



### Worship Schedule

Saturdays – 4 PM  
Sundays – 9 AM

### Bible Studies

#### Sundays

Bible Class – 10:15 AM  
(Parish Hall)

#### Mondays

Women's Bible Study –  
9:30 AM (Parish Hall)

#### Wednesdays

Read Scripture Study –  
9:30 AM (Parish Hall)

#### Fridays

Men's Bible Study –  
9:00 AM  
1st, 3rd & 5th Friday  
(Parish Hall)

Bible Class  
10:30 AM (Parish Hall)

### Church Office Hours

Mon. – Thurs.: 7:30-3:30  
Fri.: 7:30-1:00

## From Pastor Phill

The calendar moves, one day follows another, and whatever is planned out ahead of us gets nearer every day. And here we are in March. The word is from Latin, Martius, the dictionary telling me that means “of or pertaining to the god of war, Mars.” In the Roman calendar of Jesus’ time March had become the third month of the year, which sounds familiar to us. Jesus also lived under the Hebrew calendar; what we know as March spans two months in the Hebrew calendar, Adar and Nissan.

Jesus would have celebrated the Feast of Purim, or Lots, in the month of Adar. This year that Jewish festival is sundown the 13<sup>th</sup> of March to sundown the 14<sup>th</sup> of March. It recognizes that time in the life of the Jewish exiles when a minister to the king decided to kill all the Jews in Babylon, having them draw lots to see who died when. You can read about this terrible moment in the Book of Esther in your Old Testament. The miracle, of course, is that God placed Esther, one of the Jewish exiles, to become wife to the king, able to convince him to kill that minister and not her people. When you read Esther, note that God is never mentioned – but His saving work for His people is front and center. That idea is familiar to Christians.

March is a busy month for Crown of Life, beginning with Ash Wednesday, March 5. Two services that day, with a dinner in the Parish Hall between. Ash Wednesday is an ancient observance for Christians, perhaps dating back before the 10<sup>th</sup> century AD. It is the beginning of Lent, the 40 day (excluding Sundays!) preparation for Easter (April 20 this year). We celebrate Ash Wednesday with communion services, and at your choice, the imposition of a cross of ash. That mark of ash, and the communion that follows, demonstrates our sinfulness, and the forgiveness of sin won for us at the Cross of Calvary.

Other things in March too, as you’ll see in this newsletter, for example Missions Weekend the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of March – Crown is a powerful missions presence in the world and you’ll hear more about that. And then the Youth Orchestra will play at Crown on Friday, March 28, at 7PM – an unusual time, for us, for a presentation, but those students and their moms and dads need time to assemble in far away Sun City West... Don’t miss that concert.

**Crown of Life  
Lutheran Church  
Lent Worship Schedule  
2025**



**Ash Wednesday**  
March 5th at 4 & 7 PM

**Midweek Services**  
March 12 - April 9  
Wednesdays at 4 PM

**Maundy Thursday**  
April 17 at 4 PM

**Good Friday**  
Good Friday at The Park at 9 AM  
Beardsley Park  
12755 W Beardsley Rd, SCW  
April 18 at 4 & 7 PM

**Easter Weekend**  
April 19 at 4 PM  
April 20 at 6 AM  
(outdoor on the patio)  
April 20 at 9 & 10:30 AM

In March we will continue to research, and pray for, a Transitional Interim Minister (TIM) to lead us over the coming year or so. His duty will be to bridge the time between the called pastor (that would be me!) leaving and Pastor Next, whoever God wills that to be, arriving. It will be a time of the people of Crown examining, with the TIM, what the gifts of the next pastor should be. By the way, some will remember that between my pastor predecessor leaving and my arrival at Crown we were ably served, for a little over a year, by an Interim Minister, Pastor Alan Rudow.

As Pastor Airey and Pastor Robbins transition in our lives, who fills the gap, if any, before the TIM arrives? Pastor Mark Logid, member of Crown for many years, has agreed to fill what we call a Vacancy. He will be responsible, together with the other 4 retired pastors at Crown (Mirly, Ermeling, Hein, and Smith), for leading our ministries and our services as Crown continues to serve its people and the people of our community. My prayers are many in all this, that God will continue to lead and provide, for those men who will serve you in my absence, for the men and women lay leaders of our parish, and especially for you who are the solid worshipping Christians of our church.

But – one calendar event at a time! See you on Ash Wednesday!

