



Thank you  
Veterans!

### Come to the Annual Meeting

- \*Hear a review of the year from our Council and Pastors
  - \*Find out what's happening in our preschool
  - \*Learn the results of our annual audit
  - \*Vote on new Council and Nominating Committee members
  - \*Celebrate our renovations and other renewal work
  - \*Enjoy fellowship with C&C friends
- Get all this and more at the Annual Meeting  
Nov. 19th, 9:30 a.m. (between services)  
Fellowship Hall
- The nomination list is located on the Church Council's bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall.

### Flooring Work: Two Weeks and Counting!

Two weeks down and one to go! Flooring work is finished in our hallways, parlor and narthex. Aren't the new floors beautiful? In the sanctuary the choir loft has been removed and replacements for our pew cushions and kneelers are partially installed. During week 2 refinishing work on our pews was finished. Week 3 will include carpet replacement in the sanctuary.

Though we were hoping to be back in the sanctuary for worship on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, the fumes from refinishing work and the dust stirred up by the work there are keeping us out. On Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, we will be back to celebrate our newly refurbished sanctuary space with prayers of thanksgiving!  
Please continue to pray for our church during these weeks of renovation. And be patient and confident—all will be well.



### A Time To Be Thankful

With Thanksgiving right around the corner, I'm looking forward to our annual Community Thanksgiving service. It's always uplifting to be with our friends from other faith traditions, united in praise and thanksgiving. Though the service this year was to be at Cross and Crown, I asked to wait till next year to host because of the flooring work. So this year we will worship at Wesley United Methodist Church on Rea Road.

Since we had been slated to host, we've been asked to contribute refreshments for the after-worship reception. Could YOU bring a plate of cookies or another sweet treat, or some fruit for the reception? If you can, we'd like to have your food at Cross and Crown by 4:00 p.m. the day of the service. We probably need 10-15 plates of sweets and several fruit plates.

I hope you can help. But more than that, I hope you will join our worship on Tuesday, Nov. 21st, at 7:00 p.m. at Wesley United Methodist, 37 15 Rea Rd., Charlotte 28226.

Thanks for your faithfulness, always! Pastor Ginn



If you're in grades 6th-12, you don't want to miss the Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO) Annual Assembly, February 23-25 at the Embassy Suites in Greensboro, NC. This is a fun event where youth from across the state spend time with each other in small groups, singing with the band, and growing in faith. It's youth-planned and youth-led. Cross and Crown will be taking a group and want you to be part of it. Myself and one of our members are serving as chaperones. Cost is \$140. Scholarships are available, so don't let cost be a deterrent. Simply shoot me an email.

Register now at <https://lutheranyouth.org/event/lyo-assembly/>

\*\*Make sure you notify me once you've registered so I can get a head count. It's going to be a blast! In Christ, Pastor Brook

### FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Take control of your finances with the straight-forward, time-tested principles of Dave Ramsey.

Another Financial Peace course starts Sunday, January 7th. The course will meet Sundays, 5:30-7:30 until March 11th. Cost of the course is \$129. Don't miss this opportunity to get on the right track financially so you can control your money rather than your money controlling you!

Want to learn more about ways to "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly before the Lord"? Activate your faith by plugging into the ELCA NC Synod Justice and Advocacy Ministries. Learn more by joining their email distribution list by sending an email to the ministry coordinator, GeoRene Jones at [gjones@nclutheran.org](mailto:gjones@nclutheran.org).

### Pastor On Call

Your two pastors will take turns being available for emergencies or other unexpected needs on weekends and Mondays (our day off). In each weekend's newsletter we'll list the "Pastor On Call" that weekend and the next—Saturday through Monday.

We want to be available for you when you need us. You can help us by checking bulletin and newsletter for 'Pastor On Call' information. And we count on you to support one another, as you have always done. We share with you the joy of loving and helping each other.

Pastor Jennifer and Pastor Brook

Wednesday Night Happenings 11-15-17: spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, rolls & dessert. If you are not on the "regulars" list, please call (704-847-5967) or email [office@crossandcrown.org](mailto:office@crossandcrown.org)

### ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP

Please save Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 8:45 a.m. for our next Roadside Clean-Up. We should be finished around 10:30 a.m. Bring gloves, appropriate clothing, and a desire to make a difference in our community! Please contact the church office with any questions.

We will continue to collect the stewardship packets for the next few weeks. Please remember this helps us to plan our future.

Even if you aren't able to pledge financially, please pledge to pray for the church and participate in worship.  
Our goal is 100% participation!

*Dear Lord, You are so generous with us. Grant us faithful and giving hearts so we can be generous with You. Help us to hold onto our things loosely. Empower us, Lord, to use our time, talents, and treasures in Your service. In Your precious name we pray. Amen.*



### Bulletin Board Updating— YOU Can Help!

With new carpet and flooring down our halls, our bulletin boards need a fresh look, too. So your staff (who see these boards every day as we walk those halls) are doing something about it! We have begun removing old, outdated items. If you miss an item you really want to keep, you can find the ones we've removed in a basket on our office counter.

You can help! Remove outdated postings. Post fun photos of your group's activities. Put up descriptions of ministries and include contact information, so others can see how to get involved.



### SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children begin in the Choir Room. Then they'll move into learning and crafts time. Middle School and Senior High students meet downstairs in the Confirmation room and the Youth room.

### For Adults...

- \* Book of Faith group, studying Galatians. Meets in the Cross Room.
- \* The Contemporary Issues class (formerly DVD class) is currently focusing on marriage. Today the theme is on parenting. A DVD presentation by the Rev. Max Lucado provides the some insight into important topics. Meets in the parlor.
- \* E 100 class, studying 100 essential Bible stories. Meets in the library.
- \* Young families class on parenting. Meets in Weekday School Music room.

**Miriam Circle Update...** December 14, 2017 - Annual Christmas Party - Join us as we eat, drink, and be merry with appetizers and desserts. We'll also have a Consumable Gift Exchange - (\$10 max).

If you are not receiving the email updates for the Women's Group and would like to get them please contact the church office.

### Thank you! Thank you!

A big thank you to everyone who came and had their picture taken. We will let you know when all of the pictures are processed and the directory is available. We had 53% participation. Several people showed up with their four legged "children" and had some adorable photos taken. A special thank you to everyone who volunteered to help.



If you missed your session with the photographer and you want to be included in the directory please call the church office or contact Lifetouch Pictures at 1-866-756-0281. They will work with you to find a date and time to get your photos done. You will need the Cross & Crown account number when you have your picture taken. The deadline for submitting a picture to me or getting one taken by Lifetouch is Thanksgiving!

Thank you again for all your smiles!

Remember to  
PRAY  
for those on our  
Church Prayer List

Readings for 11-19-17  
Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Matthew 25:14-30

**Poetry Reading...** Join us after Wednesday Night Happenings this week for another poetry reading.

Anyone who wishes is invited to bring a favorite poem to share by reading aloud - or you could ask in advance for someone to read it for you. Think about your favorite poet - William Blake, Mary Oliver, Robert Frost, etc.; pick a favorite poem and come to share. We will do more listening than analyzing, though you might want to share what that author or poem means to you. Or bring an original poem written by YOU!



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