ozarks in Clarksville, Arkansas. We could tag along with some youth from St. Paul in Austin. This conference is geared toward students in 9th to 12th grades; however, those who are confirmed or recent graduates are welcome too. The cost is \$575 plus some traveling expenses. Parents and youth talk to me about your interest or ask me your questions.

Pastor Kachelmeier

2025 LCMS Youth Gathering



ENDURE

Hebrews 12:1-3

God's Word, worship, service, and fellowship with others from across Synod and our partner churches around the world.

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod's National Youth Gathering is scheduled for *July 19-23, 2025*, in New Orleans, Louisiana. Registration opens in the fall of 2024. More information will follow.

Held every three years since 1980, the LCMS Youth Gathering provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith, and their Lutheran identity.

During the five days of the Gathering, youth spend time together in

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

YOUNG ADULTS LUNCH BUNCH – On the first Sunday of each month, we plan on going out to lunch after the 10:45 Divine Service. The first lunch out will be on *Sunday, April 7*. The lunch will be at *CAVA* (427 N Loop 1604 W, San Antonio, TX 78258). When you arrive at *CAVA*, look for *Luke Kachelmeier*.

Next Sunday, April 7,

Lutheran Coronation trains will be on display in the Gathering Space, including the one worn by *Elena Ortiz*, the new Queen.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

for Children, Youth & Adults

Bible Verse for Children, Youth & Adults

*"The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."*

1 Corinthians 1:18



Sunday School

Children from 3-years-old up to fifth grade are encouraged to participate in our age-appropriate Sunday School classes today and every Sunday.

The CROSSING for Middle Schoolers

This important discipleship ministry for youth meets again *next Sunday* from *12:15* to *1:20 pm*. Thank you, parents, for making this commitment to the faith-journey of your children.

Middle School & High School Bible Classes

Our Middle School class meets in the Gathering Space of the Community Life Center (CLC).
Our High School class meets today in the Youth Room of the CLC.

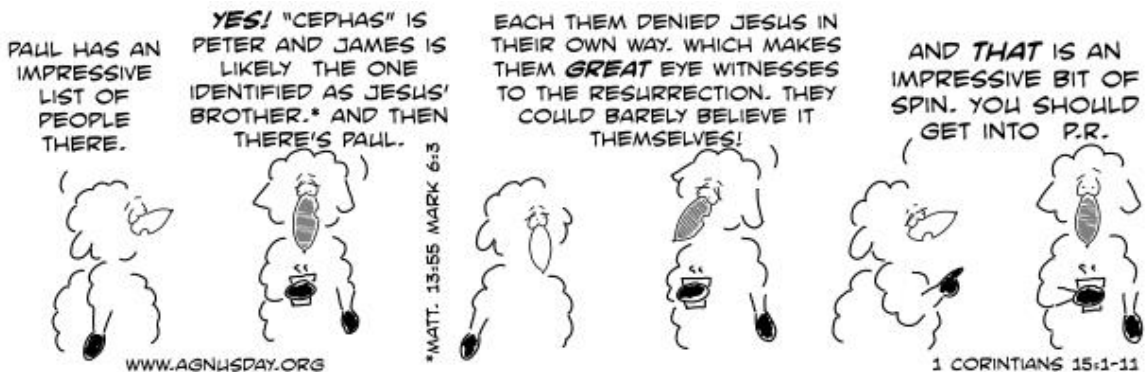
Adult Bible Classes Next Sunday

There are two options: Pastor Kachelmeier just began a new eight-week study on *Ephesians*. This group meets in the Assembly Hall. Pastor Barz also began a GOOD NEWS Group, which is meeting in the Adult Classroom.



Agnus Day Liturgical Comic

Easter Sunday



A New GOOD NEWS Group began on Palm Sunday. We meet again April 7.

Do you have questions about the Bible? Are you ready to explore faith and discipleship as a Lutheran-Christian? Join us from 9:30 to 10:30 am in the Adult Classroom. Call, text, or email **Pastor Barz** (210-413-8077) or pastor@crownoflifesa.org if you're curious about this Bible Study and conversation about your journey of faith.



LUTHERAN'S MEN RETREAT AT CAMP LONE STAR

SPIRITUAL WARFARE WITH MODERN THOUGHT – Join the men of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Austin on *Friday, April 19*, thru *Sunday, April 21*, at *Camp Lone Star*. Dr. Jordan Cooper will be discussing modern philosophers ranging from René Descartes to Michel Foucault, how their thought has shaped our world today, and how we should respond as the Church. Time with the guys includes Morning Prayer, Compline, golf, disc golf, horseshoes, and/or time at the Fayette County Gun Club. Location: Camp Lone Star, 2016 Camp Lone Star Rd, La Grange. Let **Pastor Kachelmeier** know if you are interested. Learn more at www.stpaulaustin.org/lonestar/.