**Pastor Phill**

**From Pastor Mark**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

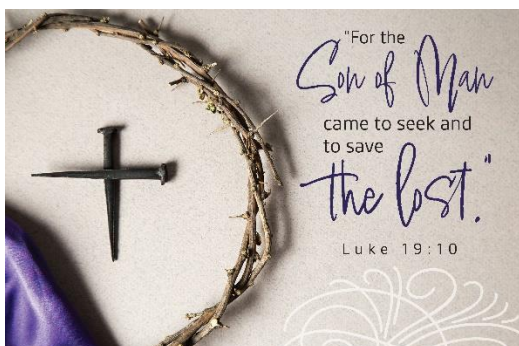
“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”  
(Philippians 1:2-6)

It is with both gratitude and sadness that I write to you this final newsletter article as your pastor. After much prayer and discernment, I have accepted the call to serve at Christ Our Redeemer in Sandpoint, Idaho. This decision was not made lightly, as my time here has been filled with countless blessings, joyful moments of ministry, and deep relationships in Christ.

While Barbie and I have been abundantly blessed in our ministry at COL, God now calls us to serve as shepherd and wife of a new flock. It will be very hard for us to say goodbye. We have grown to love you...deeply, and both Barbie and I are passionate about the ministries and mission that we have shared with you. You have been faithful partners in the Gospel, working together to share the love of Christ in word and deed. From worship and Bible study to service and fellowship, we have grown together in faith, trusting that the Lord is at work among us.

A quote was brought to my attention during this time and I have found it inspiring: “A sign of God is that you will be led where you did not intend to go.”

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I think this applies to this situation...I had no intention of going! I agreed to engage in the call discernment process because I believe we all must be "open" to what God is doing in our lives.

Transitions are never easy, but we rest in the promise that it is God who began this good work in us, and He will bring it to completion. The mission of the Church does not depend on any one person, but on Christ alone. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your pastor.

I will be available as much as possible for prayer, care-giving, conversation, and good-byes. If you have a special need for a visit, please let me know. Serving as your pastor has been a precious gift, and I take so many wonderful memories with me. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for letting me be a part of your lives and for serving alongside of me as my partner in ministry. As I prepare to depart, please know that you remain in my prayers. I ask for your prayers as well...for my family, for the congregation I will serve in Sandpoint, and for this beloved congregation as you move forward in God's grace. My heart is filled with gratitude for the time we have shared, and though we may be in different places, we remain united in Christ.

May His grace and peace be with you always.

In Christ,  
Pastor Mark

### Ash Wednesday Spaghetti Dinner

by Sharon Kristof, Assimilation

Please join us for our **Ash Wednesday Spaghetti Dinner** on **Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 5 PM** (after the 4 PM church service) in the **Parish Hall**. Dinner includes: Garden Salad with your choice of dressing (Italian or Ranch); Spaghetti with Sauce, Meatballs, and Italian Sausage with Peppers; Garlic Bread; Dessert (Ice Cream/Cookies); and Beverage. Cost is **\$10 per dinner**.



Please complete an **Ash Wednesday Spaghetti Dinner Order Form** and place it in an envelope with your payment (cash or check payable to **Crown of Life Lutheran Church**) in the **Ash Wednesday Dinner Order Box** located in the Narthex (during services) or on the counter in the Church Office during non-church service hours. **Last day to order is Sunday, March 2, 2025.**

If you are not able to join us in the Parish Hall to eat dinner, we will have a **limited** number of meals available for **Take-Out**. Call Sharon Kristof at 623-388-6262 or 708-337-6050 by March 2, 2025 to reserve yours, or with any questions.

#### Order Form

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Select payment method:

Cost : **\$10 per dinner**

Check  Cash

# Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to: "**Crown of Life Lutheran Church**"

Please Print: Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Pastor Mark & Barbie**  
**Cake Reception**

Please join us in the Parish Hall after services on March 22/23 for a cake reception to thank Pastor Mark and Barbie for their ministry here at Crown of Life. This will also be a time to say your goodbyes as they get ready to serve their new church in Idaho.

**Outreach Event**

By: Karen Block

The very first Outreach event has been scheduled for March 2, 2025, at 3:00 pm and it's a Sacred Sounds Concert by the Sounds of the Southwest Singers. SSWS is directed by Crown of Life's Choir Director, Matt Deller, who is also the Founding Director of this Community Choir. They have been singing since 2010 and have received requests to perform in many venues - locally, nationally, and internationally.

Bring your friends, family, and neighbors to this concert to hear beautiful sacred music.

The Outreach Committee is working on many options including the next Oktoberfest. Make sure you look for our updates in the Jewels.

