

Town Hall Forum in the Fellowship Hall between services at 9:30 a.m. No adult Sunday School this week.

Cross & Crown Weekly News 8-20-17

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BACKPACK BLESSING

School Days are almost here! What's in your Backpack? Next Sunday, Aug. 27th, we will have a Backpack Blessing at both services, 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

Mark Your Calendars!

Help us "kick off" the school year on September 10th with Kick Off Sunday! In between services we will be offering a Ministry Fair in the Fellowship Hall which will feature the new Sunday School curriculum as well as other featured ministries. Parents and kids can also take a peak at their classrooms for the year. After the 10:45 service, we will gather for a fun, Tailgate-themed lunch and then go to our service projects for the day for God's Work, Our Hands. You're not going to want to miss this fun day. It's also an awesome day to invite friends who might be interested in joining our community! Questions? Contact Vicar Brook.



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SUNDAY SCHOOL MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

We still have **2 slots** remaining for Sunday School teachers. We need your help! The commitment is only for once a month and makes a tremendous difference in the faith journeys of our youth. It is also fundamental to the growth of our church. And who knows- God just might be inviting you into an entirely new ministry? Give it a shot. Contact Vicar Brook if you're interested.

Teachers Needed!



Men's Bible Study on the Book of Revelation Starts September 7th, at 7 p.m.

BYOB (and Bible!) Join Vicar Brook and Rev. Pat DeJuneas as we explore this extraordinary book of wild imagery, complex messages and most of all...hope. Need a Bible? Let us know in your RSUP.



Calling All 3-5 Graders!

Mark your calendars for this year's **Youth-Quake**, held at Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church in Hickory on **October 21** from 10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. This annual event sponsored by the NC Synod is specifically for 3rd through 5th graders. It's a great chance to meet other young Lutherans from around the state. We will be participating in music, worship, fellowship, devotions, and fun as we explore the seven Faith Practices. High school and college-aged youth serve as group leaders. Cost is \$20 per person which includes t-shirt, lunch, crafts, music, and program. Please contact Vicar Brook to get your child signed up. Will be a fun day!



SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL
Kindergarten through 4th graders meet in the Fellowship Hall for an all-children activity.

Older children can be helpers in this activity.



Men's Group News!

The **Sporting Clays Outing** has been rescheduled for **Saturday, October 28th.**

We will meet at the church around 10am to car-pool down to the club (**Rocky Creek Sporting Clays** (<http://rockycreeksportingclays.com>) in Richburg, SC. Cost is \$75 per person. The only thing you need to bring is protective eyewear. The rest is covered in the package. If you're interested in participating, please contact Vicar Brook or the church office. Should be a fun day. Even if you have never shot before, join us for a day of fun and fellowship.

You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

2 Corinthians 9:11

Next month we will start our pledge campaign. Imagine what your pledge can do for our ministries. We encourage you to start planning for this in September. Thank you, Stewardship Committee

Come Paint With Us!

On Saturday September 9th we will be refreshing a few classrooms and bathrooms downstairs. Bring your brushes, rollers, paint pans, drop cloths, ladders, painter's tape, happy cheerful attitudes and lots of energy! Work begins at 9 a.m. on September 9th and we will work until finished or at a good stopping place.



Matthews Alive Sept. 1-4 Remember to sign-up for your shift!

This is the Matthews community signature Labor Day weekend festival. Rides, games, crafts, food, entertainment, and more throughout this traditional end to summer celebration.

This is a great community outreach and fundraiser for our church. On average Cross and Crown earns in excess of \$3,000. Shifts are available throughout the weekend. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex. Be sure to include your contact number or contact the church office for more information. Thank you!

Baby Items Still Needed!

Please take a card from our PICK-A-POCKET poster and select an item. Promise Baby Care Kits are distributed as part of emergency relief efforts by the ELCA, but they are also given to encourage expectant women to seek prenatal care. We will be collecting donations until September 3rd and will be putting kits together on September 10th as a God's Work, Our Hands project.



All About Lutherans

Interested in a fun review of all things Lutheran? Join our next **'All About Lutherans'** gathering. Conversation, food, lots of laughs and some really helpful information will fill our morning, as we get to know newcomers to our congregation. The best group is a mix of new folks and long-timers, so if you've not yet had a chance to be in on All About Lutherans, please consider coming. RSVP to the Pastor or call the church office. Saturday, September 16th, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Please remember to **PRAY** for those on our **Congregation Prayer List.**

Readings for 8-27-17

Matthew 16:13-20
Romans 12:1-8
Exodus 1:22-2:10

Please join us for a reception for Vicar Brook between services next Sunday, August 27th.

FinancialPeaceUniversity is Coming to Cross & Crown. Beginning Sunday, Sept 24th from 7-9 p.m. there will be 9 classes, each Sunday through November 19th. We will be meeting at the church. What might be the best "baby steps" you could take to better financial management in your life? Come find out at Financial Peace University. Over 3 million couples and singles have paid off \$5,300 in debt and save \$2,700 in the first 90 days after starting this class using the principals discussed. The cost is \$93 for books a materials. Please order your materials at www.daveramsey.com/fpu. Contact the church office for more details.



Please consider joining us for **Music and Desserts on Wednesday, August 30th.** Be our guest and try out handbells at 6:45 p.m., desserts at 7:30 p.m. and choir at 8:00 p.m.

Property Workdays for the year: September 9, October 14, November 18, December 2.

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