



Week #33, April 20, 2026

CLCA Mission Statement:

Crown of Life Christian Academy exists to serve its community through the proclamation of God's Word, the pursuit of academic excellence, and the establishment of meaningful relationships with the children and families it serves.

Administration's Message- Additional Information

Extra Pizzas

We have a few extra pizzas from our sale. If you are interested, please reach out to Mrs. Flack in the office to find out what's left.

Softball Begins

Softball practice begins this week on Wednesday. Questions can be directed to our head coach, Mrs. Whitney Brown!

Track - Wed Evening Practice

Please note that track practice on Wednesday at Fort HS will extend to 7:15 PM. It's essential that all our 4x100-meter relay runners are there, since we missed last week!

1st-4th Musical - HATS! HELP!

Our elementary classrooms are working hard to bring you their rendition of "HATS! A Musical About What's Underneath." The show is on **Thursday, April 30th, at 6 PM.** **We are still in need of a few specific hats for the show. Can you help? [Check the List!](#)**

D.A.R.E. Graduation & Congrats!

Our 5th Grade D.A.R.E. graduation was canceled due to weather, but Officer Enger visited to share some exciting news—two of our scholars were selected as essay winners among all Fort 5th graders! Gigi earned "Most Creative," and Lucy received "Overall Best Essay." Congratulations to all our graduates!

Mary Hoard Youth Art Show Middle School Awards!

Congratulations to Noah D. (1st place) and Briella J. (3rd place) for bringing home Middle School Awards from the Youth Art Show! Congrats to all our artists on their great efforts! See this artwork and much more through May 2nd at the Hoard Museum here in town.

Mid-terms

The 4th quarter mid-term is 4/22. Reports will go home for grades 5-8 on Monday, 4/27.

Annual Plant Sale

Abiding Shepherd Lutheran Church hosts an annual plant sale - this year, it's 4/30-5/1. Some of the funds earned are directed back to our Academy. They could use a few volunteers - stay tuned for the sign-up!

Woodchip Pile - THANK YOU!

Our Bethany playground recently received a HUGE load of woodchips! A shout-out to CLCA dads, Samuel (ProLandscape Supply) and Brandon (Ziggy's Snow & Landscape) for helping spread them and keep our playground in top-notch shape. Thank you so much for your humble service.

Upcoming CLCA Events

- Apr 20: CLCA Board Meeting
- Apr 22: 4th Quarter Mid-Term
- Apr 22: Softball begins
- Apr 22: Track Practice FAHS (extended practice for all relay runners)
- Apr 23: 4th Grade to Madison
- Apr 24: Dress Down Day
- Apr 26: Confirmation - Bethany Luth.
- Apr 27 - 29: WELSSA Accreditation
- Apr 29: LLHS Math Meet
- Apr 30: 1-4 Spring Musical 6 PM

Golf Outing - June 2nd

The Annual CLCA Golf Outing will be on June 2nd! Register or Be a Sponsor!

[Golf Outing Website](#)

Financial Assistance for '26-'27

To be considered for financial assistance for the '26-'27 school year, please submit a copy of the page from your 2026 taxes showing your AGI. **Submit to Cara Heagney by May 23rd.**

cara.heagney@crownoflifeacademy.org

2026-2027 Academic Calendar

The [2026-2027 Academic Calendar](#) is complete. We plan to follow this schedule; however, unforeseen circumstances make it important to remind everyone that the calendar is subject to change.

Early Childhood Classrooms

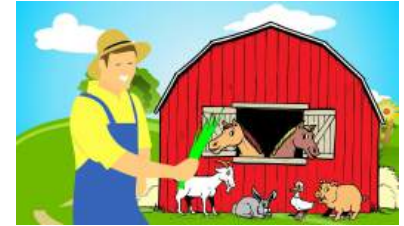
2-year-olds- MRS.BROM, rachel.brom@crownoflifeacademy.org

This Week's Focus:



Theme: Farm Animals

Bible Lesson: The Coming Of The Holy Spirit



Fine Motor Development: This week, we are building fine motor skills through a variety of hands-on activities. The children will practice using scissors to cut along lines, strengthen hand muscles through finger painting and tearing paper, and improve coordination by gluing small pieces and stamping shapes.

