



the word

May 2019 | Monthly News from Crown of Life Church

May 1

Track Meet
Confirmation Pizza Party-WSP

May 3

Track Meet (Lutheran Metro Schools)

May 4

Adopt-A-Highway - EGN - 10 am
Bowling Meet

May 8

Track Meet

May 10

Matins/Muffins and Panera

May 11

Bowling Meet

May 16

Conference Championship Track Meet

May 17

Grandparents' Day - Early Dismissal

May 18

Bowling Meet

May 19

Kingdom Kids - EGN
Teacher Farewell Lunch - WSP
Jesus Cares-WSP

May 27

Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL

May 28

Kindergarten Graduation

May 29

8th Grade Graduation

May 30

Last Day of School - PTN Field Day - Early Dismissal

Our Mission is Family

BY PASTOR EMILE BURGESS

"To become a growing spiritual family who share Christ in a genuine, caring way through words and actions."

That's our Mission at Crown of Life. As Christians, we're all part of God's family—sons and daughters of God through Christ! And we, as a congregation, are a spiritual family too.

The importance of family is tough to overestimate. The family, as an institution, is ordained by God. But why is family so important? Why does God gather human beings into families?

Because FAMILY is the most effective way to pass on his promises.

Starting with that first gospel promise to Adam and Eve that the Savior would one day come (Genesis 3:15), God has given every generation the gift of family. And he did this so that faith in the Savior would be passed along from generation to generation.

"One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts" (Psalm 145:4). Family has always been a central piece in God's plan for all people to know him by faith. (See also Deuteronomy 6.)



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As crucial as families are to passing along the faith, the Lord gave us families for more than just that reason. For example:

Before there was government to maintain peace and order in society, keep people safe was solely the job of fathers and mothers and extended family.

Abraham as Protector (Genesis 14:14)

“When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, he called out the 318 trained men born in his household and went in pursuit as far as Dan”

Before the modern work-a-day world with employers and employees, timeclocks and wages, providing for the family was more directly the job of fathers and mothers.

Abraham as Provider (Genesis 12:10)

“Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to live there for a while because the famine was severe”

Before there were schools to educate children on behalf of parents, teaching children the ways of the Lord and the ways of the world was all on fathers and mothers.

Abraham as Professor (Genesis 22:7-8)

“Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, Father... The fire and wood are here, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering? Abraham answered, God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son. And the two of them went on together”

Before believers were gathered into churches under the spiritual care of pastors, every father led his family as “priest” of the household.

Abraham as Priest (spiritual leader) (Genesis 12:8b)

“There [Abram] built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD”

As time went on and society grew more populous and complex, God established other specialized authorities to assist families. Yet, in all the changes that have taken place over the centuries, what has not ever changed in God’s plan for mankind is the central role of families—the primary responsibility of fathers and mothers to be protectors, providers, professors, and priests in the family. The family is God’s indispensable vehicle for bringing souls to heaven!

Admittedly, that can be a daunting thought! As if parenthood didn’t carry enough guilt with it already! But that’s where the church comes in. We are your family too! And we’re here to help. That’s what FAMILY is for. We’re here for you as a spiritual family, to help carry your burdens, to pray for you, to lend a listening ear. And we’re here to help you carry out your God-given responsibilities toward your family. As your spiritual family, we’re here to help you be better protectors, providers, professors, and priests to your family.

We do that through our worship services and Bible studies. We do that through our Christian school and high school, through our Cradle Roll, Vacation Bible School, Sunday School and Confirmation instruction. We do that through our fellowship events and service projects. We do that by visiting you when you’re sick or down and through our Visiting Shepherds.

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EASTER



Snow one weekend...Sunny and 70 the next! Nothing can stop Easter or our Easter Egg hunts thanks to our Savior, Jesus, and the amazing volunteers who helped tremendously with our annual Easter Egg Hunts!



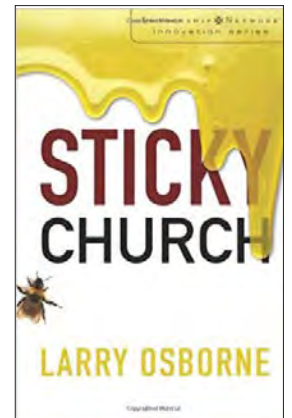
Sticky Church

REVIEWED BY LUCAS BOEHM | CHRISTIAN | ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Pine sap? Bad sticky! Band-aid? Good sticky! Spilled juice on the floor? Bad sticky (unless you're an ant!) Glaze on barbecue ribs? Good sticky! Gum in hair? Bad sticky! A congregation tightly connected to Jesus and each other? Very good sticky!!

