

# Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 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 AND REIGNING KING, JESUS CHRIST!** His Resurrection from the grave has led to His Ascension to the Father's right hand. This Good News means life for all who believe. May our worship together continue to honor "the Lamb who was slain who has begun His reign." Please use the large Worship Guide within 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:** O Lord, my eyes are still turned heavenward. The cloud has hid You from my sight. I rejoice in Your victory, even as I trust Your promise to be with Your Church to the end of time. Remind me today that Your protection and peace are always Your gifts. Amen.

**Next Sunday, May 19, is the Festival of Pentecost.  
Foreign language readers are needed.**

## THIS WEEK'S MISSION & MINISTRY

This Sunday (May 12)	8:00 am.....	Divine Services with the Lord's Supper
	& 10:45 am	<i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>
	9:30 am.....	Education Hour Opening: Sunday School, Youth & Adult Bible Studies
Monday	6:30 pm.....	Men's Bible Study
Tuesday	10:00 am.....	Women's Bible Study
	6:30 pm.....	Church Council
Wednesday	10:00 am.....	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 am.....	Quilting & Sewing Group
Friday	6:30 pm.....	KnightHoppers
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### **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 to the glory of God by *Pita Quinney* in thanksgiving for another year of life. (Her birthday is on *May 15*). 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 plastic containers to the Church Office.

## WORD OF THE WEEK

**ALPHA & OMEGA** are two Greek words. They are the first and the last letters of the Greek alphabet. Look closely at the Paschal Candle where you can see these letters / signs. Christ uses this language of Himself in *Revelation 22*. In calling Himself the 'Alpha' and 'Omega,' Jesus asserts that He is without beginning and without end; He is eternal.

**GOD BE PRAISED FOR THE GIFT  
OF LIFE GIVEN THROUGH OUR MOTHERS!**

# THE WORD PROCLAIMED & PONDERED

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** – Jesus leaves His followers waiting for Him to return but He promises they will not be left alone. Listen to *“Waiting, But Not Alone”* (Acts 2:1-21) with Lutheran Hour Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Jason Broge on WOAI 1200 at *6:00 am* on *Sunday, May 19*.

**SPEAKING OF LIFE** – The world ridicules motherhood as hindrance. It complains that children get in the way of education, career, income, gratification, and even climate. But the testimony of God is greater than the testimony of men (1 John 5:9). Real and full life come in Christ Jesus, His Son, who shows us the joy of treasuring every daughter and son the Holy Father gives (John 17:11-12).

## MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

**REV. TYLER AND YANELA MCMILLER** serve the Lord as missionaries through The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Eurasia, based in Rome, Italy. Tyler is the sole LCMS pastor in Italy, where he provides spiritual care for a number of Italians who discovered Lutheranism online and want to learn more. See more about Rev. Tyler and Yanela McMiller’s story on page 9.



## SPECIAL DATES IN THE FAMILY

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

May 12	Maureen Koops	14	Tony Patron	17	Darlene Dague
13	Katrina Goodale	15	Ashley Muth		Harper Fleming
	Patty McCauley		Pita Quinney	18	Beverly Tindall
14	Yvonne Hartmann				

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

May 14	Chris & Leah Suttle	18	Ruben & Lori Chapa
17	Frank & Sandra Hood		

## 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, May 5

8:00	Divine Service	93	Youth Bible Classes	12
10:45	Divine Service	136	Adult Bible Class	65
	Sunday School	11	GOOD NEWS Group	14
	The Laurels (May 9)	18		

### Mission & Ministry

Sunday, May 5            \$22,201

### Together In Christ

Debt / Mission / Seminary            \$366

**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**

**WE ARE NEARING THE END** of a great school year at Crown of Life. Forty-eight children will be graduating from our PreK Program and 80 more will be celebrating a wonderful year and looking forward to next year. Then a few short weeks after the end of school (*Friday, May 24*) our Summer Fun Program will begin. Session 1 is FULL. We still have a few places in Session 2 which runs from *Monday, July 15*, to *Thursday, August 8*. Call the Education Office quickly if you would like one of those places. Our theme is *Wild About Animals*. Each week we will also have Chapel and Jesus Time with Bible Stories such as Noah's Ark, Zacchaeus, and Martha and Mary.

**THIS PAST WEEK** THE Bible Story was Jesus ascending into heaven. Each child also shared this story with their family using the Story Bibles they were given at the beginning of the school year. What a blessing this year has been! What a joy in so many ways. God is so good!!

**OUR FALL SCHOOL YEAR** begins *Tuesday, September 3*. We still have several openings. Spread the word! We would love to share Jesus with little ones and their families. We offer tours and will be happy to answer any questions about our program.



## **GROWING IN OUR DISCIPLESHIP**

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES** – The Tuesday group is now working through a study titled: *“Prayer – We Speak to God”* by John Kleinig. Their final session before summer break will be *Tuesday, May 21*. The Wednesday group is ending their study of *“God's Relentless Love: A Study of Hosea”* by Sharla Fritz, on *Wednesday, May 15*. They will then be taking a Summer Break.

**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* (210-535-2973) for further details.

**MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY** – Our next study will be on *Saturday, June 1*. 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**

**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 here on our upcoming event!

**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.

## **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. We will meet on *Friday, June 14*, 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).

## **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 laser light show of historical discovery, settlement and development of San Antonio – the “GREATEST CITY ON EARTH”!