Social/Language: This week, we are supporting social and language development through group discussions, interactive storytelling, and singing together. The children will practice taking turns, listening to others, and expressing their ideas as we talk about farm animals and share favorites. Activities like “feeding” the old lady during our story encourage participation, build vocabulary, and help children use language in a fun, social way.

Math: This week, we are building early math skills through shape recognition and matching activities. The children will learn about circles by identifying them in crafts and songs, and they will practice matching farm animals to their correct shapes. These activities help develop sorting, visual discrimination, and early problem-solving skills.

Science: This week, we are building science skills by learning about farm animals and their characteristics. The children will explore which animals live on a farm, the sounds they make, and what makes each animal unique. Through discussions, books, and activities, they will begin to observe, compare, and classify animals, which are important early science skills.

Teacher/Student, Small Group Time:

- There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed a Cow (Interactive Poem/Props)
- Pig Process Art (Paint, Glue, Tearing Paper)
- Toilet Paper Roll Painting
- Scissor Practice (Get the Cow to the Barn)
- Shape Sort/Match- Farm Animal Theme
- *Sensory Bin: Farm (Counting and Feeding Farm Animals)*



Every Thursday, we have a visitor for a small devotion - Pastor Wessel, our campus pastor. Every Thursday at 6:30 pm: You are invited to come to Bethany Lutheran Church's worship service. Every Sunday at 8:00 am and 10:30 am, Worship services
Every Friday, we have a Chapel. Please feel free to join us during this time, @ 10:50 am

Please remember to send your child to school in closed-toe shoes, such as sneakers. Crocs and sandals can make it difficult for children to safely play and move around on the woodchips during outdoor time. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe and comfortable!

Dates to Remember!

- April 21&22- Walking to Barrie Park
- April 29th&30- Picnic Lunch Outside **(Please pack a cold lunch this day as we won't be able to heat anything up)**
- May 8th- Special Guest Day 10-11:15

3-year-olds- MRS. TRICIA DUNCAN, tricia.duncan@crownoflifeacademy.org

This week's Focus

Theme: Farm animals

Bible Lesson: The coming of the Holy Spirit

Fine Motor Development: Watercolor painting, finger painting, tearing paper

Writing names

Literacy: Letter "Y"

Science: This week, we are building science skills by learning about farm animals and their characteristics. The children will explore which animals live on a farm, the sounds they make, and what makes each animal unique. Through discussions, books, and activities, they will begin to observe, compare, and classify animals, which are important early science skills.

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Books: Sheep in a Jeep, Farm Flue, There was an old lady who swallowed a cow, The 3 little super pigs, who say moo, Click clack quackity quack, The grumpy morning, Acoustic roosters

Song of the week: Good morning, farm (Noodle and Pals)

Get up and move: The barnyard run (Coach Corey), All around the farm (Jack Hartman)

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4K- MRS. ERTMAN, jennifer.ertman@crownoflifeacademy.org

Bible Lesson: The Coming of the Holy Spirit

Memory Treasure: "Do not fear, for I am with you" Isaiah 41:10

Literacy: We continue our letter review. We are reviewing each letter sound, how to write it in both upper and lower case, and making our alphabet book each day. This week's letters are E, F, G, H, and I.

Math: We are going to spend one more week on the concept of subtracting. We'll be working on subtracting within 10.

Social Studies: Our plant experiment is on track, and we planted seeds last week. This week, we'll be studying sunflowers as they're one of the seeds we planted. We will compare and contrast fake and real sunflowers, learn the parts of sunflowers, and try our hands at painting sunflowers.

Important Dates:

April 22nd- May 4th- KRT testing (please sign up on the sheet outside the classroom door.)

May 8th- Special Guest Day 10:00-11:15

May 13th- 4K Field Trip to Henry Vilas Zoo (I am looking for parents to chaperone, please let me know if you are interested in joining us!)

4K- MRS.KOERBER, sarah.koerber@crownoflifeacademy.org

Eddie is student of the week!