So, how does one develop a "sticky church", one where existing members of the congregation truly feel connected to each other and where new members and visitors get an immediate sense of belonging? Larry Osborne proposes one approach for developing such a culture in his book "Sticky Church". The goal is simple enough: small groups (ten to twelve individuals at the most) meet each week to discuss the week's sermon, open their Bibles, and share their questions, thoughts, and prayers in a relaxed, trusting atmosphere. A sense of belonging develops and the time becomes a highlight of the week for participants. Studying in such an informal, relaxed setting and getting to know others on a far more personal level creates a connection that frankly, few Christians experience. Rather than outline the book, I'll let Osborne speak for himself through the following quotes that struck me in my reading.

- "The ultimate goal of a sermon-based small group is simply to velcro people to the two things they will need most when faced with [spiritual questions, challenges or trials]: the Bible and other Christians."
- "we see these groups as the hub of our ministry - more important than even the weekend services"
- "A small group takes our good intentions and puts them on our calendar."
- Concerning the right size for a small-group: "needs to be small enough that everyone has a chance to contribute, but large enough that no one feels forced to speak up or share more than they want to."
- "Concerning how groups can form: "a much stronger likelihood of future friendship exists when we build groups around shared interests or a common station in life."
- "I think of people as being like Legos. We all have a limited number of connectors. Introverts have a few. Some extroverts have dozens. But either way, once they're full, they're full. And when that happens, we tend to be friendly but to not connect."
- "Most teachers don't repeat anything often enough to move beyond the deep familiarity of boredom... and that leads our people with lots of things they kinda know. One of the great advantages of a sermon-based model is that it exposes people multiple times to a passage, principle, or spiritual truth."
- "I don't want us to do anything that makes those who don't enjoy their first attempt at a small group feel guilty or uncommitted. I want them to know it's okay. I want them to know they aren't alone. I want them to keep trying until we get it right."



170 egg hunters

Stewardship Thought

When we give faithfully and generously, we demonstrate God's redeeming grace that is alive and well within us. Because of God's grace, we are empowered to give. Our giving is a spiritual response to God out of gratitude for all that He has done for us. Giving in response to God's love should be our primary motive for giving. Giving to meet our church's budget is important, but it should not be our primary reason for giving. Through the giving of our first and best to the Lord, we worship and honor Him.

Giving Sacrificially

A husband and wife who were traveling around the world saw a boy in Korea one day pulling a crude plow in a field, while an old man held the plow handles and directed it through the rice paddy. The husband was amused by the sight and took a snapshot of the scene.

"That's very curious," he remarked to the missionary who was their interpreter and guide. "I suppose they are poor."

"Yes," said the missionary. "That is the family of Chi Noui. When the church was built they were eager to give something to it, but they had no money, so they sold the only ox they had and gave the money to the church. This spring they are pulling the plow themselves."

The husband and wife were silent. Then the wife said, "That was a real sacrifice."

"They did not call it that," said the missionary. "They thought it was fortunate they had an ox to sell."

The two tourists had not much to say, but, when they reached home, they took the photograph to the church and told their pastor about the incident. "We want to double our pledge to the church," they said, "and give us some plow work to do. We never knew what gratitude or joy or sacrifice really meant until now."

God spoke to this couple through their experience in Korea about the joy that comes from giving. In His Word, God speaks to all of us about the importance of giving. Jesus said, "*It is more blessed to give than to receive*" (Acts 20:35). He also said, "*Freely you have received, freely give.*" (Matthew 10:8). If we choose not to give faithfully and generously, we forego the blessings that God gives to those who give cheerfully. There is no better time than now to examine your level of giving, and, if need be, to take a leap of faith and increase your giving. In the words of Winston Churchill, "We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give."

