

The Weekly Update

OCTOBER 24, 2025



This week is **Reformation Sunday**. Be sure to wear **RED**!



**Cross & Crown
Annual Meeting
November 16**

PROPERTY WORKDAY: TOMORROW! (Oct. 25)

Grab your gloves and work shoes—it's Property Workday time! We'll tackle projects like painting the lower lot railing, spreading dirt, trimming bushes, cutting dead trees, and clearing low branches. We'll finish before college football kickoff, so come lend a hand!

Help Us Make Chrismons!

This year, we're making more Chrismons to decorate our new tree! If you'd like to help, we'll have all the supplies and instructions ready for you. Join us during the Property Workday on Saturday, October 25, and take part in this beautiful tradition!



OCTOBER 29

COME FOR DINNER... STAY FOR "TREATS"!

We'll be having hot dogs, chili & slaw for dinner beginning at 6 pm, so sign up for dinner and stay for Trunk or Treat! It's a perfect opportunity to enjoy a meal together, meet new friends, and connect with your church community.

6 PM

RSVP BY USING THE LINK BELOW!

Don't have little ones at home? That's ok! Help be part of the fun! Dress up your trunk, hand out candy, and help us make Trunk or Treat a night to remember!

Oktoberfest

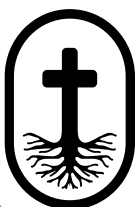
Grab your lederhosen and your little ones—it's time for Oktoberfest at C&C!

We'll have all the classics you love—brats, sauerkraut, beer, etc. For the kids? Bounce house & games that will keep them smiling all afternoon long!

So bring your appetite, a dessert to share, your friends, and your festive spirit!

**RSVP
BELOW!**

NOVEMBER 1, 4-7 PM



ROOTED SUNDAYS
NEXT SUNDAY, NOV. 2ND

11:30 AM

Join us for "Rooted Sundays"! Each month, one of our amazing members will jump in to share their talents with the kids! Get ready for hands-on fun, creative activities, and plenty of laughter as our children explore the building blocks of the Bible in exciting, unforgettable ways.



Caregivers Support Group- 1st Meeting- Nov. 5th

Cross & Crown is a home away from home—a caring community that walks together through both joyful and challenging seasons. The Caregivers Support Group will hold its first meeting on **Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 5 PM**, and will continue meeting on the first Wednesday of each month. If you didn't fill out an interest form but would like to join, you're warmly invited to come!



The Men's Group needs your help to collect 30 frozen turkeys to bless local families in need this Thanksgiving! We're asking for 12-15 lb turkeys or a 9 lb bone-in breast (Harris Teeter currently has a great deal on those!).

Please have all turkeys delivered to the church by Wednesday, November 19, before 8 PM. There is a designated space in the large freezer in the Fellowship Hall for the turkeys.

PLEASE BE SURE THAT THE FREEZER DOOR IS SECURELY CLOSED.

Use the link below to let us know what you're bringing so we can track our progress. Prefer to give instead? You can sponsor a turkey with a \$25 donation. Questions? Contact Keith Whitener for details.



BE A MAN. OF FAITH. MEN'S RETREAT: NOV. 21-23

This isn't your typical men's retreat—it's a retreat for guys who hate men's retreats. Join us at Camp Canaan for a weekend packed with great food and friendly paintball competition. It's a relaxed chance to connect, grow in faith, and enjoy some genuine "guy time."

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY:

- Arrive: 5-6 PM
- Dinner: Bring your own meat for the grill
- Evening: Root Beer & Bourbon tasting and a devotional led by Pastor Matt

SATURDAY:

- Breakfast: Quick & easy breakfast provided
- Daytime: Paintball Central & Archery Tag
- Lunch: Everyone pays for their own lunch
- Dinner: Make your own pizza night
- Evening: Guest speaker, campfire, and fellowship

SUNDAY:

- Breakfast: Quick breakfast provided
- Morning: Head home for church with your family

Use the link below to register!



Paint & Sip- Nov. 22



Ladies, mark your calendars for another Paint & Sip! After such a fun time at our last gathering, we're excited to do it again. All women of the church are invited to join us for an afternoon of creativity, laughter, and connection!

Friday, November 22, 12:30-3:00 p.m.

\$35 per person (RSVP required in advance)

SIGN UP DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 1ST. WE CANNOT ADD ANYONE AFTER THE SIGN UP DEADLINE.

We'll sip on wine, enjoy light snacks, and share stories as we create together in a relaxed, judgment-free space. No painting experience needed—just come ready to unwind and have fun!

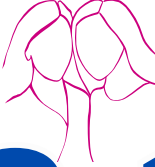
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**November 7**

**7-9 pm**

**Common Room**

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.

**Mary's Gathering**

Pause. Pray. Be Refreshed.

Together, we step away from busyness to enjoy fellowship, a short devotional, a creative activity, and prayer—finding refreshment in Christ and community.

PRAYER list

MEMBERS:

JEANETTE ABBOTT	LINDA FARIES
JENNY BOOTH	KATHI & FRANK MACARINE
JUNE BROOKS	LORI MEATH
JIM BURNS	JOE & CRISS UCMAN
DENNIS DOWNEY	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
Andrew Bernauer, son of Wayne & Rosemary Bernauer
Jim Carty, Suzy Wleznia'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
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 Saproo, Teri Strom's nephew-in-law
Nancy Scholhammer, friend of Susan Arcuri
Derek & Smith & family, Roger & Debbie Black's daughter & son-in-law
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

Happy Birthday

Ayke Blackburn	OCT. 24
Brenda Wagner	OCT. 25
Jillian Konieczynski	OCT. 25
George Jankowski	OCT. 26
Rita Deppe	OCT. 26
Ashton Simpkins	OCT. 27
Julie Rutkwoski	OCT. 28

OCTOBER 29

WEDNESDAY NIGHT HAPPENINGS DINNER



6 PM

MENU:
WE WILL HAVE HOT
DOGS WITH ALL THE
TRIMMINGS,
FRESH GARDEN SALAD
& DESSERT!

SPECIAL APPEAL CONTRIBUTIONS

You can give to the Special Appeal fund by placing your contribution in the offering plate, giving it directly to Garry Rudolph, or donating online through Breeze, Tithe.ly, or your bank. Please be sure to note that your gift is for the "Special Appeal."

SAFETY AND SECURITY MINISTRY

We are grateful for the opportunity to worship together each week in a safe and welcoming environment. To help us continue caring for our church family, we are introducing a new Safety and Security Ministry. This ministry will be served by dedicated volunteers from our congregation. Their quiet presence is meant to provide peace of mind and allow us all to focus fully on worship and fellowship. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry please let us know.

An off-duty police officer will assist with exiting traffic onto Pineville-Matthews Road after each service starting this week. Please keep this ministry in your prayers as we give thanks to those who serve our church family with hearts of care and stewardship.

"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 4:7



Please pray for Cathy Thompson at the death of her brother, Terrance.

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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JEFF BRATSCHE
JILL JURGENSEN

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

Coming up this week...

Sunday, Oct. 26- 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
Monday, Oct. 27- 7:30 pm- Women's Bible Study
Tuesday, Oct. 28- 12 pm- Staff Meeting
1 pm- Congregational Care Team Meeting
2 pm- Community Care Team Meeting
6:30 pm- Council Meeting
6:30 pm- Table Talk
Wednesday, Oct. 29- 6 pm- Wednesday Night Happenings Dinner
6:45 pm- Trunk or Treat!
7:30 pm- Choir
Saturday, Nov. 1st- 7:30 am- CCC Men's Fitness Group
4-7 pm- Oktoberfest!