Bible Lesson: The Coming of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-12)

Memory Treasure: Do not fear, for I am with you. (Isaiah 41:10)

Literacy: We have learned all the letters of the alphabet! Now we will begin reviewing the letters and their sounds, working on E, F, G, H, and I this week.

Nursery Rhyme: Star Light, Star Bright (We got caught up with other activities last week and didn't really get to learn this one, so we'll be reviewing it this week.)

Show-and-tell: Friday- Bring something that starts with the first letter of your name.

Math: We will learn about combining sets of numbers up to 10 (adding).

Social Studies: We will be talking more about where we live, focusing on our country.

Science: We will learn more about the weather, focusing on clouds and other things we see in the sky.

Upcoming:

April 22-May 4: Kindergarten Readiness Testing takes place after school; please see the posted schedule for your child's testing time.

April 24: Dress Down Day

May 8: Special Guest Day 10:00-11:15


May 13: 4K Field Trip to Henry Vilas Zoo (I am looking for parents to chaperone, please let me know if you are interested in joining us!)

Elementary Classrooms

5K- MRS. OPPERMAN, elise.oppermann@crownoflifeacademy.org

Routines, Procedures, and Lots of Fun!

The last month of school gets a bit squirrely in Kindergarten. The weather is nicer, the outdoor sports schedules are in full swing, and we have been with our classmates for over 140 days of school and counting. Thank you for consistently supporting your child as they continue to grow socially and academically.

Math will be revisiting fundamental skills that are useful and needed in 1st grade. This week, number sense. **Phonics** focuses on the digraph "ck" while we review all our  words. **Reading** continues to develop the question, "What Can I Learn When I Look Closely?" Our study will have us focusing on the setting of our stories this week. **Writing** starts to

teach us how to become fact researchers and fact finders as we get ready to write reports. **Social Studies** continues with maps and where we are in the world. Finally, **ChristLight** reassures us through our study of Elijah and Elisha that God will take us all home to heaven at just the right time and only He has power over death. What a blessing it is to know this!

Add These to Your Calendar:

- **May 8:** Special Guest Day 10:00-11:15
- **May 15:** Field trip to Janesville's Peace and Palmer Parks
- **May 19:** 5K Graduation Night @ Bethany Campus
- **May 21:** Jr. Olympics Bethany Campus



5K- MRS. STEFANSKI, kayla.stefanski@crownoflifeacademy.org

The last month of school can be difficult, especially as the weather gets nicer! Our goal is always to create a safe, supportive, and engaging environment where every child can succeed. We are focusing on how we can be a RULER in and out of the classroom. RULER stands for Respect, Understanding, Learning to Lead, Empathetic, and Responsible. We are actively working on this at school by reviewing expectations, practicing positive behaviors, and reinforcing routines each day. We are also recognizing and celebrating students who make positive choices.

We would greatly appreciate your partnership in reinforcing these expectations at home. Simple conversations about listening, respect, responsibility, and making good choices can make a big difference. Encouraging your child to share about their day—and talking through how they handle challenges—helps build consistency between home and school.

Thank you so much for your continued support!

Check out what we are learning this week:

Phonics: This week, we are learning the digraph *ck*. We will review our “snap words” this week.

Reading: We will practice creating images while reading, describing the setting in our stories, and asking and answering questions before, during, and after reading.

Math: We start our last unit in math this week where we will explore height, length, and weight.

Writing: This week, we will learn about writing informational (research) stories. We will learn about facts vs. opinions and talk about researching a topic.

Social Studies: We start our unit on Plants. We will learn about Earth Day (Wednesday) and Arbor Day (Friday).

