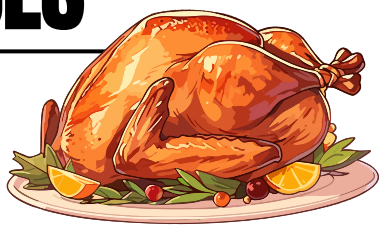



# ANNUAL MEETING: SUNDAY!

## BETWEEN SERVICES



It's time for our annual Thanksgiving Turkey Drive! This year, our goal is to collect 45 turkeys to help make Thanksgiving special for families in our community. Thirty turkeys will be donated to the Charlotte Rescue Mission, and the remaining 15 will go to families in need at Matthews Elementary School.

**There are two ways you can help:**

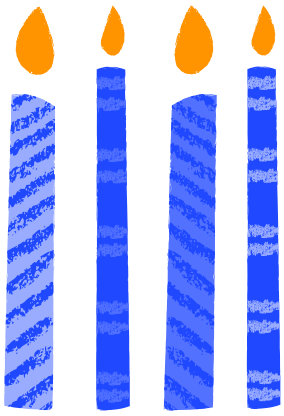
- Make a monetary contribution (our preferred method), allowing us to purchase turkeys as needed and save on freezer space.
- Donate a turkey by signing up to bring one. Turkeys need to be 10-15 lbs.

**All donated turkeys must be delivered to the church by Wednesday, November 18.**

Every contribution makes a difference! Thank you for helping us share God's love and ensure that more families have a reason to give thanks this Thanksgiving!

**Use the link below to sign up or donate!**

# Make Room for Joy This Advent!



Advent is a season of waiting, wonder, and preparation as we get ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus. This year, grow in faith and connection through three opportunities at Cross & Crown!

Explore daily readings with The Dawning of Indestructible Joy by John Piper ($10), or join our book study of Learning to Walk in the Dark by Barbara Brown Taylor ($6.50). Both books are available in the narthex, along with the reading outline for each book. **QR Code for payment is available on the table with the books.**

You're also invited to our Midweek Advent Dinner & Worship on December 2, 9 & 16. Enjoy dinner and fellowship with your church family, followed by Holden Evening Prayer as we pause from the busyness of the season and prepare our hearts for Christ's coming.

**Come experience the hope, joy, and wonder of Advent together!**

SET YOUR ROOTS

# *Are Your Ready to 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 THIS Sunday 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.*

# ROOTED SUNDAY- NEXT WEEK!

**Get ready for an exciting Rooted Sunday! This month, we're digging into the book of Genesis and exploring the story of creation. We'll discover the amazing world God created and celebrate the beauty and wonder of all living things.**



**And what better way to experience God's creation than with a trip to a farm? Amazing Grace Lutheran is hosting a special visit where we'll get to spend time with horses, dogs and nature! It's sure to be a fun afternoon of learning, exploring, and connecting with one another.**



**We need a few extra adult chaperones and drivers to help make this outing possible. If you're able to lend a hand, we'd love to have you join us!**

**Register by clicking the link below!**

# Poinsettia's for Christmas



Help make our sanctuary beautiful this Christmas Eve by ordering a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone special. Your flowers will add to the beauty of our Christmas Eve worship while serving as a meaningful tribute to loved ones.

Orders can be placed online using the link below or by completing a paper order form available from the ushers on Sunday mornings. We hope you'll join us in this special Christmas tradition!

**Orders are due by Sunday, December 6th.**

# Hanging of the Greens

Join us for our annual Hanging of the Green service on November 22 at 4 pm. as we prepare our church for the Advent season! The worship service will consist of Advent hymns, a Christmas pageant, and decorating our Chrismon Tree. Children participating in the Christmas pageant need to arrive at 3:40.

