

The Weekly Update

SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

This Is Home Special Appeal- Commitment Sunday

This Sunday is a very special day in the life of our congregation. As part of our This Is Home appeal, we will be collecting Intention Cards—your prayerful pledges of support for the future of Cross & Crown.

Just as a home provides shelter, comfort, and belonging, our church home is where we gather in faith, share God's love, and extend welcome to all. This appeal is about more than bricks and mortar; it is about creating and sustaining a place where people can encounter the living Christ, experience grace, and feel at home.

When you fill out an Intention Card, you are invited to consider what God is calling you to give—whether that be a one-time gift, or a pledge spread over the next ten months. More than a financial commitment, this is a spiritual practice. We encourage you to pray about your decision, asking God to guide your giving so that it reflects both generosity and joy.

Your pledge will help us strengthen this home we share, ensuring it remains a vibrant and welcoming space for all who enter. Together, we can build on the foundation of love and hospitality that defines Cross & Crown. Thank you for being part of this faith family. Thank you for giving with joy. **Welcome home.**

FAMILY MEET-UP TOMORROW!

SEPTEMBER 27 @ 4PM

Back Corner Parking Lot Near the Multi-Purpose Space

BRING YOUR OWN TAILGATE STYLE
MEAL BIKES, SCOOTERS, ETC.



**This is a great
chance to
connect, relax,
and build
community with
other families.**

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS- OCT. 5TH

DURING 10:15 AM WORSHIP

Join us a special Blessing of the Animals Service at our 10:15 am service on Oct. 5th! Bring your dogs, cats, bunnies, birds, hamsters, fish—if it wiggles, wags, or woofs, it's welcome! Please keep pets on a leash or in a carrier for everyone's safety.

Don't have a pet of your own? No worries—we'll have a stuffed animal ready for you, so everyone can take part in this joyful celebration of God's creation.

Come celebrate God's creatures, great and small, and enjoy this joyful time of paws, praise, and blessings!



Introducing Our New Safety & Security Ministry



At Cross & Crown, we give thanks each week for the gift of gathering together in worship, fellowship, and service. To help care for that gift, we are introducing a new Safety and Security Ministry. This team of volunteers headed up by Todd Atwood will serve quietly in the background so that we can focus fully on God's presence and the joy of being together. A safe environment gives us the foundation we need to grow in faith, deepen our relationships, and welcome others into God's love.

As the psalmist reminds us, "The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore" (Psalm 121:8). In that same spirit, this ministry is one more way God provides for our community. Please keep this ministry in your prayers, and join us in giving thanks for those who serve in this way. If you are interested in getting involved with the team please contact Todd or Pastor Melody.

Mary's Gathering

Pause. Pray. Be Refreshed.

Mary's Gathering is a monthly women's fellowship inspired by Mary and Martha. While Martha was busy with many tasks, Mary chose to sit at Jesus' feet. Together, we step away from busyness to enjoy fellowship, a short devotional, a creative activity, and prayer—finding refreshment in Christ and community.

Each month, Mary's Gathering will be hosted by different women in their home. However, if something prohibits you from hosting in your home, the Common Room at C&C has already been reserved.

Need more info? Contact Brittany Wellborn.



October 3



7-9 pm



The Hosts Home or
Common Room



ROOTED SUNDAYS OCT. 5TH 11:30-2:30

Our first Rooted Sunday was a huge success—and if you haven't joined in yet, now is the perfect time! Hands-on fun, laughs, and Bible adventures await. Come see what the buzz is about!

On Oct. 5th we will be doing wood working and storytelling! Also young children who have not received a bible from C&C will be presented with one during worship this Sunday.

WINTER WARM UP COLLECTION FOR A ROOF ABOVE



As the cold months approach, we are collecting new winter hats, gloves, and scarves to help keep our neighbors at A Roof Above Homeless Shelter warm and cared for this season.

If shopping isn't convenient, you can also give a monetary donation, and we will be glad to purchase items on your behalf. Every gift, big or small, helps bring comfort and warmth to someone in need.

Thank you for sharing the love of Christ in such a practical way! Drop off your donations in the collection basket in the Narthex! Last Sunday for donations is November 2nd.

Blessing Our College Students & Military Personnel with Care Packages

Each year, the Miriam Circle prepares care packages for Cross & Crown's college students & military personnel, and we'd love to send one to your loved one! Because this ministry is focused on supporting our own congregation's young adults, the care packages are just for college students & military personnel who are members of Cross & Crown, or whose parents are members (not grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or extended family).

We do our best to customize each package to your student or soldier's likes and dislikes, so when you email LeAnne in the church office with their information, please include their favorite snacks and any food allergies. Click the link below to submit your info!

Deadline for submissions is November 30th!



