

The Weekly Update

SEPTEMBER 4, 2026

GIFT SHARE IS BACK FOR FALL!

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 10TH- 1 PM

Gift Share is a ministry of Cross & Crown that welcomes adults with disabilities from The Next Step Clubhouse to the lower level of Cross & Crown for two hours of art, creativity, friendship, fun, and joy.

We are looking for craft helpers to join us during GiftShare classes and assist with pre-planned art and craft activities.

No special experience is needed—just a willingness to help, connect, and have fun! **Use the link below to sign up to help!**

GIFT
SHARE

GIFT IT FORWARD

Women & Wine

Mimosas, munchies, and morning laughs—what could be better?

You're invited to Women & Wine where the vibes are light, the glasses are bubbly, and the company is fabulous. Hosted by Kati Goode & Tammie Hersey, Saturday, Sept. 12th, 9am-noon

Kati & Tammie will have the Mimosa Bar (non-alcoholic options available, too!) ready to go! All you need to do is bring an appetizer to share and your favorite beverage of choice (wine, coffee, tea... whatever makes you smile!) Let's sip, snack, and soak up some morning fun together!

RSVP using the link below!

Suds & Duds: We Need Your Quarters!



The Community Care Team is getting ready for our Suds & Duds event this October, and we need your help—one quarter at a time!

Did you know that an average load of laundry can cost \$4–\$5 to wash and another \$3–\$5 to dry at a laundromat? We want to help make laundry day a little easier for someone in our community by gifting a small bottle of laundry detergent and a roll of quarters at several local laundromats.

So, start saving those quarters! Drop your spare quarters into one of the collection jars each week and help us spread a little kindness, encouragement, and joy this October. Your quarters can make someone's laundry day—and their day—a whole lot brighter!

YouthQuake- Sept. 26

YouthQuake is a gathering for 3rd-5th grade from across the NC Synod for fellowship, learning, service, and worship. This year, the theme is What is the Church? This year's YouthQuake, Saturday, September 26, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at First Lutheran, Greensboro. The cost of \$25/person includes lunch and a T-shirt! Adults: All adults attending must have Safe Gathering Certification or provide proof of other background check and training approved by the church.



Use the link below to register!

Why Do You Serve? What does serving at Cross & Crown mean to you?

Our Annual Ministry Fair is returning **September 13–20** in the Narthex, featuring the many active ministries that make our church community thrive. This is a great opportunity to discover ways to get involved, learn more about the ministries happening at Cross & Crown, and find a place where your gifts and passions can make a difference.

This year's theme is **"Why Do You Serve?"** We want to hear from you! Maybe you serve because you love connecting with others. Maybe you have a passion for helping children, caring for others, worship, outreach, or hospitality. Maybe serving has helped you grow in your faith or has connected you with people you now consider family. Whatever your reason, your story matters.

We invite everyone who serves in a Cross & Crown ministry to share a sentence or two about why you serve. Your responses will be featured as part of the Ministry Fair and may encourage someone else to take that first step into serving. Email your responses to Laura Van Landingham at ministries@crossandcrown.org.

Stop by the Narthex **September 13–20**, explore the ministries represented, and discover where God might be calling you to serve. And if you're already serving, take a moment to share why you serve—you never know who your story might inspire!

* New Cross & Crown Apparel Is Coming!

Show your Cross & Crown spirit while supporting our youth! Beginning next week, new Cross & Crown apparel will be available through an online store set up directly with our vendor.

There will be lots of options to choose from, including hoodies, long-sleeve T-shirts, hats, and a pullover option. With a variety of styles and sizes available, there's something for everyone!

Best of all, your purchase helps support our youth as they raise funds to attend the National Youth Gathering next year! It's a great way to add some new Cross & Crown gear to your wardrobe while helping our young people have an incredible faith-filled experience.

Watch for the online store link next week and start shopping! All orders will be placed directly through the online store and fulfilled by our vendor.

Wear your Cross & Crown pride and support our youth!



ROADSIDE CLEANUP: NEXT SATURDAY, SEPT. 12!

Our next Roadside Cleanup is NEXT SATURDAY, September 12! We'll gather at the church at 8:45 a.m. for a brief safety review before heading out at 9:00 a.m. Most teams finish in about two hours, but the difference we make lasts much longer!

No experience is needed, and volunteers ages 12 and older are welcome. Come serve alongside fellow Cross & Crown members, meet new people, enjoy a morning outdoors, and be a visible reminder that Cross & Crown cares about our community. Use the sign-up link below or contact Jason Watts at jswatts72@gmail.com for more information.

Come be part of the team! Together, let's care for our community and help everyone feel a little more at home.



Hey Kids! Welcome to Worship!

Families with children ages 3 through 3rd grade are invited to Welcome to Worship on Sunday, September 13, immediately following the 10:15 am service.

This fun, 30-minute experience will help children and parents feel more comfortable and confident worshipping together at Cross & Crown. Parents will meet with Pastor Melody in the Common Room to talk about children in worship and how we can help them grow in faith. Children will meet with our C&C Kids Leaders in the Fellowship Hall to learn about C&C Kids this fall. Then, we'll head into the sanctuary together to explore the different parts of worship and learn why we do what we do each Sunday. We'll have snacks (allergy friendly snacks, too!)



