



June 2019 | Monthly News from Crown of Life Church



Vacation Bible School

**June 24-27**

9 am-Noon (Monday-Thursday)

*At Roar, kids will discover that even though life gets wild, God is good. Roar is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences that kids will see, hear, touch, even taste!*

Kindergarten - grade 6 (\$25 per kid)

register: [crownoflifemn.org](http://crownoflifemn.org)



**Crown of Life Church**

115 Crusader Ave, West St Paul, MN 55118

## The Courage of Leadership

BY PASTOR ZACHARY PUDLO

I was about 7 years old. My brother, 5 years older than me, and I often went to a park not far from our house to ride our bikes. It had long dirt paths, the kind of paths which would make every parent nervous for their 7 year old to bike on. One of the bike jumps was nicknamed "Nightmare". The path took a bike rider down a 12 foot incline and then shot them up a 3 foot shoot, hurling them about 4 feet in the air. There was NO WAY I was going to go down it. But my brother and all his friends did. They had the courage, I didn't...at least until I saw my brother go first. That's what it takes to be a leader, courage.

### Courage of Joshua

When I think of courage, I think of Joshua. When Moses died after he lead the Israelites for about 40 years, Joshua took over. God said this to Joshua, "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land." (Joshua 1:2) What land was he to cross into and lead the Israelites? The land of Canaan. A land described by the Israelites who explored it like this, "The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them." (Numbers 13:32-33)

It seems daunting, doesn't it? Being a newly established leader and tasked with defeating numerous very powerful nations with an untrained group of recently freed slaves doesn't seem like an enviable job. How was Joshua going to proceed?

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# High School Graduates



Noah Bluhm

*St. Croix Lutheran graduate and will attend UW Stout in the fall majoring in Manufacturing Engineering.*



Caleb Little

*St. Croix Lutheran graduate and will attend NDSU in the fall majoring in Engineering.*



Abbey Rose Ludden

*St. Croix Lutheran graduate and will attend Waldorf University in Forest City, Iowa in the fall.*



Jacob Marzinske

*St. Croix Lutheran graduate and will attend Bethany Lutheran College in the fall.*



Madylin Mielke

*St. Croix Lutheran graduate and will attend Martin Luther College in the fall.*



Rachel Montgomery

*St. Croix Lutheran graduate and will attend Augsburg University in the fall.*



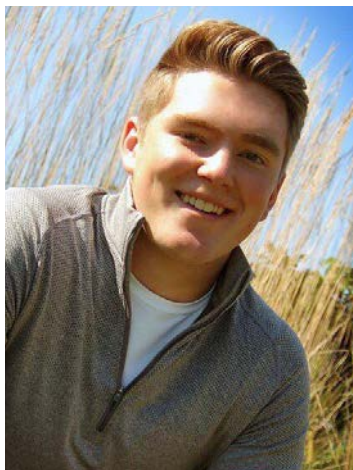
Charlie Schultz

*Eagan High School graduate and will attend Concordia College, St. Paul in the fall.*



Abigail Stensland

*St. Croix Lutheran graduate and will attend Minnesota State University, Mankato in the fall.*



Jonathan VandenBosch

*St. Croix Lutheran graduate and will attend Martin Luther College in the fall.*



Andrew Voigt

*St. Croix Lutheran graduate and will attend Inver Hills Community College in the fall.*



Katie Voigt

*St. Croix Lutheran graduate and will attend Concordia, St. Paul in the fall.*



Lauren Wolfrath

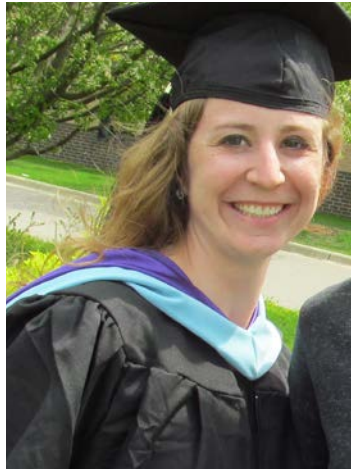
*St. Croix Lutheran graduate and will attend Concordia, Mequon, in the fall.*

