



September
2017
Newsletter



ACTION AND FOCUS AREAS

Excellence in worship and Sunday experience.

Communication: internal and external

Care for members

Education: "equipping all the saints"

Community Engagement

Moving Forward and Growing Together

Through the year we will give a summary of the progress addressing the designated Action and Focus areas identified on the right.

What have we done in these areas over the last two months and planning in the near future?

Excellence in worship and Sunday experience

Suspended the 11:00 a.m. worship service due to format weakness and lack of attendance. Options and format will be re-evaluated through the Start New Program which provided funds to enhance worship and build the preschool ministry.

Re-activated the worship development team.

Survey interest in a summer alternative worship. Significant interest was indicated but postponed to discuss with interim pastor.

Created the Crown Music Scholars Program to enhance our worship music beginning in September 2017.

Purchase of a new computer and other technology to better handle the demands of the worship presentations.

Schedule supply pastors well in advance to work on developing Sunday worship continuity for the congregation during the transition period until an interim pastor.

Engage the support of the Michigan District staff in finding an intentional interim pastor.

The "As We Gather" section of the worship folder allows members to get in better focus of the worship theme and message. A space was created for sermon notes also.

Our preschool students will perform during a service two times this fall. (See Action Areas on Page 4)



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Preschool

Mary Gruber, Director and Lead Teacher

Juliana Liu, Assistant



**PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT CONTINUES
DETAILS AND ENROLLMENT ON WEBSITE**

Come grow with us.



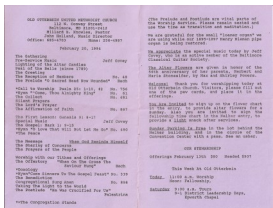
Thank You from “GFAGC”! – Many thanks to everyone who was able to contribute school supplies for the **800 plus children** that will be returning to school from our recipient church and mission organizations! This will give you some idea of what great shoppers we had! There were **143 backpacks/binders** and what goes inside like paper, folders, dividers. We had **271 writing/coloring utensils** like pens/pencils and crayons/markers. For those **measuring items** including rulers, protractors and compasses there were **thirteen**. And finally **232**, for needed **art supplies** such as scissors and glue/glue sticks. There were also a few other items I didn’t include. What a bounty of wonderful supplies that will get these children off to a wonderful start to this school year! Thank you again for your help! Judy Mann

Try Arts & Apples Again! We are going to meet at the **Rochester Grill** on Rochester Road at **9 a.m.** for breakfast on **Saturday, September 9th**. Then we will go across the street to Rochester High School's parking lot to catch the shuttle to **Arts & Apples**. When people are tired of browsing at the booths they can catch the shuttle back to their car. There is a sign up sheet on the Crown Jewels Board.



Lunch and Matinee Sunday, September 17, 2017. Meet at Big Boy Restaurant at Rochester Road & Tienken at 12:00 p.m. for lunch. From there car pool to Avon Playhouse for the 2:00 p.m. matinee of **“SHIP OF DREAMS, TITANIC, THE MUSICAL”** Call Linda Claussen (586-913-7210). for more information or to find how you may join us for an enjoyable afternoon.

Help Folding Church Bulletins – We are starting up again this month to **fold the church bulletins on Fridays at 1:00 p.m.** This easy task, which **only takes 20-30 minutes**, lets the office staff concentrate on more important work. The more of us involved the less often we each need to be there. The current schedule for September-November is posted on the narthex bulletin board. There are a couple of vacant spots that still need to be filled. If you are available to work please fill in your name. If you can volunteer on a more permanent basis let Judy Mann know. There is always a lot of advanced notice to pick dates to work. Thank you!



Crown Music Scholars Program

The Crown of Life Lutheran Church of Rochester Hills, MI is offering an instrumental music scholarship to further support the growth of its music ministry.



Students in our Music Scholarship Program will be obligated to play 1-2 times a month, rehearsing as needed, which may include accompanying hymns, contemporary worship selections, or choir selections, and special solo or ensemble music. Piano, organ, guitar, or other instruments will be considered. We are seeking one student, majoring or minoring in music. The Crown Music Scholar will receive a \$500 scholarship per semester (\$1000 per academic year).

In order to be considered, students must audition (date, TBA). Those auditioning must play a brief selection and demonstrate sight reading skills.

To schedule an audition time, or for further inquiry, please contact Pia Broden Williams, Music Director, at pbwilliams@crownoflifechurch.org.

Action Area Update

Communications: Internal and External

Increase the number of Facebook posts each week. There have been 2 or 3 Minute Prayer posts. Each week a post announces the Sunday worship focus. Occasional photos of the church, grounds and activities are also posted. . FB analytics indicate steady and growing views along with engagements.

This worship focus slide is emailed to the members prior to Sunday.

Website updates. Weekly reviews keep the information current.

Necessary changes were made over the summer. Biography pieces of our staff were posted. A calendar is maintained. Technology has been added that will allow us to place sermon casts on the website.