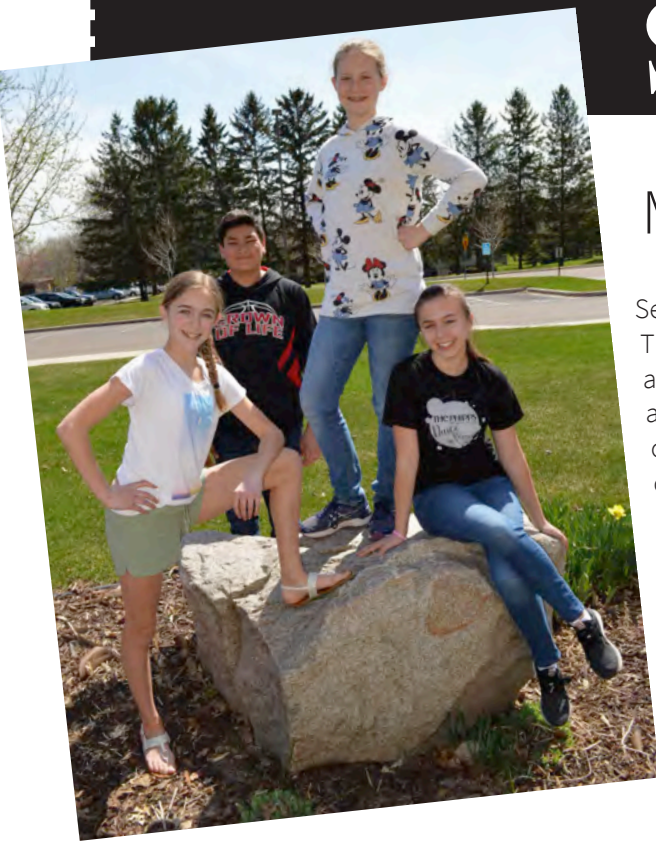
Source: *12 Months of Congregational Stewardship (vol. 1)* by Ronald J. Chewning, Stewardship Advisors

SCHOOL NEWS

Meet the 8th Grade

Seventeen students make up the 8th grade class this year. Thirteen of them were at COL last year in 7th grade, one boy and 3 new girls were added to the mix. What a blessing to add these four wonderful young people to a classroom full of talented students! It doesn't matter where you come from or what your background is, coming into a new school and new classroom in 8th grade is difficult. Not for these four and not for the other 13! There are always challenges when adding new students to an established setting. The hope is that as a group they are able to overcome those challenges and work together.

This group of students has truly taken on the expectations and standards of 8th grade students at COL through their leadership, academic expectations and their involvement in extra-curricular activities. It is also great to see that 100% of this class is moving on to St Croix Lutheran Academy! We will miss them, but we look forward as they continue to use their God given talents to bring glory to Him!



Death defying feats, unbelievable strength, acrobatics, trained wild animals, games, facepainting, popcorn, cotton candy and more. What could be more FUN then the PreK/Kindergarten Circus!



REPORTS

March 2019 Treasurers Report

Fiscal Year 6/18 – 5/19

	Actual	Budget	Difference
FYTD Total Income	\$1,332,153.35	\$1,245,289.99	\$87,063.36
Expenses	\$1,311,923.32	\$1,265,846.61	\$51,215.70
Net Operating	\$20,285.75	-\$20,806.62	\$41,092.37

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

Envelope Offerings	\$898,712.00	\$862,981.77	\$35,730.23
Special Funds	\$154,145.97	\$96,473.24	\$57,672.73

A detailed treasurers' report is on the church bulletin board.

DEATHS

- Hertha Gryc died 4/6/19, memorial service at COL with Pastor Kom 4/9/19.
- Kathryn Danner died 4/17/19 memorial service at COL with Pastor Kom 4/23/19.

BAPTISMS

- Ethan Robert Lee Johnson, son of John & Jordan, 3/31/19 with Pastor Pudlo.
- Lincoln Dean Wise, son of Jonathan & Amanda, 4/7/19 with Pastor Enter.
- Charlie Oliver Schaller, son of Jered & Emily, 4/21/19 with Pastor Kom.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION Ryan Bejblik, Jordan Carlson, Jacob Chan, Chloe Fuhrmann, Elena Grahl, Colin Fischbach, Nadia Garcia, Cody Hood, Maxwell Kutz, Mia Lawrence, Ilah Little, Nathan Monson, Landon Osland, Allyse Schletty, Nicholas Spott, Aleya VandenBosch, Alexander Yoder, Madelyn Wallace, Makenna Wallace

ADULT CONFIRMATION Jiajun (Bruno) Yin (Adult Confirmation 3/31/19)

Our Mission is Family... continued

But here are a couple new things we're excited to share with your family—to help your family.

Disciples for LIFE – Don't call it *Sunday School*. Yes, it's on Sunday morning between services, but it's much different than what most people think of as Sunday School!

- Parent-child classes: birth—1 and 2—4 (sensory activities)
- For 5 year-olds—8th grade: video-based large group lesson and an activity-based reinforcement in smaller, grade-level groups
- High Schoolers will have the option to join the video-based large group with their own discussion afterward or explore other topics relevant to their everyday lives.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Matt and Cassandra Fries, son Reinhart & daughter Aviana

Jeff and Cassie Weilage

We are the Weilage's (WHY-LOG-E, 10 points if that was your first guess). You may have seen us around over the past year or so, we are new members and were married last October (Thanks Pastor Pudlo!) Cassie is from South St. Paul and Jeff is from Morton, MN. Cassie works at the VA Hospital and Jeff is a chemist making glue. We are excited to be members and look forward to what the Lord has in store for us as we start our family. Feel free to say hi if you see us around!