# College Graduates



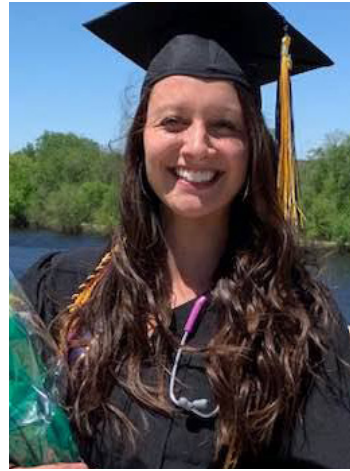
**Kelsey Kowitz**

*Graduated with honors from University of Wisconsin Eau Claire in December with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics. She is employed in the actuarial department at Securian Financial in St. Paul.*



**Danielle (Marzinske) Wold**

*Graduated from Minnesota State University Mankato in May with a Masters degree in Counseling and Student Personnel.*



**Kara Plath**

*Graduated from University of Wisconsin Eau Claire with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.*



**Karissa Plath**

*Graduated from University of Wisconsin Eau Claire with a Bachelor of Business Administration-Marketing & Minor in Multimedia Communication.*

**CONGRATS**  
**CLASSES OF**  
**2019**



**Kyle Swiderski**

*Graduated Summa Cum Laude from Waldorf University with a Bachelor of Science in Business.*



**Joe Werz**

*Graduated from the University of Minnesota with a Bachelor of Science in Material Science. He will be in the infantry branch for the US Army as a Second Lieutenant.*



**Nathan Wolfrath**

*Graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran College with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science.*

## REPORTS

### April 2019 Treasurers Report

Fiscal Year 6/18 – 5/19

	Actual	Budget	Difference
FYTD Total Income	\$1,532,897.66	\$1,383,714.77	\$149,182.89
Expenses	\$1,461,445.56	\$1,404,162.90	\$57,282.66
Net Operating	\$71,452.10	-\$20,448.13	\$91,900.23

FYTD income includes \$58,597.93 of a special bequest.

Envelope Offerings	\$1,011,903.54	\$988,078.97	\$23,824.57
	Actual	Borrowed	Balance
Special Funds	\$93,064.98	\$0	\$93,064.98

#### DEATHS

- Gina Myrlie died 5/11/19, memorial service at COL with Pastor Kom 5/15/19.

#### BAPTISMS

- Kaiser Andrew Loomis, son of Daniel and Alyse, May 5 with Pastor Enter.
- Peyton Drew Kirchner, son of Daniel and April, May 5 with Pastor Enter.

# El Azteca

REVIEWED BY PASTOR PUDLO  
WITH COMMENTS FROM HEIDI VOIGT



Google reviews gives it 4.3 out of 5 stars. Heidi describes it as “Yummy!” And “Typical Mexican restaurant where people fill up on chips and salsa and can barely eat their meal.” If that doesn’t convince you to eat there, I don’t know what will.

El Azteca, off Upper 55th in Inver Grove Heights, has pretty great food at an affordable price. Order the Fajitas for Two and you’ll walk away with Fajitas for Two...for 3 days. When we went the service was fast, food was great, and we had no complaints. Definitely worth a visit just for the mounds of chips and salsa. Google’s 4 stars is pretty accurate in my book.



*The Courage of Leadership... continued*

## Overplanning Can Kill

When you think of great military strategists people like Napoleon, Alexander the Great, and Admiral Lord Nelson come to mind. Joshua could have sat himself down and started planning. He could have tried to come up with the perfect strategy, the foolproof plan to defeat the Canaanites. He could have waited until he had the unbeatable military plan on paper before he acted.

The problem with that plan is we often miss out on opportunities because we drag our feet. I think back to when I was 7, I was on top of that hill on my bike, planning my path down, trying to make sure I knew exactly what the jump was going to be like, meticulously plotting every move and motion. I missed out on being the leader as six or seven of my brother’s friends blew past me and went down ahead of me.

There have been countless missed opportunities in history for this very reason. In 2000, Netflix approached Blockbuster about buying out their newly formed company. Presently Blockbuster now has one store remaining, and I am guessing the owners of Blockbuster are kicking themselves as Netflix is valued at around \$160 Billion. Waiting until the plan is perfect often causes paralysis. You miss out on amazing opportunities.