Christ Light: We are thankful for the true God's gift of faith in Him and pray that he would bring others to such faith. We ask God to help us be content with all the blessings he gives us. Bible Stories: Elijah and King Ahab, Ahab and Naboth's Vineyard, God takes Elijah to Heaven

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May 8: Special Guest Day

May 15: Kindergarten Field Trip to Peace Park & Palmer Park

May 19: 5K Graduation Night

May 21: Jr. Olympics Bethany Campus

1st- MRS. GARTHWAIT, bonnie.garthwait@crownoflifeacademy.org

A couple of items:

- Please make sure your student still has the proper outdoor gear each day - this time of year, we have to plan for a variety of temperatures! It can still be quite cold in the morning and muddy in the fields. A coat and some form of boots are very helpful.
- A reminder: The 1st-4th Grades will be putting on a Spring Musical. **This [Hats Newsletter](#) will give you more information about what the students should wear.** Please read it and let me know if you have any questions.

Dates to Remember

- **April 30th - 1st - 4th grade musical (if your child is unable to attend, please let me know)**
- **May 5th & 7th - Final iReady Testing**
- **May 15th - End of year field trip (Shalom Wildlife Zoo)- details sent via email (let me know if you did not receive it)**

Math: Chapter 13: Shapes - 2D and 3D

Reading: Jack's Train Trip

Writing: Review nouns and verbs; Sentences and expanding beyond simple sentences

Phonics: Vowel patterns: ea making /e/ as in bread; a making /o/ or sometimes /aw/ as in swamp or water, and oi and oy for /oy/ as in coin or toy

Christ Light: This week, we will learn to be content with the things that God has given us.

Memory Work:

April 21: From infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

April 23: Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

1st & 2nd - MRS. SPLINTER stephanie.splinter@crownoflifeacademy.org

On Thursday, we will be doing the last I-Ready Reading Test of the year. Please have your child get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast.

A reminder: The 1st-4th Grades will be putting on a Spring Musical. This [Hats Newsletter](#) will give you more information about what the students should wear. Please read it and let me know if you have any questions.

On Friday, May 15, the 1st-4th Grades will be going on an end-of-the-year field trip to Shalom Wildlife Sanctuary. I will be sending an email out this week concerning chaperones.

Dates to Remember:

- April 23- I-Ready Testing in Reading
- April 30- 1st-4th Grade Musical
- May 15- End of the year field trip to Shalom Wildlife Sanctuary (more details will be coming)
- May 20- Junior Olympic Day

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Math: This week, 1st and 2nd grade will begin learning about telling time. We will also find the total value of a group of bills.

Reading: We will read a story called From a Seed to a Plant. We will get a chance to connect this story with our science unit as well.

Science: We will continue our science units on plants and animals. We will be learning about their habitats.

Writing: We will continue learning about different types of Poetry.

Phonics: 2nd grade: Final stable syllable: -ture; suffixes -er, or, ist. 1st grade: Vowel patterns: ea making /e/ as in bread; a making /o/ or sometimes /aw/ as in swamp or water, and oi and oy for /oy/ as in coin or toy.

2nd- MRS. HOLZHUETER, tina.holzhueter@crownoflifeacademy.org

On Wednesday, we will be doing the last I-Ready Reading Test of the year. Please have your child get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast.

CONGRATULATIONS 2ND GRADERS!!! 🍷 We have won (along with the 5th graders) the whole school reading challenge. The date for this reward will be coming soon.

A reminder: The 1st-4th Grades will be putting on a Spring Musical. **This [Hats Newsletter](#) will give you more information about what the students should wear.** Please read it and let me know if you have any questions.

On Friday, May 15, the 1st-4th Grades will be going on an end-of-the-year field trip to Shalom Wildlife Sanctuary. Please read this [Field Trip](#) letter for more information. **I will be sending emails this week concerning chaperones.**

Dates to Remember:

- April 22- I-Ready Testing in Reading
- April 30- 1st-4th Grade Musical
- May 6- I-Ready Testing in Math
- May 15- End of the year field trip to Shalom Wildlife Sanctuary (more details will be coming)
- May 20- Junior Olympic Day

Christ Light: This week, we will learn to be content with the things that God has given us.

Memory Work:

April 21: From infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

April 23: Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

Math: This week, we will be measuring objects using meters, centimeters, and inches. We will also begin to study time. Multiplication will be x3.

Reading: We will begin reading a story called From Seed to Plant. The target skill we will focus on is text and graphic features. The target strategy will be to monitor and clarify.

Social Studies: This week, we will learn about the bodies of water and landforms in North America.