We hope your family will join us as we kick off this new program in the Fall, and perhaps be a part of making it happen!

LIFE Groups – You may have already heard about our new small group ministry. A second pilot session of LIFE Groups began Easter week. We'll open it up to the COL family at large this Fall. This is another great way for families to support families in a casual environment.

At Crown of Life, we want to become an ever-growing spiritual family that takes care of one another the way FAMILY does. And we want to help you take care of your family. That's what God has called us to do as families.

So let us know how else we can help your family. And stay tuned for more on these (and other) new ministries at Crown of Life.

Save the Date

Join us for a retirement luncheon honoring two outstanding teachers, Miss Sue Klessig and Mrs. Rachelle Danner.

Sunday May 19

after 10:30 service

RSVP to the office by email or phone
with your family name and number attending.



May Birthdays

1 Maverick Biggar Michelle Povolny Zach Rich	2 Chloe Fuhrmann Brooklyn Hart Kathleen Krueger Douglas Langfield Connor Mielke	3 Michael Paul Dennis Schmeckpeper	4 Angela Hauck Ayla Johnson Logan Kneisl	5 Briana Kneisl Thaddeus Lemmer Jordon Schletty Diane Wagenknecht	6 Isabel Burt Elizabeth Fuller Ryan Mullins Jeff Mullins Miriam Patton	7 April Coates Rebecca Haehnel Lucy Kuehl	8 Jennifer Lavigne Jon Wolfrath	9 Pastor Frederick Kogler Allison Kom Hezekiah Solseth	10 Karla Monn	11 Ernest Fogle Todd Fox Karen Haehnel	12 Emma Fuhrmann Harold Hunter Kylee Paul	13 Jorie Huebner Lucas Munoz Bruce Sachs	14 Cora Evenson Derek Haehnel	15 John Schmahl George Tako	16 Heidi Larson Carole Stier	17 Corey Bejblik	18 Marlin Sachs	19 Timothy Berg Stephanie Hansen Dennis Novotny	20 Robert Berg Maria Caauwe Rick Capocasa Jocelyn Kock Avis Lorenz Lu Ann Olen	21 Jessica Biggar Katie Lasovich	22 Karley Lanigan Abbey Ludden Benjamin Voigt Johanna Williams	23 Hunter Burt Randy Enger Nathan Kruse	24 Pastor David Huebner Emily Petermann	25 Robbie Bluhm Aden Fischbach Mary Innes	26 Jerry Geror Amber Johnson	27 Shirley Owens Rich Schindeldecker Sarah Steber	28 Alisha Johnson Marc Patton	29 Brittany Oberstadt	30 Jacob Haehnel	31 Pastor Mark Kom Kyle Monjeau Kyle Swiderski Gina Taack Debra Werz
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May Calendar

Wednesday, May 1

4 pm Track Meet
5 pm Confirmation
Pizza Party-WSP
8 pm Praise Band Reh

Thursday, May 2

2:30 pm Southview Service
6:30 pm PTN Meeting - WSP

Friday, May 3

No Bus Service
4 pm Track Meet
(Lutheran Metro Schools)

Saturday, May 4

10 am Adopt-A-Highway - EGN
12 pm Bowling Meet
5 pm Worship EGN

Sunday, May 5

Cinco de Mayo
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, May 6

3:15 pm Lego Club
6:30 pm Worship WSP
7 pm Mary/Martha - EGN
8 pm Evangelism-EGN

Tuesday, May 7

10 am Men's Coffee - WSP

Wednesday, May 8

4 pm Track Meet

Thursday, May 9

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

Friday, May 10

8 am Matins/Muffins and Panera

Saturday, May 11

12 pm Bowling Meet
5 pm Worship EGN

Sunday, May 12

Mother'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

Monday, May 13

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

Tuesday, May 14

10 am Men's Coffee - WSP
6:30 pm Education
Properties
Handbell rehearsal
7:15 pm Stewardship

Thursday, May 16

2:30 pm Southview Service
4 pm Conference Championship
Track Meet
7 pm Riverview Cemetery

Friday, May 17

Grandparents' Day (No PreK)
8 am Matins
11:30 am Early Dismissal

Saturday, May 18

12 pm Bowling Meet
5 pm Worship EGN

Sunday, May 19

8 am Worship WSP
9 am Worship EGN
9:15 am Education Hour-WSP
10:15 am Education Hour-EGN
10:20 am Kingdom Kids - EGN
10:30 am Worship WSP
12 pm Teacher Farewell Lunch
12:30 pm Jesus Cares-WSP

