

The Weekly Update

MARCH 20, 2026

Palm Sunday

This Sunday is Palm Sunday! Join us as we begin worship in the Fellowship Hall and process together into the sanctuary, remembering Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We hope you will join us this Sunday!

EASTER EGG Hunt

Join us for a fun-filled Easter Egg Hunt as we celebrate the joy and hope of Easter. Bring the whole family for a morning of celebration and excitement!

Saturday, April 4
10 am

Cross & Crown
Lutheran Church
300 Pineville Matthews Rd.
Matthews, NC

Featuring:
Bouncy House
Face Painting
Crafts
Carnival Games & Prizes
Popcorn
Brunch Appetizers

Hannah Rhyne will be at the egg hunt to do Fairy Hair.

- Sitting Fee: \$10.00
- \$1.00 per strand with a 15 strand maximum.
- No appointment needed.

Annual Easter BREAKFAST

Join us Easter morning for a delicious breakfast, warm fellowship, and a joyful start to the day! This cherished tradition is a great way to connect with others and welcome new faces. The Crossmen of Cross & Crown will serve breakfast from 7:30-10:00, featuring scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, fruit, pastries, juice, and coffee.



Please RSVP by clicking the link below. A love offering will be collected (with an option to give online) to support Lutheran Disaster Relief efforts for hurricane recovery in the NC mountains. Want to help? Volunteers are needed for setup, cooking, serving, and cleanup. Contact David Cox (704-756-6572) with questions or to get involved. We look forward to celebrating Easter with you!

USE THE LINK BELOW TO RSVP

Holy Week at Cross & Crown

Maundy Thursday Gathering and Worship

We're starting our time together on Maundy Thursday in the Fellowship Hall, gathering around tables just like Jesus did with his friends. It's a chance to connect, share some light snacks, and enjoy good conversation. Afterward, we'll move into a meaningful time of worship with scripture, song, and the Communion Meal. Come as you are, and let's share this special time together! Please use the link below to RSVP so we can prepare enough for everyone.

Good Friday Worship

On this sacred day, we come together to remember the final hours of Jesus' life — a journey marked by love, sacrifice, and grace. Through the voices of multiple readers, the story unfolds — the moments of betrayal, the trial, the quiet strength of Jesus, and the profound words spoken from the cross. Services are offered at 12 & 7 pm.

LAST SUNDAY TO ORDER FLOWERS FOR EASTER

Each year, we invite the congregation to help beautify the sanctuary for Easter Sunday by purchasing flowers. With a donation of \$20, you can select a plant to take home after the service. Flowers will be purchased just before Easter to ensure freshness and provide a variety of options.

Dedications can be made in memory of someone special, in someone's honor, or to the Glory of God. If you'd like to make a donation to Common Heart instead of receiving a plant, please mark "No Plant". **Order forms are due SUNDAY!**



PRAYER list...

MEMBERS:

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| JEANETTE ABBOTT | KATHI & FRANK MACARINE |
| JENNY BOOTH | LORI MEATH |
| JIM BURNS | TILLER FAMILY |
| DENNIS DOWNEY | JOE & CRISS UCMAN |
| LINDA FARIES | JD WINFREY |

FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Kenneth Ackerman, Larry Pool's brother-in-law
 Kristi Alary, Julie Moffat's sister
 Sidney Ames, Susan Arcuri's sister
 Scott Anderson, friend of the Ucmans
 John Bailey, Russ Bailey's father
 Andrew Bernauer, son of Wayne & Rosemary Bernauer
 Jim Carty, Suzy Wleznik's brother
 Joann Church, Behzad Vaqar's mother
 Drude Corbet, Angelina Corbet's brother
 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
 Dorothy Henke, Lisa Roth's mother
 Will Jacobs, friend of the Macarines being deployed
 Jim Kozlinski, Cathy Kozlinski's husband
 Jan Knutson, Jerry Putnam's sister
 Mark & Ellen Kramm, friends of Jill Jurgensen
 Helen Laatz, sister-in-law of Leslie Laatz
 Randy LaMere, Jennifer LaMere's father
John Lawler, Cathy Rudolph's father
 Madsen family, friends of Joe & Criss Ucmans
 Marylou, friend of Annette Downey
 Jeanne Maylor, Denise Bratschie's friend
 Ted Meiss, Christine Meiss' husband
 Alice Louise (Lou) Miller, Criss Ucmans' cousin
 Kimberly Bell O'Day, friend of Claudia Eybl
 Fred Olafson, friend of the congregation
 Brian Orton
 Nga Pace, Yen Forsblom's sister
 Jonathan Pierce, Debra Cox's brother
 Olivia Reardon, daughter of Barry & Linda Faries' friends
 Ray Sipe, friend of Joe & Criss Ucmans
 Beverly Schaap, Vivian Farland's sister
 Donald Schaap, Vivian Farland's nephew
 Sameer Sapuro, 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
 Mindy Sopher, friend of David & Debra Cox
 Joanne Varnum, friend of Joe & Criss Ucmans
 Haley White, Barbara Maillet's granddaughter
 Lucas White, Barbara Maillet's grandson

THRIVENT MEMBERS!

Your Thrivent Choice Dollars need to be directed to a non-profit organization of your choice by March 31st.
 If you need assistance, contact Barbara Maillet.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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| 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

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| Felicia Eybl- President | Todd Atwood |
| Chris Frisina- Vice President | Katie Goode |
| Jason Roberge- Secretary | Jerry Putnam |
| | Ann Whitener |

Happy Birthday

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| Ann Whitener | MAR. 27 |
| Hugh Kluttz | MAR. 27 |
| Jerry Putnam | MAR. 27 |
| Becky Carter | MAR. 28 |
| Laura Van Landingham | MAR. 28 |
| Scott Harris | MAR. 29 |



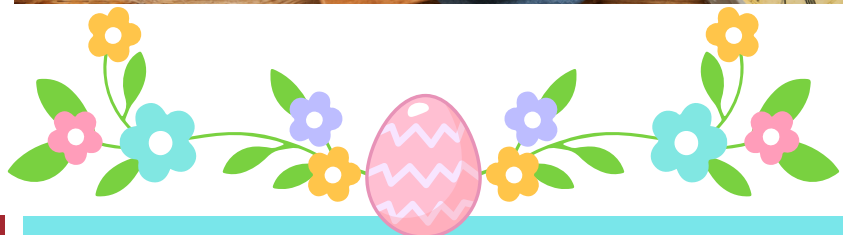
SERVE ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Looking for a simple but meaningful way to serve the church? Consider joining the Finance Committee.

The committee meets once a month to review financial reports from the Bookkeeper and Treasurer, discuss the church's financial health, and share insights with the Congregation Council. In the fall, the team also helps coordinate the annual budgeting process.

You don't need to be a financial expert, but some experience managing household finances is helpful. This is a one or two year commitment with monthly meetings—an easy but important way to support the mission and future of our church. Members currently serving on the committee are John Hejka, chair, Barbara Maillet, Julie Wright, Garry Rudolph, and Debra Cox. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Pastor Melody, Pastor Matt, or any member of the Finance Committee.

The Breakfast Club will meet again on Wednesday, April 8th at 7 am at Collective Cafe.
 (1031 Matthews-Mint Hill Rd.)



Coming up this week...

Monday, Mar. 30- 7:30 pm- Women's Bible Study
 Tuesday, Mar. 31- 12 pm- Staff Meeting
NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT HAPPENINGS
 Thursday, April 1- 7 pm Maundy Thursday Worship
 Friday, April 2- 12 & 7 pm Good Friday Services
 4:25 pm- Walking Club
 Saturday, April 3- 10 am Easter Egg Hunt