SEPTEMBER 20

Rooted Sunday is back for YEAR 2! After an amazing first year, our Rooted Sunday program grew quickly, and we're excited to continue creating a place where children and youth can grow deeper in faith together. Once a month, elementary students, middle schoolers, and high schoolers will explore a common theme through age-appropriate Bible stories, hands-on activities, meaningful conversations, and opportunities to ask questions and connect faith to everyday life. There's something for everyone, and we can't wait to see how God continues to grow our Rooted family!

LUNCH IS PROVIDED!

Sept
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Foundations: What Is Church?/ What is Confirmation?

We'll explore that the Church is not just a building, but the community that gathers around Word and Sacrament. Children will discover that the Church is a place where we hear God's Word, receive God's grace, and grow together in faith. We'll also explore confirmation as a time to ask questions, deepen our understanding of faith, and claim the promises God made to us in baptism as we grow into our lives as followers of Jesus.



Women's Zoom Bible Study Resumes September 14th!

The Women's Bible Study group meets via Zoom on Monday evenings at 7:30pm.

We will be starting our next study on Monday, September 14th with "Friends & Sisters; Belong & Relating to One Another in the Family of Faith". This study will run from September 14th – October 12th. If you'd like to join this study please contact Allison Muzevich @ acm0321@gmail.com. Books can be purchased from Lifeway Women or by clicking the link below!

Warm Hearts, Warm Hands

This September, we're collecting new winter scarves, hats, gloves, and socks for A Roof Above, helping provide warmth and comfort to our neighbors experiencing homelessness.

Please place your donations in the collection basket in the Narthex throughout the month of September. Thank you for helping us share warmth, care, and compassion with our community!



PRAYER list

MEMBERS:

JEANETTE ABBOTT
JENNY BOOTH
JIM BURNS
DENNIS DOWNEY
LINDA FARIES

HAROLD HEIDEGGER
KATHI & FRANK MACARINE
LARRY POOL
GREG & KELLY RICHARDSON
CRISS UCMAN
JD WINFREY

FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Andrew Bernauer, son of Wayne & Rosemary Bernauer
Deb Ciganek, friend of Jill Jurgensen
Sandra Duncan, friend of Felicia Eybl
Nancy Farden, friend of Larry Stratemeyer
Jim Kozlinski, Cathy Kozlinski's husband
Mark & Ellen Kramm, friends of Jill Jurgensen
Ted Meiss, Christine Meiss' husband

MONDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB: SEPTEMBER 21

Monday Morning Book Club will resume on September 21 and will continue meeting on the third Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m

September: Diana Herself by Martha Beck
October: Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell

We always welcome new members, so come join us for good books, great conversation, and fellowship!



**TOWN
HALL
SEPT. 13**
Between Services

Coming up this week...

Monday, Sept. 7: LABOR DAY- CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday, Sept. 8: 9:30 am- Squares of Love Quilting
12 pm- Staff Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 9: 1 pm- Mahjong
6 pm- WNH Dinner
6:45 pm- Handbells
7:30 pm- Choir
Thursday, Sept. 10: 12:30 pm- Lunch Bunch @ Metro Diner
1 pm- Gift Share
7 pm- Miriam Circle- Quilting Bee!
Saturday, Sept. 12: 8:45 am- Roadside Cleanup

Happy Birthday

Dan Goldstein	SEPT 3
Martha Krauss	SEPT 4
Allison Michael	SEPT 6
Debbie Black	SEPT 8
Julie Wright	SEPT 8
Yen Forsblom	SEPT 10

If we have missed your birthday, PLEASE email LeAnne @ office@crossandcrown.org so we can add your birthday to our list.



Wednesday Night Happenings

*Good food, good conversation,
& community!*

Single \$7
Kids (ages 4-10) \$3
Families \$25
(AGES 0-3) FREE!



Spaghetti

A timeless favorite with tender pasta topped with rich, savory meat sauce, seasoned to perfection for a comforting crowd-pleasing dish.

Sides:
Garden Salad,
Garlic Bread
& Dessert

September 9

KEEPING OUR PRAYER LIST CURRENT

Thank you for sharing your prayer concerns with our church family. It is a privilege to pray for one another and to walk alongside each other in every season of life.

Our prayer list update has now taken place. Going forward, most prayer requests will remain on the published prayer list for approximately four weeks, with some exceptions for longer-term needs. We will review the list periodically to help keep it current and meaningful.

If someone you have asked us to pray for has been removed from the list and you would like them to remain on it, please let LeAnne know, and she will be happy to add them back. Likewise, if there is an update, a continued need for prayer, or an answered prayer, please contact the church office so we can keep the list up to date.

We are grateful for the opportunity to continue praying with and for one another. Thank you for helping us care for our church family through the gift of prayer.

General Guidelines

- Health concerns: approximately 4 weeks
- Hospitalizations or emergencies: approximately 2 weeks
- Chronic or long-term illness: up to 3 months, with renewal as needed
- Military deployment or hospice care: remain on the list until updated

Reminder:

The church office will be closed on Monday for Labor Day.

LeAnne will be out of the office this week.
If you need assistance, please contact Pastor Melody or Laura Van Landingham.