The Weekly Update

October 16, 2026

ROOTED SUNDAY THIS WEEK!

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!

MEAT UP 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

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.

ANNUAL MEETING: NOVEMBER 8

BETWEEN SERVICES



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

Use the link below to register!

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!

Serving Up Love, Sharing Hope







The ladies who prepare meals for Changed Choices' SEED program serve up so much more than food—they serve love, hope, and encouragement! Every other month, they thoughtfully plan and prepare a creative menu to make each meal special, reminding participants that they are valued, loved, and remembered. Through this simple but meaningful ministry, they share God's love and help create a sense of belonging.

Cross & Crown is proud to support this ministry, and our ladies' meal ministry is one small but powerful way we can remind these women that someone cares. Because lasting change begins when someone believes in you long enough for you to begin believing in yourself.

This month's menu... Chili Con Carne, Rice, Corn Casserole, Fall Harvest Salad, Mandarin Orange "Pumpkins" and Apple Pie!

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

Reed Esarove	**OCT 16**
David Angevine	**OCT 18**
Olivia Kaysen	**OCT 18**
Roger Stron	**OCT 19**
Jeannie Seaford	**OCT 19**
Taylor Simpkins	**OCT 21**
Reneau Van Landingham	**OCT 21**

I will be out of the office Friday, Oct. 16- Friday, Oct. 23. If you need assistance while I am away, please contact Laura Van Landingham or Pastor Melody. They will assist you as best as they can, and I'll follow up with you when I return. Thank you!

LeAnne

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!

SET YOUR ROOTS

Welcome home! That's what we say every time we gather for worship. Are you ready to set your roots? Are you ready to deepen your faith in this community? Join us on November 8 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for Set Your Roots. This is a time to learn more about the Cross & Crown family. Lunch will be provided.



Coming up this week...

Monday, Oct. 19: 10 am- Book Club
7:30 pm- Women's Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday, Oct. 20: 12 pm- Staff Meeting
7 pm- Finance Committee Mtg.
Wednesday, Oct. 21: 1 pm- Mahjong
6 pm- WNH Dinner
6:30 pm- Executive Committee Mtg.
6:45 pm- Handbells, 7:30 pm- Choir
Thursday, Oct. 22: 1 pm- Gift Share
Friday, Oct. 23: 4:42 pm- Walking Club
Saturday, Oct. 24: 4-7 pm Ocktoberfest!

Wednesday Night Happenings

October 21

Good food, good conversation, & community!



Taco & Potato Bar

Taco meat and all the fixins' to top your perfect taco or baked potato.

Sides: Garden Salad, Dinner Rolls & Dessert

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