## Plan and Trust

So what’s the point? Do we just courageously jump right in to every endeavor we come across? Does God have anything to say about that? Of course! “Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful” (1 Corinthians 4:2). God gives different abilities and tasks to each of us, and he asks us to do our best. Joshua had been given the task of defeating an entire region of enemies. How did he prove faithful to that task? He first

planned. He sent spies into the the land to discover what their best strategy might be (Joshua 2). He gave all credit to the Lord (Joshua 3:10). He prayed to God when there were hardships and troubles (Joshua 7:7ff.). Finally, he put all his trust in the promises of the Lord, “As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them” (Joshua 1:5–6).

Joshua found a way to balance being a faithful manager of the trust God had given him with trusting in God. He made plans and a military strategy. He executed his plans. And as he executed his plans he trusted not in his plans, but in the sure promises and strength of the Lord Almighty.

## Courageous Leadership in Action

Knowing God’s promises we really shouldn’t be afraid to be leaders, right? We still are. Why is that? Isn’t it because, as leaders, we are in a position of public scrutiny? Leaders are often visible and their plans are seen by many and possibly even scrutinized by many. Don’t you think a few Israelites, at the very least, scratched their heads when they were told to simply march around Jericho and its walls would crash down? What an odd plan from this new leader Joshua! Leaders will be scrutinized. It’s a fact. You will be scrutinized for being a Christian. It’s a fact. But we still lead. Why? Because we are focused more on the way things could be, than on what people want or what they might say.

Friends in Christ, what are some “could be’s” in your home? What are some ways you could make your home more Godly, your family, your church, your self? Put plans together. Pray to God about them. Trust his promises, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” Forget about human scrutiny. And finally, act. Be bold and courageous leaders.

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Thank You Miss Klessig and Mrs. Danner

As I think about our two retiring teachers, Mrs. Danner and Miss Klessig, and their combined 66 years in the classroom...a few random "thank you's" come to mind...

**Thank you** for getting up early and staying up late so you'd be prepared to teach our children.

**Thank you** for not charging us by the page for assignments corrected and graded.

**Thank you** for being the example in words and actions for our kids to follow.

**Thank you** for the beautiful music and songs you've taught to the children – for life!

**Thank you** for teaching our young people about Jesus' forgiveness – especially as you disciplined.



**Thank you** for eating your lunch...in the few frantic minutes you had to eat it.

**Thank you** for genuinely loving every child in your classroom, even on the difficult days.

**Thank you** for being there for parents to help them with their students who were struggling.

**Thank you** for supporting your fellow teachers and encouraging them so much and so often.

**Thank you** for praying for your students that God placed under your care.



**Thank you** for spending extra time outside the school day, preparing school events like plays, musicals, festivals and spelling bees.

**Thank you** for cleaning up the messes left behind by ailing students and art projects gone wrong.

**Thank you** for trying new ways and methods to teach – so that every student could be sure to learn.

**Thank you** for braving the cold and enduring the heat at recess so the kids could play outside.

**Thank you** for being so faithful....as an example for the rest of us to follow.

## God's Richest Blessings to You in Retirement!



## On to High School

We graduated! We sang! We partied!!!  
Look out St Croix here we **ALL** come!

# What Enables Sacrificial Giving?

**Scripture Reading:** *“Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints”* (2 Corinthians 8:2-4).

The “they” in the passage above refers to the Macedonian churches whom Paul commends for their generous, sacrificial giving. How could they do it? Obviously, things weren’t too rosy for them, since Paul speaks of their “severe trial.” Was it that, although they had trials, they still had plenty of money? No, for Paul writes that they gave out of their “extreme poverty.” Were they prodded and made to feel guilty? Were they pressured to give until they just handed it over? No, again. They gave “entirely on their own.” They were the ones who were doing the pleading, begging for the opportunity to share what they had with others.

Can you imagine believers in your congregation urgently pleading for the privilege of giving? Not really, so again we ask, “What enables sacrificial giving?” Their motivation seems to be “their overflowing joy.” If someone saved your life or the life on one you dearly loved, wouldn’t you be filled with “overflowing joy”? Wouldn’t you want to give something to that person in gratitude? Wouldn’t you give all you had to save your life or the live of a loved one? Wouldn’t you gladly go into debt to save a life?

Perhaps that’s what the Macedonians recognized. Their lives and the lives of their loved ones had been saved by Another, namely Jesus, Who, by His death and resurrection, brings us all out of death into life. Pondering this, they gladly gave all they had and more so that others could receive the same blessing. They gave to those in need, because they had received. They were enabled by Christ’s love to give sacrificially. They couldn’t NOT give!