Monday, May 20

6:30 pm Worship WSP

Tuesday, May 21

10 am Men's Coffee - WSP
7 pm Council-EGN

Thursday, May 23

2:30 pm Southview Service

Saturday, May 25

5 pm Worship EGN

Sunday, May 26

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, May 27

Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL
2:30 pm Lilydale Sr. Living Service
6:30 pm NO - Worship WSP
7 pm Youth & Adult Education

Tuesday, May 28

10 am Men's Coffee - WSP
2:30 pm Kindergarten Graduation

Wednesday, May 29

6:30 pm 8th Grade Graduation

Thursday, May 30

Last Day of School - PTN Field Day
11:30 am Early Dismissal
2:30 pm Southview Service

TEEN MINISTRY JUST for TEENS

YOU CAN'T WIN MINI GOLF CHALLENGE
& YOU CAN'T FIND IT SCAVENGER HUNT

Sunday, May 19

\$15 per person (mini golf challenge/prizes & scavenger hunt)

FOR 9th-12th grade students from Crown of Life

MEET AT Moose Mountain Mini Golf (MOA) at **2 pm SHARP**

PICK UP AT Moose Mountain Mini Golf (MOA) at **5:30 pm**

RSVP by texting Child's Name to 561-670-6379

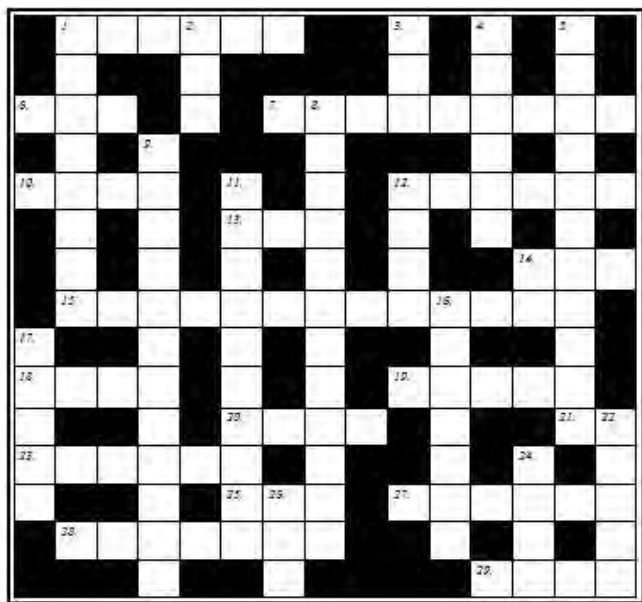
Milwaukee Mission and Croixalier Tour



Undaunted by a spring **BLIZZARD**, 2 St. Croix Academy teen groups set out to share their faith. The **Milwaukee Mission** visited WLC, some fun hot spots like Dells waterpark where they swam OUTSIDE during a hail storm (COOL), Grace Oasis (based in Salem Ev. Lutheran Church) for those struggling with mental, drug and alcohol issues (cleaned in/ outdoor, packed food pantry boxes, served dinner to attendees and joined in fellowship), and canvassed & help run an event for Lighthouse Youth Ministry Center (afterschool program). Then unexpectedly ran into the Croixaliers at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (WLS). **The Croixaliers** set out on their 1st tour ever, singing the gospel through Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa through services at WI Lutheran Chapel, Peace, WLS, Faith and Gethsemane. They stopped for fun and fellowship visiting WI Capitol, Millennium Park, Milwaukee Art Museum, Giordano's for some pretty terrific pizza and staying with many generous host families!

"it was an awesome experience!!!"

JUST FOR FUN



OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS

Across

1. Book of songs
6. Satan tested him
7. Book of God's commands to Moses
10. Benjamin's son — Gen. 46:21
12. Book of Israel's leaders
13. Aram's Son — Gen. 10:23
14. Creator
15. 22nd book
18. Book after captivity
19. Book of prophet from Elkosh
20. Ham's son — Gen. 10:6
21. You
23. Lodged with lions
25. "... ___ they believe" Nu. 14:11
27. Last judge
28. Book of beginnings

Down

2. "___ my people go"
3. High priest
4. Eliahib's son — Neh. 12:10
5. 5th book
8. 21st book
9. 25th book
11. Israel's history
12. Prophet of Judah
16. Book after Amos
17. Lot owned them — Gen. 13:5
22. King of Moab — Jud. 3
24. Naomi's daughter-in-law
26. Woman made from this
29. City of Hadarezer — 1 Chr. 18:8