Looking ahead: “**Welcome to the Family**” will be on **Saturday, June 29**. This is for all anticipating confessing their faith as Lutheran-Christians here at Crown of Life. New members will be welcomed on **Sunday** morning, **June 30**.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### 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.

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.

Youth and parents, look for news about a planning gathering in early June – for the Gathering!

### SHAKESPEARE AT CROWN OF LIFE

**FRIENDS, LEND ME YOUR EARS!** – The Triple C Classical Co-op invites *all* for an enchanting evening on *Saturday, May 25*, from *4:00 pm to 5:00 pm* at Crown of Life’s Community Life Center. We will present Shakespeare’s *Midsummer Night’s Dream*. Step into a world where love and laughter intertwine in the most delightful and whimsical ways! Appetizers will be served. If you have any questions, contact *Adrienne Salinas* (210-846-0470).

### YOUNG ADULT GALVESTON RETREAT 2024

**JOIN US** for our annual young adult retreat on Galveston Island. We will meet at the beautiful Saint John Lutheran Church.

**When?** May 31-June 2

**Who?** 18+ year olds, singles and married couples (no children)

**Where?** 1121 39th Street Galveston, TX 77550

**Why?** Study the Word of God Together and Fellowship

For more information and to register go to [www.osl.cc/young-adults](http://www.osl.cc/young-adults).

### 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 next date is *June 2*. We now have a group chat in GroupMe. Text *Luke Kachelmeier* at 505-819-0582 to join the group.

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

for Children, Youth & Adults

## Bible Verse for Children, Youth & Adults

*“Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”*

*Acts 2:36*



## 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 next *Sunday, May 19*, from *12:15* to *1:20 pm* in the CLC Youth Room. 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 this morning 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

## Seventh Sunday of Easter



## **A GOOD NEWS Group meets today.**

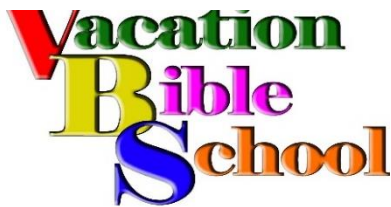
Do you have questions about the Bible? Are you ready to explore faith and discipleship as a Lutheran-Christian? Join us **today** from 9:30 to 10:30 am in the Adult Classroom. Call, text, or email **Pastor Barz** (210-413-8077) or [pastor@crownoflifesa.org](mailto:pastor@crownoflifesa.org) if you're 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](mailto:lisahansontx@gmail.com).

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### **2024 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](mailto:matthew.owen.snyder@gmail.com).

Registration is open online! It is accessible from our website or you may use the following link [vbspro.events/p/5c3521](https://vbspro.events/p/5c3521) or this QR code:





# Rev. Tyler and Yanela McMiller

## *Serving the Lord in Italy.*



The Rev. Tyler and Yanela McMiller serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod as missionaries in Eurasia, based in Italy. Tyler is the sole LCMS pastor in Italy, where he provides spiritual care for a number of Italians who discovered Lutheranism online and want to learn more. Tyler also mentors four Italian men who are studying to become pastors through an online Lutheran seminary based in Riga, Latvia, and he provides Word and Sacrament ministry to small groups of Lutherans scattered throughout Greece and Bulgaria.

Tyler was born in Waukesha, Wis., although his family served as missionaries in Central and South America during much of his childhood. He received a bachelor's degree in history and Spanish from Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon, Wis., and a Master of Divinity degree from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. Prior to attending the seminary, Tyler was a violinist in a Mariachi band (2010–2014) and a GEO missionary to Mexico and the Dominican Republic (2014–2017), where he met his wife. Yanela was born in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Yanela received an education degree from Universidad Dominicana O&M in Santo Domingo. After graduating, she was the director of the Lutheran Preschool in Licey, Dominican Republic, and served as the mission secretary for the local Lutheran mission.

Please pray for the McMillers as they serve in Italy. Pray for their health and safety as they travel around the region to connect with small groups of believers. Pray also that the Holy Spirit would continue to uplift these believers even as they deal with the loneliness and isolation of their situation. Let us give thanks to God for Tyler and Yanela's service to God's children in this part of the world.

### **More Information:**

**BIRTHDAYS:** Tyler – February 13, Yanela – March 21, Lia – January 9, Alessia – February 25

**ANNIVERSARY:** March 12 **HOME DISTRICT:** Missouri

<b>May 19</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>10:45 am</b>
<b>Elders</b>	Ralph Ellis / Eric Fattig	Russ Ingram / Juan Treviño
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Brett Conrad	Russ Ingram
<b>Ushers</b>		
<b>Greeters</b>		
<b>Altar Care</b>	Jill Deurmier	Rosalie Nichelson

## DIRECTORY UPDATE



We are currently updating our member directory. A form is available on the table in the Entranceway. If you have any changes to your information, please get those changes to the Church Office by **today**.

Hosted by Pastor Timothy Appel  
Study of Daniel: ***God's Kingdom Endures Forever***  
Live at 8:00 am CDT each weekday.  
or listen at any time on demand at [kfuo.org/sharperiron](http://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](http://kfuo.org) or  
download previous episodes at  
[kfuo.org/category/concord-matters/](http://kfuo.org/category/concord-matters/)



## YOUR UNANSWERED BIBLE QUESTIONS...

Pastor Bryan Wolfmuller and Pastor Brian Kachelmeier respond live to your unanswered Bible questions! You can also submit questions via email: [talkback@issuesetc.org](mailto: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](http://issuesetc.org/?s=Unanswered+Bible+Questions).

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