Science: We are close to finishing up our penguin unit. We are working hard on our final research projects.

Writing: We will begin to learn and write adverbs.

Phonics: Final stable syllable: -ture; suffixes -er, or, ist

3rd- MRS. THAYER, lindsey.thayer@crownoflifeacademy.org , deborah.vose@crownoflifeacademy.org

The 3rd Grade will be doing I-Ready Testing for Reading on Wednesday morning. Please help your child by having them get a good night's sleep Tuesday night and a good breakfast on Wednesday morning.

A reminder: The 1st-4th Grades will be putting on a Spring Musical. **This [Hats Newsletter](#) will give you more information about what the students should wear.** Please read it and let me know if you have any questions.

Mrs. Thayer is officially on maternity leave. Please see the email link below if you need to reach out to Mrs.Vose with any questions or information moving forward. ([Email contact](#))

Upcoming Dates:

- **April 22 - I-Ready Reading testing**
- **April 30- 1st-4th Grade Musical**
- **May 6 - I-Ready Math testing**
- **May 15th- END of the YEAR field trip- Shalom Wildlife Park/ZOO- [Chaperones have been picked for 3rd grade. A reminder email will be coming closer to this trip with details on your student groups and responsibilities](#) 😊**

Christ Light: 8B A Boy Comes Back to Life 9A Naaman is Brought to Faith

Memory Work: See April memory work calendar

Math: 12.4 Solve Time Interval Problems 12.5-12.7 Measure Liquid Volume and Mass

Reading: Lesson: "The Journey - Stories of Migration"

Spelling: Spelling sorts today, pretest Tuesday, retakes on Friday

Social Studies: How America Works Unit magazine

4th- MRS. GUT cindy.gut@crownoflifeacademy.org

Can you believe we are only 6 weeks away from the end of the year?! It's been such a great year, and I have seen such great growth in all the 4th-grade scholars. Please encourage your son/daughter to keep pushing themselves this 4th quarter to finish strong! I know we can do it! (We are so close to filling our marble jar!)

A couple of reminders: It is still chilly in the morning for recess, and many times the temperature requires a jacket or coat still. Please be sure those are still being sent. Also, we are continuing to work on our musical that is scheduled for April 30th. If your son/daughter is NOT going to be there, please let me know ASAP. We are really looking to the 4th-grade scholars to be our leaders for this great musical. If your son/daughter has a speaking part, please work with them on it at home so that it is memorized.

I could still use some chaperones for our farm trip and our May 15th trip to Shalom. Let me know if you are available. Thanks!

Dates to remember:

- **April 21st iReady testing for Reading**
- **April 23rd-Capital/Children's Museum Field Trip (Students will need cold lunch)**
- **April 30th-1-4th Play**
- **May 6th-Kutz Dairy Farm-still need some drivers/chaperones**
- **May 15th-Shalom Field Trip-still need chaperones.**

What we are learning in 4th Grade:

Christ Light: We will be exploring Solomon and what kind of king he was. Through his life, we will see how to pray for our leaders and that they lead us in God-pleasing ways.

Memory work: Tuesday, April 21st, John 14:19b and Job 19:25-26. Thursday, April 23rd-Acts 4:20 and 1 Timothy 2:3-4.

Reading: In reading this week, we will look at an informational text entitled, [The Ever-Living Tree](#). While we read, we will work on using the text and graphic features to help us understand the information the author is giving us. We will also work on monitoring ourselves while we read.

Grammar: In grammar, we will talk and work on negatives.

Writing: We will work on editing and revising our rough drafts of our narratives.

Math: We will continue with Chapter 8 and learn how to add and subtract fractions.

Social Studies: We will be exploring U.S. landmarks and how each landmark is important to the region it is in.

Science: We will continue to talk about our senses and specifically how animals use them to explore their environment.

