

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

*May 9, 2021*

Keeping you in the loop is important as we go through this season of life as God's people and his Church. These weekly announcements will give you information for the week ahead including in-person and online opportunities and ways you and your family to continue to grow in your faith.



Experience grace! Live in joy!

## **SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9am Traditional; 11am Contemporary**

- **Facebook Live:** <https://www.facebook.com/CrossAndCrownTexas/>
- **Website:** [www.crossandcrowntx.com](http://www.crossandcrowntx.com) and click on **LIVE STREAM**

## **WORSHIP MATERIALS**

- **Worship materials will be posted on the LIVE STREAM page on our website by end of day on Saturday. Take time before worship to download and print for your family to use during worship.**

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

- **Kids Time – Sundays: 10:10-10:50am**
- **Kids Church – Sundays during 11am worship (3yr-5<sup>th</sup> gr)**
- **Kids Worship Activities: CC Kids Facebook Page:**
  - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1337448259957591>

## **ONLINE GIVING:**

Your regular gifts continue to be a blessing to the ministry of Cross and Crown. This would be a great time to set up a regular electronic gift. Go to our website: [www.crossandcrowntx.com](http://www.crossandcrowntx.com) and click on "GIVE."

## **CONTINUE WITH OUR EASTER SERMON SERIES:**

### **CERTAIN HOPE IN UNCERTAIN TIMES"**

- April 11: Hope Comes from a Second Chance
- April 18: Hope Comes from Positive Relationships
- April 25: Hope Comes from Someone Caring
- May 2: Hope Comes from Life Purpose
- May 9: Hope Comes from Being Loved (Mothers' Day)
- May 16: Hope Comes from Victory

## **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

### **SUNDAY – MAY 9**

- 9:00 AM – WORSHIP (TRADITIONAL)
- 10:10 AM – UNSTUCK PLANNING UPDATE/DISCUSSION
- 11:00 AM – WORSHIP (CONTEMPORARY)

### **MONDAY – (5/10) -**

- 6:30 PM – COUNCIL MEETING

### **WEDNESDAY – (5/12) -**

- 7:00 PM – ZOOM BIBLE STUDY – DISCIPLESHIP  
Meeting ID: 929 0511 9535 Password: 004708

### **SUNDAY – (5/16) –**

- 9:00 AM – WORSHIP (TRADITIONAL W/ COMMUNION)
- 10:10 AM – BIBLE STUDY & KIDS TIME
- 11:00 AM – WORSHIP (CONTEMPORARY W/ COMMUNION)

## **HIGHLIGHTS FROM PASTORS' CONFERENCE THIS WEEK:**

A group of about 45 pastors met at Camp Shiloh near Pittsburgh, TX on Monday and Tuesday of this week for learning, fellowship, and encouragement. Four worship opportunities surrounded three learning opportunities along with updates from our WELS and South Central District. Here's some highlights:

- New missions opening in Texas: Waco, Amarillo & west San Antonio.
- Goal to start 100 new missions in US in 10 years.
- Prayers and encouragement are needed for young men and women to consider the preaching and teaching ministry. (120 pastor vacancies and only 28 graduates from sem. 212 teaching vacancies and only 100 graduates for assignment from Martin Luther College.)
- Discussions centered around what it meant to "take up our cross" and follow Jesus; being intentional with Bible Study curriculum; and encouraging people to be part of a Foundations/Bible Information Class.
- Thank you for the opportunity to attend...it is refreshing and encouraging.

## **FUTURE PLANNING UPDATE:**

Over the last three months a group of about 15 members has been learning and discussing the future of ministry at Cross and Crown. We are seeking to refocus, revitalize and relaunch our ministry with a renewed energy and focus to reach those disconnected from Jesus with the certain hope of his life, death and resurrection. Honest evaluation and change can be challenging, but we do it knowing that God's word of truth brings certainty

and guidance to our effort and our heart's desire is to become a greater impact and influence for the kingdom of God in our community. Here's a few summary thoughts from the discussions so far.

1. **RELAUNCH:** We agreed to work toward a complete RELAUNCH of our ministry. The group gave itself permission to begin with a blank slate and redesign a ministry that connects with the current culture and community needs.
2. **CORE BELIEFS:** These are not changing or going anywhere:
  - a. The Scriptures as the inspired Word of God and source of all truth for faith and life.
  - b. The Lutheran Confessions: Historic documents that summarize the teachings of the Bible and our Lutheran teaching of it.
  - c. Our association with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).
3. **WHAT IS THE WIN:** "What would we expect as the Lord guides and blesses our work?"
  - a. A person hears the Gospel.
  - b. A life is transformed by the Gospel.
  - c. A soul is in heaven because of the Gospel.
4. **WHO ARE WE CURRENTLY CONNECTING WITH:** What is our "natural" or default "avatar"? (This isn't right or wrong, just current observation)
  - Traditional/Conservative
  - Grew up in the church
  - Conservative Lutheran/ WELS
  - Age: ~60
  - Some Bible Knowledge
  - Generally don't like change
5. **WHO WOULD WE LIKE TO CONNECT WITH/BECOME** ("Mike & Melissa")
  - Unchurched, but had some church connection. Not Lutheran.
  - Would identify as "being Christian", but drifted from regular participation
  - Children in elementary and middle school
  - Not necessarily familiar with church/had bad experience w/ church.
  - Have some desire/curiosity for spiritual growth for themselves and/or kids.
6. **WHAT TYPE OF COMMUNITY WE WOULD LIKE TO BE/CREATE**
  - Loving toward one another

- Caring for one another/support for each other
- Growing together
- Real/vulnerable/authentic
- Having fun together.

#### 7. SHIFTS:

- We have been a traditional church with a contemporary component. We are becoming a contemporary church with a traditional component.
- Shift from “formal, reverent, traditional” look and feel to casual, relational, contemporary” look and feel.

#### 8. SOME DECISIONS ON “Sticking” points

- We will maintain two worship styles. Both will support our effort; deference shifts to more contemporary setting.
- We will keep the stained glass windows, yet seek a way to allow a more complete contemporary worship setting.

#### 9. NEXT STEPS/PRIORITIES

- We discussed a number of potential updates/changes to the current facility, entry area, worship space, and outdoor garage and play area. (a full list of ideas can be provided.)
- Initial priorities include:
  1. Update main entry with covered gathering space and additional entry points
  2. Update seating in the worship space for flexibility
  3. Update fellowship area to be dedicated kids’ ministry
  4. Add patio and covering in front of garage
  5. Update playground area for kids



- **For Ministry in 2021** – Connecting the timeless truth of the Word of God to the hearts of people is at the heart of why we exist. However, with culture shifts, priority shifts, and generational differences, bringing that truth to people in a way that gives God’s Spirit opportunity to work is challenging. A group of your fellow members is praying about and working at this. We invite you to do the same. Simply ask the Lord to open our hearts, guide our discussions and show us the way forward to make an impact for him and his kingdom, today and years in to the future.