

ROOTED SUNDAY NEXT SUNDAY!

Kids and youth of all ages will dig into faith through Bible stories, hands-on activities, real conversations, and more. One Sunday a month. One shared faith journey. Different ages. One ROOTED family.
AND YES—LUNCH IS INCLUDED!

OCT. 18- Catechism: Overview of the Bible

We'll explore the Bible as God's Word, which tells the story of God's love and saving work throughout history. Children will learn how the Bible is organized into the Old and New Testaments and discover the major stories and themes within it. We'll see how all of Scripture points us toward Jesus Christ.

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!

Faith Alive @ Lutheridge- Nov. 6-8

Middle schoolers this is for YOU! At Faith Alive, experiential learning provides meaningful and relevant lessons while friendships are built through shared cabins and caring counselors. Creative worship. crafts, songs, games, and a campfire create an unforgettable summer camp-like experience. Come Nov 6-8 to learn about one of the baptismal promises that youth make as they affirm their baptism!

Use the link below to register!

Blessing Our College Students & Military Personnel with Care Packages

Each year, the Miriam Circle prepares care packages for Cross & Crown's college students & military personnel, and we'd love to send one to your loved one! Because this ministry is focused on supporting our own congregation's young adults, the care packages are just for college students & military personnel who are members of Cross & Crown, or whose parents are members (not grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or extended family).



Please let us know if there are any food allergies. Use the link below or email LeAnne (office@crossandcrown.org) to submit your student or service person's information. Deadline for submissions is Sunday November 1st!

Lutheranism 101: The Reformation

Join Pastor Melody on Sunday, October 25, for another session of Lutheranism 101! This class will explore the Reformation, its impact on the Lutheran faith, and how its teachings continue to shape who we are as a church today. Whether you're new to Lutheranism or simply want to learn more about our faith and traditions, all are welcome! The class meets in the library during the Adult Sunday School hour.

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.



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!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2027 Congregational Retreat January 15-17(18)

Join us for a weekend in the beautiful North Carolina mountains as we step away from our busy routines to connect with one another, grow in faith, and reflect on what it means to be the church together. Unlike past retreats focused on service projects, this year's retreat will center on belonging, discovering the gifts we each bring, and exploring how we can use those gifts to live out God's mission together. Through meaningful conversations, fellowship, worship, and fun, we'll celebrate what makes Cross & Crown special and look ahead to how God is calling us to grow together in 2027

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

Registration coming soon!

CHARLOTTE AREA YOUTH LOCK-IN

NOVEMBER 13-14

Youth groups from across the Charlotte area are invited to gather for the annual Charlotte Area Lock-In, and Cross & Crown is hosting! This late-night gathering brings faith, friends, and fun for churches in the Charlotte region.

COST IS $15
RSVP BELOW!



MEAT UP OCT. 18- 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

ANNUAL MEETING: NOVEMBER 8

Following Late Service

PRAYER list

MEMBERS:

JEANETTE ABBOTT
JENNY BOOTH
JIM BURNS
DENNIS DOWNEY
LINDA FARIES
PAM HANCHARIK
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

Daphne Kaysen	**OCTOBER 11**
Jeff Bratschie	**OCTOBER 12**
Lisa Roth	**OCTOBER 12**

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.

IMAGINE more

2027 NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

JUNE 27–JULY 2, 2027

What if we imagined more love, grace, welcome, joy, and courage? What could God do through us? Join Cross & Crown youth at the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering, June 27–July 2! Youth currently in 8th grade and above are invited to experience inspiring worship, meaningful service, new friendships, and a faith that grows beyond the walls of our church. The cost is $500 per participant, paid by the family, and everyone will be expected to help in fundraising events to help make the trip possible.

Come Imagine More with us! Registration is open NOW! In the coming months, we will give more details, so start thinking about how you can be part of this exciting adventure!

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. 12: 7:30 pm- Women's Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday, Oct. 13: 9:30 am- Squares of Love Quilting
12 pm- Staff Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 14: 1 pm- Mahjong
6 pm- WNH Dinner
6:45 pm- Handbells, 7:30 pm- Choir
Thursday, Oct. 15: 1 pm- Gift Share
Friday, Oct. 169: 4:42 pm- Walking Club

Wednesday Night Happenings

October 14

Good food, good conversation, & community!



Pork Chops

Juicy and delicious roasted pork chops with a savory seasoning.

Sides: Baked Rice, Green Beans, Garden Salad, Rolls & Dessert

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