*Psalm 100:1 Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.*



**LWML NEWS**

Darlene Markle



March is an exciting month for our LWML group. It's time for elections! Your prayers are coveted as we prepare for an incoming President and Vice President. Do you have the gifts of leadership and encouragement? If so, you would lead with others on the Executive Board who also have the vision of telling others about His love. As president, I will walk you through your first year as it was done for me. Brainstorming is so much fun! Think of all the non-profit organizations in our surrounding area that we can help. We invite a representative to come and speak to us at our general meeting to learn how we as a church can bless them. We also invite those in our congregation who love to teach God's Word and speak to us. We meet on the second Tuesday during the months of September- April.

Look at the words from the hymn, "Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing" LSB 691, the next time you get to church early. We actually sang it this morning, (2/16) which was such an exciting affirmation to me because I was singing it at home during my prayer time before I went to church! We, as women on a mission, are bearing fruit by using our gifts. The present Executive Board will be a wonderful support to the newly elected. We encourage and help each other every step of the way and I promise to be a part of that too. Please pray for willing leaders who love the Lord.

April 8th will be the Spring Tea Baby Shower event in the Parish Hall at 1 pm. If you'd like to help decorate or prepare for this event, please stop at the Information Desk and sign up. I'll be in touch with you so we can make this a wonderful celebration. If you are willing to share your musical abilities, please see me. Our guest speaker will be from Choices Pregnancy Center. We will have an ingathering of diapers, sizes 4, 5, and 6.

Be sure to mark your calendar with the following dates:

March 11<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm in the Chapel for our monthly meeting.

April 8<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm in the Parish Hall for our annual Spring Tea!

**MARCH ALTAR FLOWERS**

**March 1/2**

Greg and Karen Weitzel in celebration of their 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**March 8/9**

Louise Fountain in celebration of her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday.  
Max and Julie Pettit in celebration of their 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Max's birthday.  
Mike and Sara Mulso in celebration of Zach's birthday.

**March 15/16**

Duane and Cookie Rawson in celebration of their 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**March 22/23**

Gary and Penny Pinter in celebration of their 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary.  
Lynne Werle in loving memory of husband Jay and his birthday.

**March 29/30**

Bettie and Tom Ore praising God for 46 years of marriage.  
Carl and Holly Browning in celebration of their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.  
Eleanor Horen in celebration of her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday.

# Set Apart to Serve as the Body of Christ in this World

Christine Escobar, Care Ministry Coordinator



God created us and set us apart for a Holy purpose. Christ has called us together in his church family to represent him in this world, and he has empowered us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. *Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills* (1 Corinthians 12:4 -11 ESV).

The Spirit of the Lord is active in every ministry here at Crown of Life Lutheran Church. You can find a listing of our church ministries at the Information Desk.

Our **Care Ministry** serves our church family in practical ways that express our love and concern for each other. In January 2025, we served **11 meals** and made **19 visits or calls**. Our handyman/technology team assisted people with home and technology needs **4 times**. Contact any of our team leaders listed below with questions or requests.

We are hosting two speakers in March. On **Tuesday, March 4**, we are hosting **Nancie Scalercio**, a Preplanning Specialist, and on **Monday, March 17**, we are hosting **Sarah Fagus**, a Nutritionist. Registration information is contained on the flyers below.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A "LIGHT & LIVELY" INFORMATIONAL SESSION!**

SNACK & CHAT



**PLEASE RSVP: 623.979.6451**



Crown of Life Lutheran Church  
13131 W Spanish Garden Drive  
Sun City West, AZ 85375

**Tuesday, March 4, 2025**  
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm (Chapel)

**Guest Speaker:**  
**Nancie Scalercio**  
Preplanning Specialist  
**Menke Funeral & Cremation Center**

**We will discuss such topics as:**

- VA burial
- Traditional Burial
- Cremation Options
- Funding Options
- and More
- Q&A



**SAVE THE DATE**

**COME AND JOIN US!**

**REGISTER AT**  
**623.471.9355**



Crown of Life Lutheran Church  
13131 W Spanish Garden Drive  
Sun City West, AZ 85375

**Monday, March 17, 2025**  
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm (Parish Hall)

**Guest Speaker**  
**Sara Fagus**  
Nutritionist  
**Sun Health Wellness**

**MyPlate Meal Planning**  
Balanced eating emphasizes consuming a variety of foods from different food groups in appropriate portions to meet nutritional needs. MyPlate serves as a simple visual tool to guide individuals in creating balanced meals, promoting optimal health and wellness.