**No practice needed.**




Following worship, we'll gather for a meal and a little friendly competition with a Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser to support our youth attending the Youth Gathering and Mission Trip this summer. Sample the entries, vote for your favorite, and help us raise money for this exciting experience! If you'd like to enter the competition, bring a pot of your favorite chili to share. Tasting cups will be provided!

**Please use the link below to register.**

After the meal, everyone is invited to stay and create their own Advent wreath to take home. The church will provide foil pans, wet oasis, plastic candle holders, candles, and an assortment of fresh-cut greens, pinecones, and berries. Please bring garden gloves and handheld trimmers to help with the greenery.

***Come worship, eat, create, and kick off the Advent season with us!***

# PRAYER list

**MEMBERS:**

JEANETTE ABBOTT
JENNY BOOTH
**JIM BURNS**
**BECKY CARTER**
DENNIS DOWNEY
LINDA FARIES
PAM HANCHARIK
HAROLD HEIDEGGER
KATHI & FRANK MACARINE
GREG & KELLY RICHARDSON
**CRISS UCMAN**
JD WINFREY

**FAMILY & FRIENDS:**

Andrew Bernauer, son of Wayne & Rosemary Bernauer
Sandra Duncan, friend of Felicia Eybl
**Ronnie Durham, Emily Rock's dad**
Nancy Farden, friend of Larry Stratemeyer
**Robert Lewis, regular attender**
Ted Meiss, Christine Meiss' husband

# Happy Birthday

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| **Barbara Maillet** | **NOV 6** |
| **David Stojetz** | **NOV 9** |
| **Nathan Bragg** | **NOV 9** |
| **Michelle Weil** | **NOV 10** |
| **Pam Hancharik** | **NOV 12** |
| **Jill Scott** | **NOV 12** |

## Wednesday Night Happenings

**November 11**

*Good food, good conversation, & community!*



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

### Meatloaf

A classic comfort favorite made with seasoned ground beef, baked to perfection and topped with a savory glaze.

Sides: Green Beans, Potatoes, Garden Salad & Dessert

## IMAGINE more 2027 NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

**JUNE 27–JULY 2, 2027**

What could God do through us with more love, grace, welcome, joy, and courage?
Join Cross & Crown youth at the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering, June 27–July 2! Youth currently in 8th grade and older are invited for inspiring worship, meaningful service, new friendships, and faith-building experiences. The cost is $500 per participant, paid by families, and all participants will help with fundraising.
Registration is open NOW! Start imagining more and be part of this exciting adventure!

## Show Your C&C Spirit!




**Have you been wearing your new Cross & Crown merch? Now's the time to show it off! We love seeing our C&C family proudly sporting their church gear.**

**Missed the first order? Good news! The C&C Merch Store is reopening November 6–30! This is another great opportunity to grab something for yourself or pick up a gift for someone else.**

**Wear it proudly, spread the C&C spirit, and remember... Welcome Home!**

https://cclcyouth.availstores.com/

**Copy the link above or click the button below!**

## ROADSIDE CLEANUP: DEC. 5

## Coming up this week...

Monday, Nov. 9: 7:30 pm- Women's Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday, Nov. 10: 9:30 am- Squares of Love Quilting
12 pm- Staff Meeting
Wednesday, Nov. 11: 1 pm- Mahjong
6 pm- WNH Dinner
6:45 pm- Handbells, 7:30 pm- Choir
Thursday, Nov. 12: 12:30 pm- Lunch Bunch @ Vortex
1 pm- Gift Share
Friday, Nov. 13: 4:25 pm- Walking Club
Charlotte Area Youth Lock in!

## 2027 Congregational Retreat
## January 15-17(18)

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

Join us for a weekend in the beautiful North Carolina mountains as we reconnect, grow in faith, and celebrate what it means to be the church together. Through worship, fellowship, meaningful conversations, and fun, we'll discover the gifts we each bring, explore how we can use them in God's mission, and look ahead to all God has in store for Cross & Crown in 2027.

**Use the link below to register!**