The Weekly Update
September 25, 2026

MEAT UP THIS SUNDAY- 4 PM!



CROSSMAN MEN'S GROUP

Men, meat, and meaningful conversation! **MEAT UP** is a casual gathering for the men of Cross & Crown to come together, get to know one another, share stories, talk about life and faith, and enjoy some good food straight from the grill. No agenda, no pressure—just good fellowship, great conversation, and plenty of meat!

THINGS TO KNOW:

- BRING SOMETHING TO GRILL
- BRING A SIDE IF YOU'D LIKE
- BYOB

NEXT SUNDAY!

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!



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



Men, it's time to settle the score!

The annual Crossman Championship is happening Friday, October 2, at Lucky Strike in Matthews.

We'll meet at 7:00 PM and hit the lanes for at least two rounds of bowling—with the possibility of more depending on the turnout. Come ready to bowl, compete, and have a good time with the guys!



Everyone pays for themselves at Lucky Strike, but we don't want cost to keep anyone from joining us. A limited number of scholarships are available for those who need one. No payment is needed up front. Just sign up so we can get an accurate headcount and determine how many scholarships are needed. Bring your game. Bring your competitive spirit. Let's see who takes home the Crossman Championship!

RSVP LINK BELOW!

Lutheranism 101: Exploring the Lutheran Faith

Curious about what Lutherans believe and why we worship, serve, and live out our faith the way we do? Lutheranism 101 is a relaxed, welcoming class for adults who are new to the Lutheran faith or simply want to learn more about what it means to be Lutheran. We'll explore the basics of Lutheran theology, worship, Scripture, grace, Baptism, Communion, prayer, and what it means to live out our faith in everyday life.

Pastor Melody will lead the class and it will meet once a month during Sunday school 9:15-10 am, September 2026 through May 2027.

No prior knowledge or experience is necessary—just bring your questions and curiosity! Whether you're new to Lutheranism, coming from another faith tradition, or have been Lutheran for years and want to better understand what we believe, you are welcome.

September 27 — What Is Lutheranism?

An introduction to the Lutheran tradition and what makes it distinct. We'll explore the central Lutheran understanding of grace, faith, and Christ, and begin looking at how Lutherans understand God's presence through Word and Sacrament.

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.



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 USING THE LINK BELOW!

Cross & Crown's Annual

Oktoberfest CELEBRATION

October 24
4 pm

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
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

Jill Jurgensen	**SEPT 26**
Lorna Muzevich	**SEPT 27**
Logan Orton	**SEPT 28**
Katherine Smith	**SEPT 29**

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

Wednesday Night Happenings

September 30

Good food, good conversation, & community!



Chicken & Rice Casserole

Tender chicken and fluffy rice baked together in a creamy, comforting sauce for a hearty, homestyle dish.

Sides: Broccoli, Garden Salad, Dinner Rolls & Dessert

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

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.



COMMON HEART Update

a small revolution of kindness

C&C donated another 72 lbs of food last week. That brings our total for the year to 1915 lbs! Let's see if we can break 1 TON for 2026!

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!



PLEASE KEEP OUR YOUTH IN YOUR PRAYERS!

This Saturday, Pastor Melody will be taking Abigail Watts, Naveah, Abby and Audrey Goode, and Copeland Simpkins to Youth Quake in Greensboro for a day of faith, fun, and fellowship. Dawn Watts will also be joining them as a chaperone. Please keep these young people and their leaders in your prayers as they travel, learn, grow in faith, and enjoy time together!

Coming up this week...

Monday, Sept. 28: 7:30 pm- Women's Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday, Sept. 29: 12 pm- Staff Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 30: 1 pm- Mahjong
6 pm- WNH Dinner
6:45 pm- Handbells, 7:30 pm- Choir
Thursday, Oct. 1: 1 pm- Gift Share
7 pm- Book Club
Friday, Oct. 2: 6 pm- Crossman Championship @ Lucky Strike
Saturday, Oct. 3: 4 pm- Fall Fun @ Hall Family Farm
6 pm- Youth Corn Maze & Bon Fire @ Hall Family Farm