<p><b>(Light) Handyman/Technology Services</b> Duane Rawson 928 925 0453</p>	<p><b>Stephen Ministry Request/Referral</b> Lola Leshney 623 826 9237</p>
<p><b>Homebound/Care Center Visits</b> Darlene Markle 970 623 9360 Dee Harries 785 562 6801</p>	<p><b>Community Resource Referral</b> Christine Escobar 808 778 1141 or email <a href="mailto:griefcare@colchurch.com">griefcare@colchurch.com</a></p>
<p><b>Share a Meal Request/Referral</b> Marilyn Goodnight 623 444 7551 Robin Coursen 303 249 2644</p>	<p><b>Questions:</b> Christine Escobar 808 778 1141 or email <a href="mailto:griefcare@colchurch.com">griefcare@colchurch.com</a></p>

## Look to Jesus, the Founder and Perfecter of Our Faith

By Christine Escobar, GriefCare Coordinator

This year, we observe Lent from March 5 through April 17, 2025. There is a strong parallel between Christ's testing in the wilderness, his passion on the cross, and our testing during our journey through grief.

Paul encourages us to persevere in our trials. *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.* (Hebrews 12:1-2)

If we look to Jesus and trust God to sustain us and guide us during our bewildering journey through grief, we will also find new meaning, joy, and purpose as we emerge from our grief stronger, more resilient, and more loving. If we persevere in faith and prayer, our relationship with the Lord will become more vital and profound than ever. If we keep our focus on the One who is guiding us, joy will return.

As we reflect on the intense pain and suffering Christ willingly took upon himself for our salvation, we can sense Jesus walking by our side, loving us, comforting us, and strengthening us on our journey of healing from the death of a loved one. We know with certainty, *The Lord is near the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.* (Psalm 34:18)

If you are grieving the loss of your spouse, please join us on **Tuesday, March 25, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am** for our "**Loss of a Spouse Seminar.**" At this encouraging seminar, you will gain insight into the following:

- How to handle overwhelming emotions.
- Where to find the strength to go on.
- What to expect in the days to come.
- Biblical principles that help you deal with your grief.
- How to grieve in a healthy way that suits you.

Our 13-week GriefCare program, *Your Journey from Mourning to Joy*, will start on **Wednesday, April 9, 2025**. This program will provide ongoing support to those grieving the loss of a loved one. Each week, we will cover a different aspect of grief experts deem essential to address to heal and move forward in a way that honors our loved ones and fulfills God's purpose for us. *There is no requirement to share. Those who do not wish to share can benefit greatly from listening to others in the group.*

In the Loss of a Spouse Seminar and our 13-week session, you will receive workbooks to help you put your life into perspective and determine priorities as you work through this challenging, overwhelming, and often disorienting time.

To register for these sessions, please call Christine Escobar at 808.778.1141 or email [griefcare@colchurch.com](mailto:griefcare@colchurch.com).

### Assimilation News

By: Judith Axelson

- The next Ladies Out to Lunch will be Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at J Michael's on 103rd and Thunderbird.
- The "Phantom" matinee is on Thursday, March 27th. Drive yourself to AZ BDWY THEATER by 12 noon.
- Friday Games are suspended until further notice.



Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.

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## Board for Missions

Diane Hammann, Mission Board

The Board for Missions would like to share excerpts from three letters from recipients of dollars from your donations.

“Thank you COL for your grant of precious dollars! Clean drinking water is critical. It helps to maintain good health and provides what the body requires to survive! Your grant will help to dig a new well for the 24 orphans and staff at the House of Hope Lutheran Orphanage in Yambio, South Sudan.”

With thankful hearts. The Rev. Dr. Bernie Lutz, on behalf of the orphans you have blessed!

“We praise God for people who have a zeal to spread the Good News of Jesus! This gift will be used solely for the proclamation of the Gospel. With the addition of 5 new languages between 2024 and 2025, we will be at 81 different languages and dialects in 53 countries! If your members would like to listen to the programs, they can find them at [thewordtoday.org](http://thewordtoday.org).”

Sent with God’s Blessings, Rev. Douglas W. Schroeder, The Word Today Radio Program

“Greetings, Have you ever deeply considered the value of education? What are the positive outcomes an education produces? By the fact that you are supporting Trinity HOPE, you are actively contributing to the education of thousands of children throughout Haiti. And in Haiti, where only 1 in 2 children regularly attend school, an education goes *far beyond* teaching a young person to read and write. As Haiti continues to struggle with gang control, political unrest, and a lack of leadership, the value of education becomes so much more.”

