

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 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.**

WE WELCOME ALL WHO WORSHIP OUR VICTORIOUS KING, JESUS CHRIST! Though the celebration of Jesus' resurrection is now several weeks past, we continue to rejoice in the new life secured for us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In His work as Savior, Jesus truly is the Vine who nourishes us with life and salvation. 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 in this Easter Season. 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: Lord Jesus You are the giver of love; we are the receivers and sharers of this great love. Thank You for all those who share Your love with us. Bless them and us as Your true love makes healthy branches of the living Vine to bear much fruit. Amen.

**The Ascension of Our Lord is Thursday, May 9.
We have Divine Services at 5:30 pm & 7:00 pm.**

THIS WEEK'S MISSION & MINISTRY

This Sunday (April 28)	8:00 am.....	Divine Services with the Lord's Supper
	& 10:45 am	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>
	9:00 am.....	Fellowship Time
	9:30 am.....	Education Hour Opening: Sunday School, Youth & Adult Bible Studies
	12:10 pm.....	Voters Assembly
	4:00 pm.....	Easter Egg Hunt for Youth
Tuesday	10:00 am.....	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday	10:00 am.....	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	8:30 am.....	Tri-Circuit Pastors Conference
Saturday	7:30 am.....	Men's Breakfast Bible Study
	5:30 pm.....	Road Rally
Next Sunday (May 5)	8:00 am.....	Divine Services with the Lord's Supper
	& 10:45 am	<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>
	9:00 am.....	Fellowship Time
	9:30 am.....	Education Hour Opening: Sunday School, Youth & Adult Bible Studies
	12:00 pm.....	VBS Volunteer Meeting
	12:15 pm.....	The CROSSING
	5:00 pm.....	Sanctuary Choir Party

Our MISSION STATEMENT:

**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

TODAY'S FLOWERS are placed by *Brian & Erica Craft* in loving memory of Erica's sister, *Melanie*. There are two lines for each Sunday. If you would like both flower arrangements, please sign up on both lines (see the instructions next to the chart). Arrangements are \$35 each. Yours may be taken home following the 10:45 Service. Be sure to return the white plastic container to the Church Office.

WORD OF THE WEEK

PAROUSIA is a Greek word meaning "coming," "arrival," or "return." It appears 24 times in the New Testament to refer to the first and second "advents" (the Latin parallel word) of Jesus Christ at the end of time. Parousia speaks comfort and promise and hope to all believers. As we anticipate the Ascension Festival – the fortieth day of the Easter season – we continue to pray the Church's ancient petition, "Come, Lord Jesus!" (*Revelation 22:20*).

A VOTERS ASSEMBLY IS TODAY AFTER THE 10:45 SERVICE.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED & PONDERED

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – God empowers His people to share the Gospel with those they meet along the way. Listen to *“Rejoicing On the Way”* (Acts 8:28-39) with Lutheran Hour Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. John Nunes on WOAI 1200 at **6:00 am** on *Sunday, May 5*.

SPEAKING OF LIFE – It is anxiety and fright that drive folks to pursue abortion, physician-assisted suicide, and other measures that view death as a solution. These can bully the sanctity of life into silence. But the Lord’s perfect love puts all fear to flight (*1 John 4:18*). In surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis, we and our neighbors need not independence and empowerment but the presence, promises, and compassion of the Father Almighty

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

DEACONESS KIM BUELTMANN serves the Lord through The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod as a missionary in Germany. She assists congregations in Leipzig and Chemnitz in providing outreach to refugees, who are primarily from Iran and Afghanistan. Kim is actively involved in worship planning and leading music for worship in the Farsi language, and she works closely with Persian musicians in these congregations to develop more hymns and liturgy in Farsi. See more on page 9.

SPECIAL DATES IN THE FAMILY

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

April 28	Scarlett Barnes	May 1	Johan Fattig	1	Tonia Treviño
29	Terry Wunderlich		Amanda Grant		Butch Watson
30	Jan Yung		Marlena Shadle		

ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

April 30 Michael & Margaret Palm

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, April 21

8:00	Divine Service	87	Youth Bible Classes	11
10:45	Divine Service	136	Adult Bible Class	60
	Sunday School	17	GOOD NEWS Group	2

Mission & Ministry

Sunday, April 21 \$13,158

Together In Christ

Debt / Mission / Seminary \$259

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

THIS WEEK we taught the children that **KIND IS THE BEST THING TO BE**. We talked about being kind to others by being helpful and doing nice things. We also talked about being kind to ourselves by eating healthy, getting exercise, and listening to God's Word: "Love is patient, love is kind" (*1 Corinthians 13:4*). Then, we completed the **KINDNESS CHALLENGE**. Thanks to everyone who brought boxes of cereal for our challenge. We collected over 100 boxes of cereal for CAM. As we watched the cereal boxes tumble down like dominoes, we were reminded that kindness is contagious. When we are kind to others, they see how good it makes them feel and hopefully they will want to also be kind to others. Thanks to **Chris Benevides**, who has graciously offered to take the cereal to CAM. Even little children can be disciples for Jesus!