## Discussion Thoughts:

1. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-7. What was the first priority for the Macedonians? How was that also a motivation to give?
2. What kind of giver are you? One who gives less than you can? A proportionate giver? A generous giver? A sacrificial giver?
3. What would enable you to move up a level in your giving?

## Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, I confess that I am lukewarm. Lord, I pray that You would warm my cold heart lest You spit me out of Your mouth (Revelation 3:16)! I know that I take for granted this life of grace that You have made possible to me at great cost. I pray that You would “*restore to me the joy of Your salvation*” (Psalm 51:12). Help me to respond to Your grace by giving myself to You through service in acts of love and gifts of money that others may come to know Your Son Who has brought us from death into life. In His name I pray. Amen.

Source: *12 Months of Congregational Stewardship (vol. 2)* by Ronald J. Chewning, Stewardship Advisors

## JUST FOR FUN

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ACADEMICS

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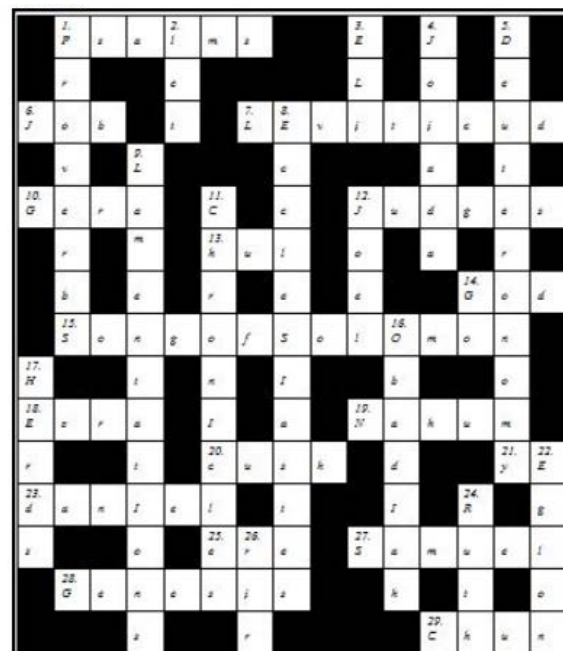
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## May Puzzle Answers



## June Birthdays

1	Pete Chan	5	Kendra Solseth Williams	9	Christine Wolfrath	15	Lori Little	22	Olive Kutz
	Alyssa Johnson	6	Jaxon Footh	10	Nadia Garcia	16	Rick Berthiaume		Timothy Orton
	Jordan Nied		Reinhart Fries		Fred Owens		Katelyn Bolte	23	Ruth Gerke
	June Portz		Doug Gaedtke		Jackie Stokke		Ronald Lemmer		Zachary Mielke
2	Raymond Buchholz		Rachael Rowe	11	Rick Frederick		Clinton Swartz		Emily Schaller
	Alec Cline		Marlene Schindeldecker		Eric Gydesen	17	Richard Constable		Adam Waldhauser
	Brandon Dennis	7	Nancy Goette	12	Lucas Gaedtke		Thomas Werz	24	Jacob Chan
	Nickolas Footh		Nathan Haehnel		Elena Grahl	18	Julio Cenicerros		Mai-Anh Kapanke
	Estella Lorenz		Nancy Monson	13	Katie Aumann		Andrea Tabor		Sarah Spott
3	Garrett Kapanke		Charles Schultz		David Schindeldecker		Shelley Unruh	25	Alfred Gerke
	Stephanie Schindeldecker		Jalen Solseth		Mike Schultz	19	Harriet Mulinix		Kelly Jean Olson
4	Lois Bush	8	Andy Aumann		Graydon Smith		Abigail Spott	27	Tammy Sheldon
	Stacy Holmes	9	Kate Boehlke	14	Zak Coates	20	Jonah Dennis		Adam Steber
	Irma Krech		Thomas Hansen		James Fox		Nevaeh Yzaguirre		Leslee Yoder
	Ivy Pottorff		Daniel Pietsch		Jean Olson	21	Ruth Petermann	30	Kassandra Fries
5	Nathan Monson		Florence Polzin	15	Owen Kelm		Jenna Wakefield		Kathleen McCall



Thanks again to all who helped out cleaning up the streets of Eagan!

Kelly and Lee find our sign in a ditch! Don't worry...the city of Eagan promised to put it back up.