In Christ Jesus, Keith Logan, Executive Director

### **Mission Weekend - March 15 - 16**

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Ehlers, Chairman of Garuna Ministries, will be visiting Crown of Life both Saturday and Sunday of Mission Weekend. In addition, he will make a presentation about Garuna Ministries in the Parish Hall during Sunday’s Bible Study period. Please come to learn about Garuna, which means grace, mercy and compassion in the Thai and Khmer languages. Through the Board for Missions, Crown of Life has financially supported Garuna.

Also on Mission Weekend, there will be a table in the narthex so you can visit with Rev. Jeff and his wife Cheryl, as well as see a map with pins indicating the wide range of coverage your donation dollars is spread to proclaim the Good News of Jesus. Please stop by the table.

## NEW BIBLE CLASS ON WORSHIP

Pastor Vern, Bible Study Leader

Beginning in March, Pastor Vern’s Friday Bible class will begin a new study called “The Four P’s of Worship.” Join us on Fridays at 10:30 am in the Parish Hall.

The course will be based on the following plan:

The **Portrait** of worship – what is it?

The **Purpose** of worship – what is it for?

The **Plan** of worship – what do you do?

The **Props** of worship – what makes it more meaningful?

The class will look at worship in the Scriptures as well as the history and development of Lutheran Worship: the style, the church year, the hymnal, the readings, the symbols, the architecture, the music, the vocabulary, the clergy dress, and much more. No need to sign up, just show up.

## Read Scripture Study Update

Rev. Mark Hein, Bible Study Leader

Beginning in March, the “Read Scripture” Bible studies will combine into one session. The Tuesday afternoon class will meet with the Wednesday morning class at 9:30 in the Parish Hall. We will continue to meet on a weekly basis to study and discuss the Scripture readings in preparation for the upcoming weekend worship services. Please join us each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall for a deeper dive into God’s Word.



Artificial Intelligence (AI) is transforming the way we interact with technology, and one of the most advanced AI tools available today is ChatGPT. ChatGPT is an AI-powered assistant designed to process and generate human-like text, helping users find information, draft content, and engage in meaningful discussions. It works by analyzing vast amounts of language data and responding intelligently to prompts, making it a valuable resource for answering questions, brainstorming ideas, and enhancing communication.

In the church setting, AI like ChatGPT can be a powerful tool for ministry. It can assist pastors and church leaders in sermon preparation, provide instant answers to biblical and theological questions, and generate devotionals or study guides. AI can also support administrative tasks by drafting newsletters, managing schedules, and even helping with outreach efforts by suggesting ideas for community engagement. For tech and media teams, AI can streamline content creation for church websites, social media, and worship presentations. While AI is not a replacement for human connection and spiritual discernment, it can serve as a helpful resource to support and strengthen the church's mission in spreading the Gospel.

If any of you thought that the two paragraphs above didn't sound like the way I write, you are right, those were written by ChatGPT. AI is one of the tools that I find to be extremely helpful in ministry. I don't ask it to write sermons or anything like that, I ask it to create an outline or expand on a thought and then I convert it to my words. While AI isn't perfect, it has the potential to do a lot of cool things, like generate images, create videos, and even change a song to have someone else's voice in it. AI is an amazing tool if it's used properly, and it's one example of how technology is rapidly changing.

### Travel With Pastor Vern In 2025

As many of you know, Pastor Vern has been putting together some interesting trips with unique destinations over the past few years.

The 2025 schedule includes trips to the Southwest Canyons in Arizona and Utah, The ARK in Kentucky, The Pageant of the Masters in Laguna Beach, CA, and the "unique" attractions of Palm Springs, CA .

In addition, he has scheduled three unique trips to Saxony, Germany to visit one of the missions that **Crown of Life** supports: **"The Kerkermeister Guest House and English Language School."** The July trip will have a general focus on German history and culture. The October trip will highlight the Reformation sights – including a worship opportunity in Wittenberg. The December trip will feature visits to many of the famous outdoor Christmas Markets and the tastes of Germany.

Over the past three years 12 members of **Crown of Life** have participated in previous "intimate" mission trips to Germany. I use the word "intimate" as each of the trips is limited to a maximum of six folks and most of our travel is done in a ministry van.

Registration forms and details for all these trips can be found on Pastor Vern's website: [travelwithvern.com](http://travelwithvern.com).

If you have any questions, contact Pastor Vern at 714-271-6984 or [vermeling@juno.com](mailto:vermeling@juno.com).



