



SUNDAY'S SERMON

Pastor Brook will be posting a recorded service on Sunday at 8:15 a.m. It will be posted on Facebook and on our website www.crossandcrown.org/sermon. In addition a link will be emailed at 9 a.m.



The "Be Still & Know" Centering Prayer group will meet virtually **next Sunday (June 7)** from 1:00 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. via Zoom. This is an opportunity to learn and experience Contemplative Prayer and join in a silent meditation time wherever we live. This June will mark 2 years since this meditation/prayer group started meeting each month. To join the call go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87131944399>

Regathering for Worship

Our Cross & Crown Regathering Task Force is hard at work developing a list of congregation regathering procedures and safety guidelines we will follow when we return to our church campus for worship. This group, led by Council Vice President Elizabeth McCollom, is dedicated to making faithful decisions that both honor the values we share regarding worship and keep us all safe.

At its most recent meeting, a 2-question survey was prepared to help the task force gauge interest in an additional worship service to be offered in the near future. You'll find the link in the newsletter E-Blast.

As you know, our state has entered Phase 2 of the Governor's 3-phase plan for lifting restrictions on public gatherings. The Cross & Crown Council's vote to suspend in-house gatherings of more than 10 also expires this Sunday. At the May Council meeting, held this week, Council agreed not to hold any *in person* gatherings until the Governor moves us into Phase 3.

We anticipate that when our NC Synod Council meets Saturday, May 30, to vote on recommendations for ELCA congregations desiring to gather in person to worship, it will pass a similar guideline. In fact, Bishop Smith has alerted us that one of the Synod task force's recommendations will be that NC Synod congregations not gather in groups larger than 10 inside or 25 outside until the governor moves us into Phase 3 (4-6 weeks after May 22, likely taking us until end of June).

We will keep you posted on any further decisions made by our own Congregation Council regarding in-person worship services. For the next month, continue to join us on Sundays for online worship. Many have said they enjoy the flexibility online worship offers--so come in your PJ's or sweats, with coffee or breakfast, and sing like nobody's listening!



Are You A Business Owner?

Your church wants to support you especially during these difficult times. We will have a "Special Edition" of the weekly newsletter coming soon, encouraging members to support your business. If you are licensed/insured and would like to join in, please respond to LeAnne with your business information by **Wednesday, June 3rd**.



Virtual Offering Plate Ways to Give

* **Mail:** LeAnne will be picking up the mail each day. 300 Pineville Matthews Rd. Matthews, NC 28105

- * **Bank:** Use electronic giving through your bank.
 - * **Simply Giving:** LeAnne can email a Simply Giving form to you. (office@crossandcrown.org)
 - * **Tithe.ly:** You will find a GIVE option on our website's main menu that opens the Tithe.ly app. Or you can simply text 'GIVE' to 252-881-1050 to make your gift.
- Thank you for keeping contributions current while we are apart.**

Porch Time with Pastor Brook

One of my favorite things is sitting down with folks and just chatting- talking about current events, faith topics, or just whatever is going on in people's lives. So I'm inviting you--virtually, course! --to join me on my front porch for a chat! So every **Monday from 2:00-3:30 p.m.** I'll be available via Zoom for good, old-fashioned conversation--whatever's on your mind. Just click on this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89063013419?pwd=ZXVrY2dEUGFjTHBpeXF5UzVhRU13dz09> and enter the password 042228. See you soon! **Pastor Brook**



Table Talk with PG

Got a burning question you think about a lot? Want to share your passion for a particular book? Have a dream about what you want to be 'when you grow up'? Lonely for being together IN church and eager to talk about it? Zoom in to share with a few others, and join the conversation. I'm offering a Table Talk during dinner time every Wednesday, with a different topic each week. Bring a plate or a beverage if you want, and let's chat over the virtual table. **First "Table Talk": Wednesday, June 3rd, at 5:30 p.m.** Topic: Sunday mornings--what we miss about in-person worship and what we enjoy about virtual worship. Shoot me an email or text to sign up, or just show up on Zoom, using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89990421040>.



Congratulations to Sue Sproat, Executive Director of our ministry partner COSKids, for receiving the Nancy Glenn Award from the Matthews Human Services Council for Outstanding Service to our community.

FM TRANSMITTER

Do you have an FM Transmitter that the church could borrow? We are exploring ideas of a fun, new way to worship this summer. Contact Pastor Brook if you are able to lend it to the church.



SCOUT ME IN™

Pack 140 is happy to announce that we are forming a girl's Den! We are looking for young ladies that are interested in joining between the grades of Kindergarten through 5th grade. If you are interested in joining please contact Dave Ivey (Unit Committee Chair) divey@carolina.rr.com.



PAWS TO CELEBRATE!

Safe Animal Haven in Matthews (<https://www.safeanimalhaven.org>) has been approved to receive Thrivent Choice dollars! As a member benefit, Thrivent members can now direct their Thrivent Choice dollars (<https://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice>) to S.A.F.E. (Spay/Neuter, Adoption, Foster and Education) Animal Haven, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) foster-based animal rescue group comprised entirely of volunteers who care deeply about animals and our community. They serve as a community and school resource for information about: companion animals and their care; and the importance of spay/neuter to reduce the shelter population. They provide rescues and adoptions to rehabilitate and re-home abandoned, neglected, abused or otherwise homeless dogs. They provide a lifetime home, if necessary, for animals that are elderly, disabled, and/or have a chronic condition requiring specialized care. For more information about this amazing organization, contact Sue Papacharalambous, SAFE Animal Haven volunteer. Want more information about how you can help through Thrivent? Contact Barbara Maillet or Susan Yount, Thrivent volunteers for Cross and Crown Lutheran.