PRAYER list

MEMBERS:

JEANETTE ABBOTT
JENNY BOOTH
JUNE BROOKS
JIM BURNS

DENNIS DOWNEY
LINDA FARIES
KATHI & FRANK MACARINE
JOE & CRISS UCMAN
JD WINFREY

FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Kenneth Ackerman, Larry Pool's brother-in-law
Kristi Alary, Julie Moffat's sister
Scott Anderson, friend of the Ucmans
Sue Azukas, friend of Jerry Putnam
John Bailey, Russ Bailey's father
Ellis Baldwin, Julie Rutkowski's brother-in-law
Andrew Bernauer, son of Wayne & Rosemary Bernauer
Jim Carty, Suzy Wlezniak's brother
Joann Church, Behzad Vaqar's mother
Drude Corbet, Angelina Corbet's brother
Ruth Deal
Zachary & Leigh Ann Duda, friends of Larry Stratemeyer
Rick, Debbie & Jason Eldridge, friends of Vivian Farland
Reid Evans, friend of Barbara Maillet
Brad Faries, Barry & Linda Faries' son
Owen Farr, Julie Wright's grandson
Lily Ferrulli, Joann Ferrulli's granddaughter
Jarmo Forsblom, Jouni Forsblom's brother
Dorothy Henke, Lisa Roth's mother
Portia Hutchinson, friend of Felicia Eybl
Will Jacobs, friend of the Macarine's being deployed
Kelly K. Prayers for healing
Jim Kozlinski, Cathy Kozlinski's husband
Mark & Ellen Kramm, friends of Jill Jurgensen
Helen Laatz, sister-in-law of Leslie Laatz
Randy LaMere, Jennifer LaMere's father
Madsen family, friends of Joe & Criss Ucmans
Jeanne Maylor, Denise Bratschie's friend
Ted Meiss, Christine Meiss' husband
Alice Louise (Lou) Miller, Criss Ucmans' cousin
Gary Mintz, friend of David & Debra Cox & Felicia Eybl
Fred Olafson, friend of the congregation
Nga Pace, Yen Forsblom's sister
Victoria Pollard
Olivia Reardon, daughter of Barry & Linda Faries' friends
Sameer Saprou, Teri Strom's nephew-in-law
Nancy Scholhammer, friend of Susan Arcuri
Burt Sweet, June Brooks' son
Sherrill & Patricia Tucker, Donna Tucker's parents
Joanne Varum, friend of Joe & Criss Ucmans
Haley White, Barbara Maillet's granddaughter
Lucas White, Barbara Maillet's grandson

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 8:30 am - 2 pm Thursday: 8:30 am - 2 pm
Tuesday: 8:30 am - 2 pm Friday: 8:30 am - 2 pm
Wednesday: Church Office closed, phone lines & office email is open & replied to between 8:30 am - 5 pm.

2025 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jeff Bratschie- President Lori Meath
Jill Jurgensen- Vice President Chris Frisina
Felicia Eybl- Secretary Jerry Putnam
Kati Goode

Happy Birthday

Jill Jurgensen
Lorna Muzevich
Katherine Smith
Joe Ucmans
Pat Fisher
Angelina Corbet

SEPT. 26
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**Wednesday
Night
Happenings**

6 pm



October 1
**Classic Beef Stew, Green Beans
Garden Salad, & Dessert**



PROPERTY WORKDAY: OCTOBER 25TH

Grab your gloves, your favorite pair of work shoes, and a little elbow grease—it's property workday time! We've got a to-do list ready: paint the lower parking lot stair railing, spread dirt around the MPW, trimming bushes, cutting up two dead trees by the shed, and clearing low-hanging limbs along the driveway and front property.

Don't worry—we'll wrap things up before college football kickoff so you can cheer on your team in the afternoon.

Many hands make light work—come lend a hand!

See you on October 25th @ 9 am!

CONGREGATION NOTICE

CONGREGATION COUNCIL:

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE HAS
NOMINATED THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS TO
SERVE ON THE CONGREGATION COUNCIL
FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM BEGINNING IN
JANUARY 2026:

**TODD ATWOOD
ANN WHITENER**

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NOMINATED THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS
TO SERVE ON THE NOMINATING
COMMITTEE FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM
BEGINNING JANUARY 2026:

**JEFF BRATSCHE
JILL JURGENSEN**

"AT-LARGE NOMINEE":

MEMBERS NOT LISTED MAY STAND FOR ELECTION AS AN "AT-LARGE NOMINEE" TO THE
CONGREGATION COUNCIL OR NOMINATING COMMITTEE. TO BE CONSIDERED, NAMES MUST
BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE CHURCH OFFICE, THE COUNCIL, OR THE PASTORS BY
OCTOBER 16, 2025.

Coming up this week...

Sunday, Sept. 28- 8:15 am- Traditional Worship
9 am- Coffee Hour
9:15 am- Adult Bible Study on the book of Psalm
10:15 am- Contemporary Worship
11:30 am- This is Home Special Appeal Celebration
Monday, Sept. 29- 7:30 pm- Women's Bible Study
Tuesday, Sept. 30- 12 pm- Staff Meeting
7 pm- Worship & Music
Wednesday, Oct. 1- 6 pm- Wednesday Night Happenings Dinner
6:45 pm- Handbells 7:30 pm- Choir
Thursday, Oct. 2- 7 pm- Book Club
Friday, Oct. 3- 4:30 pm- Walking Club
7 pm- Mary's Gathering
Saturday, Oct. 4- 7:30 am- Men's Fitness Group