### Joining the Church Triumphant

Crown of Life members who recently were called home to Heaven are:

Gordon Rieck, January 27

Frank Lohr, January 30

Roberta Dockweiler, January 31

Neal Moore, February 17

We celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved as well, knowing that God honors our tears.

### Upcoming Memorial Services

The Memorial service for Jeanette Martin will take place on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am

The Memorial service for John Sauter will take place on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am

The Memorial service for Frank Lohr will take place on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am





If you would like to place flowers in church for our Easter services April 19/20, please fill out the form below, make check payable to Crown of Life Lutheran Church and designate it for "Easter Flowers". Please Note: The deadline for all requests is Sunday, April 6. You may place your check and order form in the offering plate or mail/drop-off in the church office.

Number of Lilies ordered: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Cost per Lily is \$16)

Check total enclosed with order: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check One:

- I will pick up Easter flowers after the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Easter Morning, April 20<sup>th</sup>
- I do not wish to pick up Easter flowers

### Pastor Phill's Retirement Celebration

*Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM  
at Palm Ridge Rec. Center in Sun City West*

If you would like to join us for Pastor Phill's celebration, please fill out the form below, make check payable to: "Crown of Life Lutheran Church" and designate it for "Retirement Celebration."

Please Note:

The deadline for all requests is **Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**. You may place your check and order form in the offering plate or drop them off/mail them to the church office.

Number of tickets ordered: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Cost per ticket is \$20.00)

Check/Cash total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to: "**Crown of Life Lutheran Church**"

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Call the church office at 623-546-6228 or send email to [office@colchurch.com](mailto:office@colchurch.com)

### PASTOR PHILL'S RETIREMENT

Pastor Phill Robbins has set his retirement date for April 30, 2025, and we would like to honor him and his wife, Hollis. Pastor Phill will deliver his final sermon on the weekend of April 19-20. Please join us in worship this Easter weekend to hear about Jesus' resurrection.

Please join us in celebrating Pastor Phill's retirement after the 4 PM worship service on Saturday, April 26, with a Cake Celebration. Then, on Sunday, April 27, we will honor Pastor Phill with a Retirement Celebration at the Palm Ridge Recreation Center in Sun City West. The buffet lunch will start at 1:00 PM, with doors opening at 12:30 PM. We would like to invite you to join him in celebrating and saying "God's Blessings." The cost of the luncheon is \$20.00 per person. If you would like to be a part of this celebration, please complete the form above and either mail it or drop it off with your payment in the church office no later than April 9.

If you'd like to send a card to Pastor Phill expressing well wishes, please either drop it off in the church office or mail it to:

Crown of Life Lutheran Church  
Attn: Pastor Phill's Retirement Celebration  
13131 W. Spanish Garden Drive  
Sun City West, AZ 85375

If you would like to join us for our worship services, they are at 4 PM on Saturday and 9:00 AM on Sunday. Pastor Phill's Retirement Celebration will take place at 12:30 PM on Sunday, April 27 at the Palm Ridge Rec Center, 13800 W Deer Valley Drive, Summit Hall, Sun City West.

March 2025



*Celebrating 15 Years in Song!  
2010-2025*

*Sounds of the  
Southwest Singers*

Matt Deller, Founding Director

# Sacred Sounds CONCERT

~Free Admission~

Crown of Life Lutheran Church  
13131 W Spanish Garden Dr.  
Sun City West  
Sunday, March 2, 2025 - 3 PM

The Sounds of the Southwest Singers, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.  
Donations are never required, but very much appreciated.  
[www.soundsofthesouthwestsingers.com](http://www.soundsofthesouthwestsingers.com)

# Valley Lutheran High School Golf Outing

## Monday, April 21

Start Time	8:00 AM
Individual	\$150
Foursome	\$600
Hole Sponsor	\$200



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## March Servants

Senior Pastor Rev. Phill Robbins  
 Associate Pastor Rev. Mark Airey  
 Pastoral Assistants Rev. Vern Ermeling,  
 Rev. Mark Logid, Rev. Ray Mirly

### ELDERS

(4:00) Bob Gaudinier, Tim Krueger, Eddie Mallonen,  
 Mark Budensiek  
 (9:00) Bob Gaudinier, Steve Worster, Randy Schulz,  
 Carl Browning, Chris Schmidt  
 March 5 4pm: Bob Gaudinier, Lowell Janssen, Tim  
 Krueger, Paul Brown  
 March 5 7pm: Carl Browning, Eddie Mallonen,  
 Mark Budensiek, Randy Schulz