Informational meetings were conducted for the congregation addressing the resignation of Pastor Lemley and the direction of Crown of Life. These two meetings had a total of 75 in attendance. Those not in attendance were provided the information.

The electronic sign is evaluated weekly. The sermon topic is mentioned. Information for the worship and preschool remain current. Color schemes and verbiage are adjusted to keep a fresh look.

Revised the trifold for Crown of Life created in September 2016.



Care for members

Prayer chain has resumed and requests may be sent by service attendance card, email or phone.

The worship folder and newsletter now include the birth and anniversary dates.

The informational meeting for the congregation provided timely answers to questions.

We carry on with the monthly themed fellowship. We continue to receive sponsoring money for the one Sunday a month and food donations are provided some of the other weeks.

The Crown Jewels have scheduled monthly events through December for all women. Each year a woman from our congregation is recognized as the “Woman of the Year.”

Preschool children made Valentine Cards for the congregation.

Card Care sent birthday and anniversary cards.

Danelle Bieniek conducted introductory sessions in August for the program called *PraiseMoves* which will enhance flexibility, strength and pulmonary conditioning. This program is Christian faith based and participants will develop spiritual health through the Bible verses infused during the movements.



Education “Equipping all the saints”

A VBS alternative occurred as Living Word invited our children to participate.

A fall daytime and evening weekly Bible Study of the book, Being Lutheran, was announced for September –November.

Exploring Sunday adult study possibilities.

Plans are in the works to offer a Sunday School Program starting in September

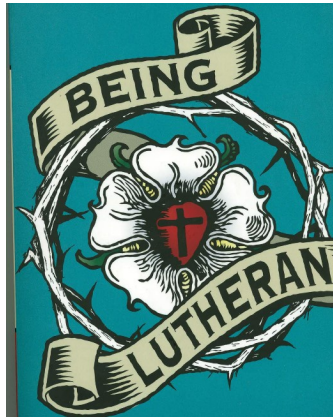
Kathy Bellow has found a six week video series “The Way I’m Wired: Discovering Who God made me to be.” geared to our post confirmation youth.

Our preschool is beginning its third year. Enrollment can occur anytime through the year for children 3, 4, 5. This is the second year for the Junior Kindergarten. Each week the children get “Time with Pastor”.

Go to page 7 and see more Action Area Updates.



COME JOIN US THIS FALL
 TUESDAY 9:30-11:00 A.M.
 OR
 MONDAY 7:00-8:30 P.M.



Enjoy ten weeks of discussion around Being Lutheran. "Not thinking Lutheran. Not acting Lutheran. Being Lutheran. Being is where thinking and acting collide. By the end of this book, you will be able to better articulate what it is to be Lutheran." A. Trevor Sutton



Holy Land Carvings



Welcome of new members: Richard, Karen Hart; Terry, Kathy Lowry with daughters Lauren and Nicole; Steven and Claire Leichtman.

Did you know that the LCMS consists of 35 Districts? Crown of Life Lutheran Church is part of the Michigan District. The Michigan District publishes a free on-line newspaper called the Michigan Minute. You can receive it each week in your email box. It's the very best way to find out what other Michigan churches are doing. You can read about upcoming events like concerts, rummage sales, Oktoberfests, and movie showings. In the Classified you can find free or low-cost items, or post items that may be of interest to other Lutherans. Get information on Lutheran pre-schools, Lutheran summer camps, free seminars at Concordia University, and so much more. The Manpower report tells about Calling congregations; who's coming and going. Want to learn more? Sign up for the free Michigan Minute by going to <https://www.michigandistrict.org/connect/publications/enews> and subscribe today! Know your Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Be an informed member.



Gethsemane's GoodLife Community Partnership is having its Third Annual Golf outing, 10:00 am, Saturday, September 16th at Hampton Golf Course in Rochester Hills. This is becoming a wonderful tool for Gethsemane's partnering with our community to share Christ and "make life better" in the Greater Rochester area. Proceeds will go to expand ministries for senior communities and neighborhood youth.

For more info visit www.GoodLifePartnership.org or <https://www.facebook.com/goodlifecommunitypartnership> .





A disaster may happen anywhere at any time. Is your congregation prepared to respond?

You can be part of Michigan District Disaster Response by training through Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT). This training is part of a Synod-wide disaster response program, facilitated by a network of District Disaster Response Coordinators and Teams. Adults of all ages and youth are encouraged to attend:

Michigan District LERT Training Saturday, October 7, 2017

Trinity Lutheran Church
45160 Van Dyke Ave
Utica MI 48317-5578
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

This training is provided by the LCMS Office of National Mission and will equip you to be an effective volunteer. Should a disaster strike your community, state, or nation, you will be able to focus on the most important things as you prepare for-or respond to-a disaster in your community or beyond.