Middle School Classrooms

5th- MRS. BROWN (5-8 ELA),

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↓ TO THE POINT DATES

- April 20: I-Ready Reading Test
- May 5: I-Ready Math Test
- May 15: Mrs. B gone in the afternoon for 8th Grade Softball Tournament
- May 20: Junior Olympics
- May 22: Last Day!
- **Every day: God is Good!**



↓ LEARN AND GROW

CHRIST LIGHT: We will read the story of Samson and Ruth in Christ Light studies this week. (The Memory Work link is found [HERE](#).)

ELA 5+6: We will go over the root CENT this week, as well as take a spelling test on related words. In writing, we'll be crafting sentences 5-10 on our 20-sentence narrative. We're really working on taking the steps to improve writing, avoiding run-on sentences, and continuing to reread! In grammar, we'll tackle parentheses and colons/semicolons.

ELA 7+8: No new roots this week. In writing, we'll be crafting sentences 5-10 on our 20-sentence narrative. We're really working on taking the steps to improve writing, avoiding run-on sentences, and continuing to reread! In grammar, we'll tackle ellipsis and parentheses.

LITERATURE: We are presenting our mini Earth Day Skits to grades 1-4 on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. We'll dive back into book clubs for the remainder of the week. We're focusing on reflecting on "fat questions", ones that make you think and analyze the text at a 5th-grade level.

CATEGORIES: List 5 kinds of storms.

↓ STAY SHARP REMINDERS

Congrats to my brainy, 5th graders! Along with the second-grade class, we WON the March reading challenge! I'm working with Mrs. Holzhueter's 2nd-grade class to plan an afternoon adventure to Frostie Freeze together. Stay tuned!

DARE Update: A big congratulations to Lucy and Gigi! They both were the overall 5th-grade winners from all Fort Atkinson 5th-grade classes. Gigi won the most creative award, and Lucy snagged the best essay. They were awarded some goodie bags from Officer Enger this week. Way to go, writers!



Photos of the Year: We love reflecting on the photos from the year during the last week of school. Feel free to take a browse early! Our newest field trip has been loaded here:

[Mrs. Brown's CLCA 25-26 Photos - 5th Grade and More](#)

Grateful to work with all of your families this year! ❤️

6th- MR. HOLCOMB (5-8 Social Studies), mark.holcomb@crownoflifeacademy.org

[Thoughts from God's Word](#)

Luke 24:25-27 “How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?’ And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.”

No one likes to be called foolish. “Foolish” relays the concept that a person should have known better, but chose to do the opposite. When I was a teenager, I failed to slow down while going through a very small

town, even though I knew better. The ticket I received reinforced how foolish I had been. But what is the most foolish action? Wouldn't it be failing to believe what God's Word says? The Emmaus disciples would have grown up being taught the Old Testament. They would have known that Isaiah prophesied about Jesus' death in vivid terms. They would have known the prophecies about Jesus' miracles and his message that pointed to himself as the Savior. They would have known that David prophesied Jesus' resurrection. But, like us, they were foolish; they forgot what the Scriptures said. Therefore, Jesus returned them to the Word and **explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself**. That is the solution for our foolishness and forgetfulness as well. Jesus directs us to diligently study the Scriptures because by them, we have eternal life. They testify that Jesus is our Savior (John 5:39). We diligently study the Scriptures because **“faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ” (Rom. 10:17)**. May God lead us to daily study his Word so that we are always connected to our Savior and never forget what he has done for us.

Important Dates

- Wednesday, April 22 - Track event registration deadline. Please let Mr. Holcomb know your events.
- Monday, April 27-Wednesday, April 29 - Accreditation Team members on campus; be sure to welcome them.
- Tuesday, April 28 - The librarian will introduce the summer reading program.
- Thursday, April 30 - I-ready testing Day 1
- Saturday, May 2 - Track Meet at Lakeside
- Tuesday, May 5 - I-ready testing Day 2
- Saturday, May 9 - Track Meet at Fort High School
- Wednesday, May 20 - Jr. Olympics Day
- Thursday, May 21 - Sixth-grade class fun day (Information will be coming near the beginning of May)
- Friday, May 22 - Last day