### TRUSTEES

(4:00) Joe Jellison  
 (9:00) Curt Connolly

### FLOWERS

Judy Briddle, Deb Christ, Robin Coursen, Donna  
 Dempsey, Florella Denzin, Carol Friday, Chris  
 Grundy, Vicki Jolin, Darlene McAfee, Karen  
 Murphy, Julie Pettit, Penny Pinter, Lynda Rud,  
 Denise Trevarrow, Elizabeth Young

### LIVESTREAM

March 2/12/30: Henry Munzinger  
 March 5/9: Lisa Safago  
 March 16/23: Zach Mulso  
 March 19/26: Cathy Meyer

### SOUND

March 1/5 (4 & 7pm)/15/19: Zach Mulso  
 March 2: Todd Schutt  
 March 8/12/29: Joe Jellison  
 March 9: Kathy Beilstein  
 March 16: Larry Mills  
 March 22: Craig Devroy  
 March 23: Tom Mertins  
 March 26: Dana Boesen  
 March 30: Cathy Meyer

### SCREENS

March 1: Darlene McAfee  
 March 2/26/30: Ken Coffman  
 March 5 (4pm): Kathy Beilstein  
 March 5 (7pm): Cathy Meyer  
 March 8/29: Deb Christ  
 March 9: Eddie Mallonen  
 March 12/22: Zach Mulso  
 March 15: Mila Boesen  
 March 16/19: Kathy Beilstein  
 March 23: Neil White

### TELLERS

Kathy Beilstein, Judy Briddle, Chris Grundy, Dale  
 Johnson, Sheila Mecham, sub- Ken Grover



1 Kathy Walker	11 LeeAnn Michaelis	22 Carol Worst
1 Aaron Wright-Beeson	11 Judi Schmidt	23 Mark Adam
3 Jackie DeAngelo	12 Mary Bonrud	23 Nancy Lee Barnes
3 Gretchen McCaslin	12 Carl Browning	23 Gail Lindley
4 Betty Wohlfeil	12 Curt Connolly	23 Joan Thiese
4 Terri Worster	12 Jacquelyn Leavitt	23 Reg Trevisan
5 Marge Heinrichs	13 Kate Landis	24 Vivian Beaugrand
6 Judy Koelsch	13 Albert Willars	24 Joanie Westbrook
6 Lewis Leibbrandt	14 Shirley Swartz	25 Sue Thomas
7 Zach Mulso	15 Gene Kuebler	26 Margaret Irwin
8 Marilyn Engelken	16 Yvonne Pardieu	26 Kristina Van Niel
8 Phil Finck	16 Joan Rall	27 Jeffrey Holmes
8 Louise Fountain	17 Ilene Borgman	27 Eleanor Horen
8 Ruth Moore	17 Judy Hoepner	27 Richard Rydeen
8 Fay Sieving	17 Mary Jo Reid	28 Lynn Bates
9 Dale Johnson	18 Scott Michael	28 Trenna Brauer
9 Herb Wolf	19 Nora Mara	28 Sallie Jehn
10 Dick Andersen	20 Chuck Blakley	28 Beverly Krueger
10 Bobbie Gaudinier	20 Laura Smith	28 Nicholas Schutt
10 Max Pettit	21 Kathy Shearer	29 Paula Duffey
11 Laurel Coffman	22 Nancy Gothard	29 Ernie Schmidt



10 Gary and Penny Pinter	24 Karyl and Gary Brandvold
13 Fred and Elaine Treftz	25 Chuck and Janet Blakley
14 David and Judy Koelsch	26 Dick and Gloria Andersen
14 Duane and Cookie Rawson	29 Byron and Gisela Brown
17 Eddie and Kristina Van Niel	30 Carl and Holly Browning
20 Lowell and Donna Koelling	31 Greg and Miriam Dotson
20 Bill and Joyce Nance	31 Tom and Bettie Ore
22 Bob and Diane Hammann	

### ALTAR GUILD

(4:00) Denise Trevarrow, Kathy Beilstein  
 (9:00) Karen Murphy, Marie Kayton

### USHERS

(4:00) Tom & Lola Leshney, Jim Drake, Pat William  
 (9:00) Bob Gaudinier, Al Stoudemire, Chris & Julie Schmidt

### GREETERS

Saturday: Russ & Janet Wenk, Karen Jellison  
 Sunday: Janis Reese, Dianne Mertins, Lowell Janssen  
 Guestbook: Ginett Janssen



