


# FALL FUN AT HALL FAMILY FARM!

## FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES!



Grab the kids and join us at Hall Family Farm on Saturday, October 3 for an evening of fall fun for families and youth!

Young families can enjoy the farm from 4–7 PM, with plenty of fall activities to explore. Youth will take on the corn maze from 6–8 PM, giving them a chance for some extra adventure! Then we'll all come together to enjoy dinner around the bonfire with a hot dog roast. It's a great opportunity for families and youth to have fun, enjoy the fall weather, and spend time together!

$30 to participate in activities



**IF WE HAVE TO CANCEL DUE TO RAIN, WE WILL SEND OUT AN EMAIL BY NOON ON SATURDAY.**

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# THIS SUNDAY! RAIN OR SHINE!

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 AT 4:00 PM

Join us for a special Blessing of the Animals Service at 4:00 PM as we celebrate the wonderful creatures God has placed in our lives! Bring your dogs, cats, bunnies, birds, hamsters, fish–if it wiggles, wags, woofs, or chirps, it's welcome! And this year, we'll have HORSES joining us as a special treat! For everyone's safety, please keep pets on a leash or in a cage. Don't have a pet? No worries! We'll have stuffed animals available so everyone can join in the fun and receive a blessing. Come celebrate God's creation with us–furry, feathered, four-legged, and all!



**WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE SERVICE. CONTACT MIKE OR LORI MEATH.**

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# Let's Put Faces to Names!



We're updating the member photos in Breeze, and we'd love for everyone to have a current photo! Laura Van Landingham will be taking photos on Sunday mornings. Just find Laura on Sunday mornings and we will do the rest!

Once we've updated our photos, we'll create a printed pictorial directory and place it by the mailboxes for everyone to use. Our hope is that this will make it easier to put names with faces and get to know the people who make up our Cross & Crown family. When you see someone you don't recognize, simply look them up in Breeze or check the printed directory!

Thanks for helping us make Cross & Crown an even more welcoming place where everyone feels at home.

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# Property Workday- October 31! 8 am



Let's spruce up our church grounds together! Reneau Van Landingham will be leading a workday at church on Saturday, October 31, and we'd love for you to join in. We'll be trimming bushes, cutting tree limbs, and hauling what we cut to the woods. We're also open to other projects that come to mind between now and then. Grab your work gloves and join us! Whether you can help for the whole day or just for a little while, we'd love to have you. Many hands make light work!

# A Generous Blessing for Cross & Crown

Through the heartfelt generosity from the estate of former church member Mary Vanderburg, Cross & Crown recently received a financial gift of approximately $113,000. This gift is not only a testament to Mary's kindness and commitment but also a reminder of God's provision and the way God moves through the people to accomplish God's ministry. This contribution will be thoughtfully allocated to several important areas within our ministry.

Per our bylaws, the gift will be divided among our Endowment Fund, Gifts & Memorials, and the Capital Reserve fund. A contribution will also be sent to Lutheran Services of North Carolina.

If you'd like information on how to include Cross & Crown in your estate planning or how to make a gift now, please reach out to a member of the Endowment Fund/Gifts & Memorials committee: Debra Cox, Barbara Maillet, Jim McCollom and Mike Meath.

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# Suds & Duds: Change for Good!



The Community Care Team is collecting quarters and dollars for Suds & Duds this October! We'll provide laundry detergent and a roll of quarters to help neighbors in our community with the cost of laundry.
Drop your quarters—or a few dollars—in the collection jars each week. Every little bit adds up to something meaningful!
Let's make laundry day a little easier, one load at a time.

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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!

Cross & Crown's Annual
**Oktoberfest**
CELEBRATION

**October 24**
**4 pm**

RSVP USING THE LINK BELOW!

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## ONLINE STORE CLOSES ON OCTOBER 9TH!

# New Cross & Crown Apparel Is Here!

## Use the link below to place your order!

Show your Cross & Crown spirit while supporting our youth! Cross & Crown apparel is 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!**



# PRAYER list

**MEMBERS:**

JEANETTE ABBOTT
JENNY BOOTH
JIM BURNS
DENNIS DOWNEY
LINDA FARIES
HAROLD HEIDEGGER
KATHI & FRANK MACARINE
GREG & KELLY RICHARDSON
JD WINFREY

**FAMILY & FRIENDS:**

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

# Happy Birthday

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| Alicia Konieczynski | OCTOBER 4 |
| Bobby Bragg | OCTOBER 6 |
| Joann Ferrulli | OCTOBER 7 |
| Matt Simpkins | OCTOBER 8 |

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

# Warm Hearts, Warm Hands

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!

**Donations are due by Sunday, October 11th.**



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

ONE BODY, MANY GIFTS, ONE MISSION.
CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT
LUTHEROCK
NEWLAND, NORTH CAROLINA
Welcome Home

## 2027 Congregational Retreat
## January 15-17(18)
## Registration coming soon!

# TRUNK Or TREAT

*Wednesday Night Happenings*

## WEDNESDAY OCT, 28 | 6 PM



Start the night at Wednesday Night Happenings for dinner at 6 pm, then head outside for our annual Trunk or Treat!
Kids (and kids-at-heart!) can enjoy candy, decorated trunks, and plenty of festive fun. Bring your friends, neighbors, and costumes—it's a great way to share a meal, celebrate together, and enjoy a safe, family-friendly evening at church!




# Coming up this week...

Monday, Oct. 5: 7:30 pm- Women's Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday, Oct. 6: 12 pm- Staff Meeting
7 pm- Worship & Music Committee
Wednesday, Oct. 7: 7 am- Breakfast Club
1 pm- Mahjong
6 pm- WNH Dinner
6:45 pm- Handbells, 7:30 pm- Choir
Thursday, Oct. 8: 12:30 pm- Lunch Bunch
1 pm- Gift Share
7 pm- Miriam Circle
Friday, Oct. 9: 4:42 pm- Walking Club

# Thursday: October 8

All women are welcome!
Join us at
Osaka Japanese in Matthews
12:30 pm

**Text/Call Kathy Shepler to RSVP: 330-603-4115**

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