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

JUNIOR HIGH GAME NIGHT – Lutheran High School is hosting a Junior High Game Night on *Friday, April 5*, from *7:30 pm* to *10:00 pm*, for 7th and 8th grade students. There will be a \$10 charge to attend. That gets you admission to a night of video games, ping-pong, board games, Just Dance, and more! Sign up at <https://forms.gle/oaB36iw8gDdg7SnF6>.

SENIORS AND SENIORS LUNCH – Lutheran High School would like to invite all seniors from our association congregations to lunch on *Monday, April 15*, beginning at *12:15 pm*. We will hold this lunch in the gym at Lutheran High School (18104 Babcock Road). We hope many grandparents and seniors from our churches will be able to join us for this fellowship opportunity. Sign up at <https://forms.gle/JAV47cZ68x7CXWkw5> or call or text at 210-694-4962.

MUSTANG MOTOR MANIA – The families of Lutheran High School invite you to this event on *Sunday, April 21*, from *3:00 pm* to *6:00 pm* at Lutheran High School. Explore fun vehicles and participate in kid-friendly activities. Hands-on fun for the whole family. Admission is free. There will be giveaways, music, a raffle, face painting and concessions. If you have questions, contact LHS at www.lhssa.org or call 210-692-4962.

Easter Lilies

*announcing the Resurrection of our LORD
have been placed by the following individuals and families:*

Given in Thanksgiving by...

Pastor & Connie Barz
Andy & Jill Deurmier
Diane Dillow
Don Etscheid
The Goodale Family

Troy Golding & Stephanie Horne
Russ & Alison Ingram
Bob & Sylvia Matthys
Butch & Karen Watson
Emma Wilbur

Given by...

Amanda Bowen
The Dovalis Family
Ramona Golding
Bill & Bobbi Mouser
David & Linda Pulliam
The Salinas Family

In Honor of...

Jacob Bowen
George Edward Mee
My Children, Grandchildren, and Great-Grandchildren
Our Grandchildren
Daniel & Olivia (son & daughter-in-law)
Our Crown of Life Family

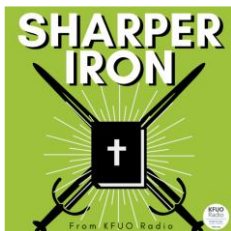
Given By...

Darlene Dague
Ralph & Wendy Ellis
Ramona Golding
Elisabeth Gottschalk
Dave & Linda Pulliam
The Sorenson Family
Renata van der Weide
Jim & Ruth Willis

In Memory of...

David Dague
Their mothers – Gerry and Ruth
Alice & Leland Kiepke (parents) & Dale Golding (son)
Paul Gottschalk
Jennifer Pulliam
Jim & Nita Yost (Jackie's Parents) and
Bill Sorenson (Dean's Dad)
Johann and Liesbeth Lucht (parents)
Sam van der Weide (husband)
Our parents

April 7	8:00 am	10:45 am
Elders	Dan Jarvis / Scott Robinson	Juan Treviño / Marc Yoder
Lay Reader	Ed Lingg	Chris Benavides
Ushers	Adolfo Salinas / Josh Warren	Scott Nicholson / Buz Waitz
Greeters	Teresa Copeland	
Altar Care	Ann McConnell	Monica Maddox



Hosted by Pastor Timothy Appel

“The Fifth Evangelist”

– a study of Isaiah –
is the current theme.

Listen at any time on demand at kfuo.org/sharperiron.



Hosted by Pastor Brady Finnern

President of the LCMS Minnesota North District

**“Apology of the Augsburg Confession:
Article 5. Good works #9”**

Pastor Kachelmeier is the guest for the episodes on
Saturday, March 30, and

Saturday, April 6 Live at 10 am Central Time

Listen live at kfuo.org

Download previous episodes at kfuo.org/category/concord-matters/



YOUR UNANSWERED BIBLE QUESTIONS...

Pastor Bryan Wolfmuehler and Pastor Brian Kachelmeier respond live to your unanswered Bible questions! You can also submit questions via email: talkback@issuesetc.org, Twitter: @issuesetc, and the Issues, Etc. comment line: (618) 223-8382. Listen to the show on-demand at issuesetc.org/?s=Unanswered+Bible+Questions.

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