OUR SPRING MUSICAL PROGRAM – "Picnic in the Park" will be held on **Wednesday, May 1**, and **Thursday, May 2**, at **9:15 am**. The children will sing and dance to songs they have prepared throughout the year. **EVERYONE** is invited! We would love to have you join us in the CLC.

AS THE SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS TO WIND DOWN we look back on our year of fun and learning. Thanks to each one of you who has been praying for the children and their families and for our wonderful staff. Thanks, also for supporting our fundraisers. Your support at **Touch A Truck** was amazing! Throughout April we have been having **Trike-A-Thons** to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Donations will be accepted through **April 30**.

Diane Dillow, Early Childhood Director


GROWING IN OUR DISCIPLESHIP

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES – The Tuesday group is now studying "**Prayer – We Speak to God**" by John Kleinig. 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 MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY – The **Sons of Solomon Bible Study** is a Bible study for the men of the church. The purpose is to become well-catechized in the Lutheran Confessions, to build a brotherhood with those around you, to encourage your brothers with the words of life, to support one another in times of trouble and rejoice together in times of joy. God has blessed us with Christian brotherhood; let's share it. Join us as **Pastor Kachelmeier** leads us through Luther's Large Catechism. We meet on Monday nights at 6:30 pm in the Garden Ridge area. Please contact either **Pastor Kachelmeier** (505-412-9682) or **Spencer Hasch** (210-421-1677) for further details.

MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY – Our next study will be on *Saturday, May 4*. 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

LET'S ROAD RALLY! Join the fun of 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*. Sign-up sheets are posted on bulletin boards in the Gathering Space and the Entranceway. See the flyer for more information! Questions should be directed to *Mark or Kay Pfitzinger* at mpfitz@swbell.net. 

OUR QUILTING & SEWING GROUP will meet again on *Thursday, May, 16*, at *10:00 am*. No experience is necessary! Call or contact *Linda Pulliam* at 210-378-9953 for more details.

READERS OF THE ROUND TABLE will meet again on *Monday, May 20*, at *6:00 pm* to discuss *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards. 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.

SILVER SERVERS – Look for information on our upcoming event in May!

SUPPORTING LIFE – *Emma Wilber* has started making baskets for a *Pregnancy Care Center*. She includes a baby blanket that she makes, but is in need of donations of travel-size baby lotion, wash, and small packages of newborn diapers. If you have questions, contact *Emma* at 210-823-2697.

KNIGHTHOPPERS

KNIGHTHOPPERS – It's all about historical sites this month! Come join us this month as we hop to *Esquire Tavern* on Commerce Street at *6:30 pm* on *Friday, May 17*, to fellowship at the oldest bar on the Riverwalk! After, we will walk over to the San Fernando Cathedral and enjoy the SAGA at *9:00 pm* – a light show of historical discovery, settlement and development of San Antonio – the “GREATEST CITY on EARTH”! **RSVP** by *Friday, May 10*, to *Adrienne Salinas* (210-846-0470).

L.E.T.S

IF YOU ENJOY discussions about the Catechism, education, art, history, liturgy, worship – in other words: all things Lutheran – then come join a new group at Crown of Life! *LETS (Lutheran Education Talk & Studies)* meets once a month in the Adult Classroom. Our next topic of discussion “*Empire Strikes Back*” will be on Charles V, Holy Roman Emperor and the force that undermined the Holy Roman Empire – Luther. We will meet on *Friday, May 10*, from *6:30 to 7:30 pm*. 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

EASTER EGG HUNT – Calling all middle school and high school youth! Join us for fun, friendship, food, and disc golf. This event takes place at Darlene Dague’s Ranch House (map address is 19811 Hardy Oak) *today* from **4:00 pm to 7:00 pm**. The King family has kindly offered to meet at church to lead people over to her house. An *important note*: do **not** wear open-toed shoes!!!

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.

Pastor Kachelmeier

2025 LCMS Youth Gathering



ENDURE

Hebrews 12:1-3

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

YOUNG ADULTS LUNCH BUNCH

ON THE FIRST SUNDAY of each month, plan on joining us for lunch and conversation after the 10:45 service. Our location on **May 5** is Los Tacos Gueros (20323 Huebner Road). We now have a group chat in GroupMe. Text **Luke Kachelmeier** at 505-819-0582 to join the group.