Subject Work This Week

- Bible History: God provided kings for Israel to lead them. The kings were to set an example for the Israelites by trusting God to guide and protect his people and preserve his promise to send the Savior.
- Doctrine: In the Lord's Supper, we receive Jesus' true body and blood for the personal reassurance that our sins are forgiven. We come to the Lord's Supper repenting of our sins and trusting in Jesus' forgiveness.
- Memory Work: Monday - Passages 6-10; Wednesday - Passages 11-15; next Monday Passages 16-20
- 5-6 Geography: none this week
- 5-6 History: We will study life during the Renaissance. The Renaissance saw the growth of towns in Europe. Culture and the arts thrived during this time period. Much of art and architecture today is based on what was learned during the Renaissance.
- 7-8 History: For the rest of the school year, we will study the Civil War. We will explore how the Civil War brought lasting changes to the United States. Many changes came at the end of the war. Slavery was abolished, citizenship and voting rights were given to African Americans, and the nation was united by railroads and other forms of communication. Other changes occurred during the war. People were exposed to parts of the United States they had never seen before. There were advances in medicine, weapons, and methods of fighting. Even the makeup of the military and the roles of commanders changed.
Key Assignments: Civil War Battles Quiz - May 12; Final President Quiz - May 14; Civil War Pictobiography - May 19
- Literature: We will continue reading our Collections textbook this week. Our focus this quarter is on reviewing reading skills and searching for textual evidence to support knowledge and opinions about the text. The textbook provides a great opportunity for the students to handle challenging work and grow in their reading. I know they can do it. Thanks for supporting your scholar as they grow during the quarter.

7th- MRS. TOMLIN (5-8 Math), beth.tomlin@crownoflifeacademy.org

Bible History/Hymnology: Pastor Paul, who teaches 7th-grade doctrine, will fill in this week, Monday through Thursday.

7th Grade Literature: This week, students will complete their group project based on the novel they read. Each group will do a short presentation on the book they read. We will also continue to work on comprehension, new vocabulary, and spelling words.

5th Math: The 5th-grade students continue to work on tables, graphs, and coordinate planes.

6th Math: The 6th-grade students will continue their work on everything about integers.

7th Math: The 7th-grade students will complete their work on angles. They will then move on to areas of different shapes.

8th Math: The 8th-grade students are starting a new chapter on Pythagorean Theory.

Dates to Remember:

- **Apr 24: Dress Down Day**
 - **Apr 29: LLHS Math Meet**
 - **May 20: Jr. Olympics**
 - **May 22: Last Day**
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8th- MR. METZGER (5-8 Science), glenn.metzger@crownoflifeacademy.org

Science Notes for Middle School

-This week, 5th and 6th grades are starting our final unit about Creation and evolution. We will be watching the 2014 debate between Bill Nye (the Science Guy) and Ken Ham from Answers in Genesis. If you'd like to watch as well, so you know what is being discussed, you can find the video [here](#). Students will be analyzing the claim, reasoning, and evidence offered by both sides of the debate. This is going to take us at least one week, and most likely two.

-Having finished their test, 7th & 8th grades are wrapping up the 3rd chapter of the light waves unit, including making their best claim supported by evidence about the reason for higher skin cancer rates among the people of Australia. Once completed, we will start the 4th and final chapter, in which most of the assessments will be graded and counted toward their report card.

8th Grade Notes

-For religion class this week, Pastor Wessel will be getting a "three-peat" of classes, making up the class I took from him last week by holding an additional doctrine class on Wednesday morning. He will also be meeting with the confirmands on Wednesday afternoon during study hall to begin preparing them for the upcoming confirmation service. Memory work for this Friday remains two verses of the students' choice selected from Psalm 32.

-Our literature class last week finalized the "fan-casting" of Murder on the Orient Express, and oh boy, do we have some choices. I learned a valuable lesson about allowing cartoon characters as nominees after we barely avoided a cast headlined by Garfield and Humpty Dumpty, although I'm sure Megamind, Gru, and Lord Farquaad will do the animated world proud in their place. Stop on by the classroom every once in a while to see our crime board progress, complete with photos of our "cast."

-I received wonderful feedback from our community hosts about the 8th graders who volunteered last week! Thank you to all the students who represented our Savior, school, and self, and to the parents who allowed them the opportunity. We will pick up with our volunteering efforts again next Monday when all the students are back in school.