Cost for the training is \$35/person and includes a training manual, LCMS volunteer vest, other helpful materials, and lunch. Upon completion of the training, you will receive a certificate of training participation and a volunteer certification badge from LCMS Disaster Response/LCMS Office of National Mission.

TO REGISTER VISIT <https://www.michigandistrict.org/events/lert17> AND FOLLOW PROMPTS.

Actions Area Update

Community Engagement



We continue to host St. Mina Coptic Church worship services and their Bible study. They recently purchased a facility in Shelby Township and they may be leaving us before the end of 2017.

Each month we host Cub Scout groups.

A member, Danelle Bieniek, has become certified to lead the PraiseMoves program to improve your physical and spiritual health. Initial sessions were at the end of August.

Art for Kids is celebrating its seventh year at Crown of Life. Children from throughout the area spend an afternoon developing art skills and working with various media with a Christian focus.

During the Brooksie Way Half Marathon our church will again host a water station.

Gifts for All God’s Children received our donations of school supplies.

Blossom Ridge continues to develop across the street and units are scheduled to open in 2018. Their staff have expressed interest in cooperating in various ways.

In October some of our members will participate in the Michigan District Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT). This training is part of the Synod-wide disaster response program. These member will become effective volunteers should a disaster strike.

We are a host work site for the Rochester Community Schools “Wings” program



Our application for Adopt-A-Highway has been submitted and we will keep you informed. We have requested the south side of Dutton Road between Adams and Brewster.

Happy Anniversary

Happy Birthday!

On September...

18th: Dick and Anita Shore

19th: Jerry and Jennifer Domulewicz

Boris and Linda Dostal

30th John and Beth Moore

Harry and Joanne Tsamaidis

On September...

7th Max Gugel, 13th Lisa Sage

16th Rainer Hartmann, 18th Jim Leinhos

22nd Tom L’Esperance, Claire Leichtman

24th Gil Bachelard,

29th Ron Beckman

September

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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3 Divine Service 9:30 a.m.	4 Labor Day Church Closed	5	6 Council and Spiritual Care 7 p.m.	7 Choir 6:30 p.m..	8	9
10 Divine Service 9:30 a.m. Fellowship	11 Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	12 Bible Study 9:30 a.m.	13	14 Choir 6:30 p.m..	15 Art for Kids 1:00 p.m.	16
17 Divine Service 9:30 a.m.	18 Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	19 Bible Study 9:30 a.m.	20	21 Newsletter Deadline Choir 6:30 p.m..	22	23
24 Brooksie Way Water Station Worship Service 11:30 a.m.	25 Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	26 Bible Study 9:30 a.m.	27	28 .Choir 6:30 p.m..	29	30

Pastors in September: 3rd Merrill, 10th Marshall, 17th Rahn,

Fellowship: September 10th “We are all children of God.” Remembering and honoring Grandparents.

Special Event: September 6th Preschool starts, 10th Choir performs on Christian Education Sunday. 24th-
Worship Service at 11:30 a.m. with musical guest *Forever Free* . Inside picnic afterwards.

Serving this month.

- ◆ **MUSIC DIRECTOR:** Mrs. Pia Broden Williams
- ◆ **ALTAR GUILD:** Judy Mann
- ◆ **CARD CARE:** Billie Roffe

Date	Spiritual Care	Lay Reader	Acolyte	Ushers	Service Tech
Sunday, Sept. 3 9:30 a.m.	Jim Leinhos	Don Pell		Roger Heiple Don Pell	Danelle Bieniek
Sunday, Sept. 10 9:30 a.m.	Don Pell	Dale Van Wulfen		Don Pell Fred Bane	Gil Bachelard
Sunday, Sept. 17 9:30 a.m.	Dick Shore	John Moore	Cole Rochford	Larry Bellore Jeff Rickabus	Rainer Hartmann
Sunday, Sept. 24 Brooksie Way	Jim Leinhos	Mary Gruber		Carl & Karen Hillenbrand	John Gruber



The Crown of Life Adult Choir

resumed weekly rehearsals on Thursday, Aug. 31st at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary. We invite all who love to lift their voices in praise to our Lord to join us! And if you feel a little out of practice, our director, Pia Broden Williams, is offering free mini voice lessons! As a voice teacher, she is happy to help you dust off those vocal cobwebs and get yourself choir-ready! Contact her at pwilliams@crownoflifechurch.org or by phone: (810) 348-5475 to set up a time.

Church Office Hours
Monday thru Friday 9 a.m.– 3 p.m.

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Rochester Hills, Mi. 48306

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Divine Service Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Youth 10:30 a.m.

**Weekly Bible Study Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.
And Monday 7:00 p.m.**

Choir Practice Thursdays 6:30 p.m.

OUR MISSION

Crown of Life Lutheran Church exists to joyfully introduce people to Jesus Christ, the Lord of Life and assist them to build their lives on Him as their sure foundation.



September



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**Preschool Fall Enrollment
Continues**

Call 248-652-7720 ext 2

Or sign-up online at

www.crownoflifechurch.org

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