# March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>2</b> 9:00a Food Drive (Parish Hall) 9:00a LWML Mites (Info Desk) 9:00a Worship (Sanctuary) 10:15a New Member Reception (Parish Hall) 10:15a Bible Class (Sanctuary) 3:00p Sounds Southwest Conc</p>	<p><b>3</b> 9:30a Women's Bible Study (Parish Hall) 10:45a Prayer Team (Chapel)</p>	<p><b>4</b> 8:30a Elders (Chapel) 10:30a Jeanette Martin Memorial Service (Entire Church) 11:30a LWML Board Mtg (Chapel)</p>	<p><b>5</b> Ash Wednesday 9:30a Bible Class (Parish) 9:30a GriefCare Support (Chapel) <b>4:00p &amp; 7:00p Ash Wednesday Worship &amp; Communion</b></p>	<p><b>6</b> 7:30a Schole (Entire Church) 1:30p Bell Choir (Sanctuary) 3:15p Choir (Sanctuary)</p>		<p><b>1</b> 4:00p Food Drive (Parish Hall) 4:00p LWML Mites (Info Desk) 4:00p Worship &amp; Communion (Sanctuary)</p>
<p><b>9</b> 9:00a Worship &amp; Communion (Sanctuary) 10:15a Bible Class (Parish Hall)</p>	<p><b>10</b> 9:30a Women's Bible Study (Parish Hall) 10:45a Prayer Team (Chapel) 1:00p Care Ministry (Chapel)</p>	<p><b>11</b> 9:00a Quilting / Stitchers (Parish Hall) 1:00p LWML (Chapel)</p>	<p><b>12</b> 8:30a Trustees (Conf. Rm) 9:30a Bible Class (Parish) 9:30a GriefCare Support (Chapel) <b>4:00p Lenten Worship</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> 7:30a Schole (Entire Church) 1:30p Bell Choir (Sanctuary) 3:15p Choir (Sanctuary)</p>	<p><b>14</b> 9:00a Mission Bd (Conf. Rm) 10:30a Bible Class (Parish Hall)</p>	<p><b>15</b> 11:00a Frank Lohr Memorial Service (Entire Church) 4:00p Worship &amp; Communion (Sanctuary) 5:00p Mission Weekend</p>
<p><b>16</b> 9:00a Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00a Mission Weekend (Sanctuary) 10:15a Bible Class (Parish Hall)</p>	<p><b>17</b> 9:30a Women's Bible Study (Parish Hall) 10:45a Prayer Team (Chapel) 1:30p Card Ministry (Music Room)</p>	<p><b>18</b> 9:00a Quilting / Stitchers (Parish Hall) 11:30a Ladies Out to Lunch (TBD)</p>	<p><b>19</b> 9:30a Bible Class (Parish) 9:30a GriefCare Support (Chapel) 2:00p Church Coun. (Chapel) <b>4:00p Lenten Worship</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> 7:30a Schole (Entire Church) 1:30p Bell Choir (Sanctuary) 3:15p Choir (Sanctuary)</p>	<p><b>21</b> 9:00a Men's BBS (Parish Hall) 10:30a Bible Class (Parish Hall)</p>	<p><b>22</b> 4:00p Worship (Sanctuary) 5:15p Pastor &amp; Barbie Airey Reception (Parish Hall)</p>
<p><b>23</b> 9:00a Worship &amp; Communion (Sanctuary) 10:30a Pastor &amp; Barbie Airey Reception (Parish Hall)</p>	<p><b>24</b> 9:30a Women's Bible Study (Parish Hall) 10:45a Prayer Team (Chapel)</p>	<p><b>25</b> 9:00a Quilting / Stitchers (Parish Hall) 9:30a GriefCare Loss of Spouse (Chapel)</p>	<p><b>26</b> 9:30a Bible Class (Parish Hall) 9:30a GriefCare Support (Chapel) <b>4:00p Lent Worship</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> 7:30a Schole (Entire Church) 1:30p Bell Choir (Sanctuary) 3:15p Choir (Sanctuary)</p>	<p><b>28</b> 10:30a Bible Class (Parish Hall)</p>	<p><b>29</b> 4:00p Worship &amp; Communion (Sanctuary)</p>
<p><b>30</b> 9:00a Worship &amp; Communion (Sanctuary) 10:15a Bible Class (Parish Hall)</p>	<p><b>31</b> 9:30a Women's Bible Study (Parish Hall) 10:45a Prayer Team (Chapel)</p>					