Specials - Music, Art, P.E., Enrichment Electives

Music – MRS. BECKER (5K-8 Music)

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Shout-out to all the individuals who performed in solos and ensembles at Lakeside Lutheran on April 11th. Fine Arts Fair 2026 was a success!

Vocal: Gracie, Bethany, Elise B., Ellie S., Harper H., Harper R., Londyn, Noelle, Isabelle, Lilly F., Theo, Mia, and Hannah L.

Instrumental: Emmett W., Evie, Ryan B., Gigi, Gus, Trey, Ari, Jolee, Julia, Alek, Freddy, Gracie, Liam, Cyrus, Ellie G., and Haley.

Enrichments 5th-8th

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Here's what our scholars are up to on Friday afternoons - as they enjoy some enrichment time!

**Cooking Paper, Quilling
Yearbook, Ukuleles
Grounds Crew, Spanish Culture Club
German Culture Club, Gather Round Games**

ART - MR.HELGESTAD (5K-8)

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It's time to check out the middle school artwork at PART 2 of the Mary Hoard Youth Art Show! The show is open during normal museum hours until May 2nd.

Congrats to 6th graders, Noah D. and Briella J., for earning special recognition for their award-winning art! To God be the glory!

[SEE WHAT CLCA STUDENTS ARE STUDYING AND CREATING](#)

Phy. Ed - MRS. TOWNE (5K-8)

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K-4th is working on a variety of locomotor movements. K-2nd is focusing on jump and hop this week, while 3rd and 4th are working on using these in game-like activities.

The 5th-8th grade is working on skill components of coordination and reaction time.

Athletics- MR. HOLCOMB: Athletic Director

Track

- **Track Start:** Track is available to **all students in grades 5-8**. **Track events** include 100m and 200 m sprints; 400m, 800m, and 1600m runs; shot put, discus, and long jump field events. **Track meets** are on May 2 at Lakeside and May 9 at Fort Atkinson High School. **Practices will start on Tuesday, April 7.**
- **Track Practices Will Continue This Week: Please read carefully.** Some athletes may have practices on multiple days and/or at multiple locations. 400, 800, 1600 runners - Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays at CLCA from 3:30-4:00. Long Jump, Shot Put, Discus athletes - Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays at Fort Middle School from 5:30-6:15. 100 and 200 sprinters as well as all 4 x 100m relay teams - Wednesdays at Fort High School from 6:15-7:15. **Note the change in end time. We are practicing 15 minutes longer because we missed practice last Wednesday.**
- **Weather Announcements.** If track practice is cancelled due to inclement weather, announcements will be posted on the CLCA Athletics page, and an email will be sent to parents.
- **Track Meet Registration.** All athletes must let Mr. Holcomb know their final events **for the first track meet (May 2) by the end of practice on Wednesday** for registration purposes. If you need help deciding which events to do, Mr. Holcomb is willing to offer advice.

Spiritual Growth – PASTOR WESSEL: Campus Pastor

- **Foundations:** Foundations is a Bible Basics class for those interested in learning the core teachings of Scripture. We'll answer questions like "What does the Bible say?", "What is God's plan for my life?" and "Why is Jesus so important?" This class is also the path for membership at one of our association

churches – but there’s no obligation! Come and learn with us in a relaxed setting as we take an honest look at God’s Word. We just started a new session, but there’s still time to get involved! Join us for Foundations at our Bethany Campus, Sundays at 11:35 am.

Thankful for another week of God’s Grace and the blessings that lie ahead!



Witnessing His Goodness



How blessed we are!



We're Looking For

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open positions :

+ Vice Chair (1 year) to move to Chair for a 2 year term

Work with the Chair to plan/support activities held by Crown Community. Attend Board/General Crown Community meetings. Solicit/support volunteers running/coordinating activities.



+ Communications Chair (2 year term)

Promote all Crown Community events via social media and other avenues.

Please send your interest to :

cc@crownoflifeacademy.org

OR

Come to our General Membership meeting on April 14th! 6:30pm