## June Calendar

### Saturday, June 1

5 pm Worship EGN

### Sunday, June 2

8 am Worship WSP  
9 am Worship EGN  
9:15 am Education Hour-WSP  
10:15 am Education Hour-EGN  
10:30 am Worship WSP

### Monday, June 3

*Teacher Inservice*  
6:30 pm Worship WSP  
8 pm Evangelism-EGN

### Tuesday, June 4

*Teacher Inservice*

### Wednesday, June 5

8 pm Praise Band Reh

### Thursday, June 6

2:30 pm Southview Service

### Saturday, June 8

5 pm Worship EGN

### Sunday, June 9

8 am Worship WSP  
9 am Worship EGN  
9:15 am Education Hour-WSP  
10:15 am Education Hour-EGN  
10:30 am Worship WSP

### Monday, June 10

6:30 pm Fellowship Committee  
Worship WSP  
7:30 pm Worship Committee

### Tuesday, June 11

6:30 pm Education Properties  
Handbell rehearsal  
7:15 pm Stewardship

### Thursday, June 13

2:30 pm Southview Service  
6:30 pm Adult Craft Club  
7 pm Elders - EGN

### Saturday, June 15

5 pm Worship EGN

### Sunday, June 16

*Father's Day*

8 am Worship WSP  
9 am Worship EGN  
9:15 am Education Hour-WSP  
10:15 am Education Hour-EGN  
10:30 am Worship WSP  
12:30 pm Jesus Cares-WSP

### Monday, June 17

6:30 pm Worship WSP

### Tuesday, June 18

7 pm Council-EGN

### Thursday, June 20

2:30 pm Southview Service  
7 pm Riverview Cemetery

### Saturday, June 22

5 pm Worship EGN

### Sunday, June 23

8 am Worship WSP  
9 am Worship EGN  
9:15 am Education Hour-WSP  
10:15 am Education Hour-EGN  
10:30 am Worship WSP  
11:45 am Congregational Voters' Meeting (Budget)-WSP

### Monday, June 24

9 am Vacation Bible School  
2:30 pm Lilydale Sr. Living Service  
6:30 pm Worship WSP  
7 pm Youth & Adult Education

### Tuesday, June 25

9 am Vacation Bible School

### Wednesday, June 26

9 am Vacation Bible School

### Thursday, June 27

9 am Vacation Bible School  
2:30 pm Southview Service

### Saturday, June 29

5 pm Worship EGN

### Sunday, June 30

8 am Worship WSP  
9 am Worship EGN  
9:15 am Education Hour-WSP  
10:15 am Education Hour-EGN  
10:30 am Worship WSP

# TEEN MINISTRY **JUST for TEENS**

**Coming Late August**  
THE AMAZING RACE  
Teen Challenge at  
Valleyfair

## MOA Mini Golf Challenge/Scavenger Hunt

### You Can't Find it Scavenger Hunt

Find the largest hat – 12 pts

Get a FREE 10 second massage!!

Find and try on the ugliest prom dress – 12 pts

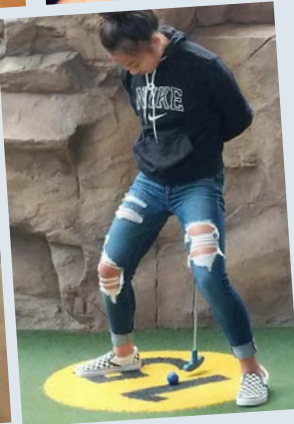
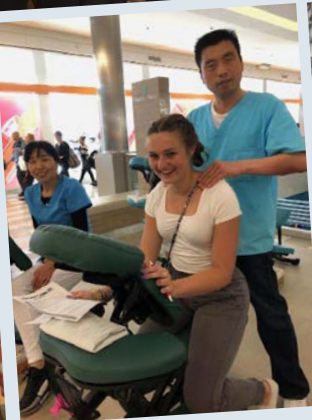
Find this BBQ sauce somewhere in the Mall – 12 pts

Pose in a store display window standing like a mannequin! best photo gets – 12 pts

Everyone on team wearing Hawaiian shirts – 4 pts

### WINNERS

Andrew & Katie Voigt, Lauren Wolfrath, Katelyn Maag



### Mini Golf Challenge WINNERS

Kris Swanson and Hannah Little