DIRECTORY UPDATE



We are currently updating our member directory. See the form in this Worship Folder. If you have any changes to your information, please get those changes to the Church Office no later than **Sunday, May 12**.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

for Children, Youth & Adults

Bible Verse for Children, Youth & Adults

[Jesus said] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep."

John 10:11



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 on *Sunday, May 5*, 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 presently two options: Pastor Kachelmeier is leading an eight-week study on *Ephesians*. This group meets in the Assembly Hall. Pastor Barz is teaching a *GOOD NEWS Group*, which is meeting in the Adult Classroom.



Agnus Day Liturgical Comic



Fifth Sunday of Easter



A GOOD NEWS Group meets today.

Do you have questions about the Bible? Are you ready to explore faith and discipleship as a Lutheran-Christian? Join us **today** 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.

"FLAGS FOR FALLEN VETS"

THIS NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION will be placing flags on every grave at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. They have enough volunteers to place the flags on *Sunday, May 26*, but still need volunteers to remove the flags on *Saturday, June 1*, starting at **9:00 am**. We would like to help with this important task. Our plan is to meet at Crown of Life at 8:00 am and carpool down to the cemetery. With enough volunteers, we would finish our assigned area between **11:00 am** and **12 noon**. If you are interested in participating, please let *Lisa Hansen* know. You may call or text her at (210) 912-5140 or e-mail her at lisahansontx@gmail.com.

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2024 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VOLUNTEER MEETING – there will be a meeting on *Sunday, May 5*, after the 10:45 Service, in the Adult Classroom for already-signed-up VBS volunteers and anyone interested in volunteering. Please start saving cardboard boxes!

Vacation
Bible
School

The dates are:

Monday, June 24, thru Friday, June 28,
from **9:00 am** to **12:00 pm**.

Volunteers are needed! See the sign-up poster in the Entranceway.

Questions, contact ***Matt Snyder*** at (732) 983-2058.
matthew.owen.snyder@gmail.com.

Registration will open online ***Monday, May 6!***

Deaconess Kim Bueltmann



Serving the Lord in Germany.

Deaconess Kim Bueltmann serves the Lord through The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) as a missionary in Germany. She assists congregations in Leipzig and Chemnitz in providing outreach to refugees, who are primarily from Iran and Afghanistan.

Kim is actively involved in worship planning and leading music for worship in the Farsi language, and she works closely with Persian musicians in these congregations to develop more hymns and liturgy in Farsi. In addition, she offers diaconal support and teaches the Bible and catechism to refugees and socioeconomically disadvantaged Germans.

Kim grew up in Central Illinois, and she is a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Whitefish Bay, Wis. She received a bachelor's degree in theology and her deaconess certification from Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, Illinois. As part of her studies, Kim served as a deaconess intern in Gifhorn, Germany (2000–2002). After graduating from college, she worked as the Director of Family Ministry at St. John Lutheran Church, Champaign, Illinois. (2002–2010), and as the Director of Campus Ministry at Concordia University Wisconsin in Mequon (2010–2017).

In her free time, she enjoys playing various musical instruments, singing, and kayaking and hiking with her Italian greyhounds.

Pray for Kim as she serves in Germany. Ask God to give her boldness in speaking the Gospel to all those with whom she comes into contact. Pray that God would open unbelieving hearts to His Word, that those seeking refuge would find their true refuge in Christ. Give thanks for Kim as she serves God's children in this part of the world.

Additional Information:

BIRTHDAY: September 28

HOME DISTRICT: Central Illinois and South Wisconsin

May 5	8:00 am	10:45 am
Elders	Dan Mullinix / Scott Robinson	Kyle McClure / Marc Yoder
Lay Reader	Nick Dovalis	Bill Mouser
Ushers		
Greeters		
Altar Care	Jill Deurmier	Rosalie Nichelson

VOTERS ASSEMBLY

A VOTERS ASSEMBLY will take place *today* at **12:10 pm** to give final approval to the long-awaited revisions to the Constitution and By-laws reviewed by the Texas District, to elect a new Congregational President and Vice-President, and to hear special reports and updates.

Hosted by Pastor Timothy Appel
A study on ***The Fifth Evangelist – Isaiah***

Live at 8:00 am CDT each weekday.

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”

Saturdays at 10:00 am Central Time.

Listen live at kfuo.org

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YOUR UNANSWERED BIBLE QUESTIONS...

Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller 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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