



Wishing you the very best this  
Mother's Day!

Next Sunday is **PENTECOST** and also **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY!** We will confirm our youth on May 20th at the 10:45 a.m. service. Join us as we celebrate the faith journeys of these young adults! **And don't forget to wear red for Pentecost!**

**NEXT SATURDAY IS... Cork & Keg-May 19, 2018 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.**

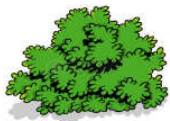
For foodies, wine enthusiasts, craft beer connoisseurs, art and music lovers – anyone looking for an enjoyable afternoon! Support COSKids! Sip and stroll on the COSKids lawn. Eat and browse crafts on Fremont Street. Observe artists at work on the Reid House lawn. Advance tickets \$25, \$30 at the event: [COSKidsMatthews.org](http://COSKidsMatthews.org).



**Honoring All Graduates!**



Send us names, schools, degrees and graduation dates for anyone in your family who graduated with a High School or post-High School degree this year. We want to celebrate all our graduates on Sunday, June 3rd. Email the church office ([office@crossandcrown.org](mailto:office@crossandcrown.org)) to give us your graduate information.



Want to help Cross & Crown become more beautiful? **Adopt a Shrub** - any donation gladly accepted - \$500 goal! The initial phase is planned for under the street-side windows of the Fellowship Hall. See the poster in the Narthex for more information.

**ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Please save **Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>** beginning at 8:45 AM 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.



The VBS planning team is rockin' and rollin' with so many fun ideas! It's going to be one of the best years yet! Some of the crafts need some household items that you can start collecting now and it would be a huge help! So far we know we need: egg cartons, paper towel rolls, small plastic water bottles, Jelly Jars with lids, and moving boxes. Questions? Contact the church office.



**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR VBS!**

Our theme for this year is "Shipwrecked" and we are already super excited about it! Dates are July 23-27th and cost is \$10 per child. Registration forms are available in the church office. Sign up while slots are available! Questions, contact the church office.

**YOUTH & YOUNG FAMILIES Sunday School @9:30 a.m.**



- ◆ **Children** begin in the Choir Room then move into learning and crafts time.
- ◆ **Middle School and Senior High** students meet downstairs in the Confirmation room and the Youth room.
- ◆ **Good Soil (Young Families group)** series on parenting - meets in the library.

Wednesday Night Happenings 5-16-18:  
Chicken rice casserole, California Veggies, salad, rolls, & dessert

**SAVE THE DATES**

**Property Work day:** 6/2 **VBS**—July 23-27,  
**Campfire**—6/10-6/16 at Lutheridge  
**ELCA National Youth Gathering**—6/27-7/1, Houston, TX



We are still receiving Time & Talent sheets. If you haven't completed yours, pick one up at the church. They are located on the table in the sanctuary. Please drop your completed Time & Talent sheet in the offering plate or give to a Pastor.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS**

**SUNDAY MORNINGS:**

- **Book of Faith class**, Begins a series on 1st John. Meets in the Cross room.
- **The Contemporary Issues class**, The Contemporary Issues class begins a video series on "Centering Prayer" by Rev. Thomas Keating on May 13 and continuing through May. Meets in the parlor at 9:45 a.m.

**THURSDAYS AT NOON:**

- **Midweek Bible Study**, Got an hour on Thursdays? Gather with us at noon in the parlor to read and talk about the scripture passages for Sunday. No pressure, just relaxed conversation and a chance to soak up the Word. We call it 'Word at Lunch,' but lunch is not a requirement. Drop in any Thursday!

**Journaling for Healing**

**A Healing Journal Workshop: Draw, Write, Pray**

9a.m. to 12p.m. at Cross & Crown, May 19th. Cost is \$15. Led by Pat Adams, spiritual director and author ([bythewaters.net](http://bythewaters.net)). Call the church office for information.



**MIRIAM CIRCLE THANKS YOU!**

The Miriam Circle extends a thank you to all who donated to the Yard Sale, to all who helped move everything to Fellowship Hall, and to those who worked for hours to organize and price the donations. Thanks to all who worked on Saturday, to those who prepared breakfast, and a big shout out to the men for their help with the tables and chairs. A very special note of appreciation should go to one of our members. She dedicates countless hours to Miriam Circle including chairing meetings, keeping everyone informed of activities and assisting in developing the various community support projects. All of this she does while holding a full-time job and caring for family.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Men's Group Father's Day Brewery Tour**

Saturday, June 16 1p.m.-5p.m.

Contact the church office for more information.



**Great News for COS Kids**

COS Kids has been approved to participate in the Thrivent Choice® program. Thrivent members with Thrivent Choice® dollars may now direct a portion of them to COS Kids.

Directing Choice Dollars is easy. Simply go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more and find program terms and conditions. There are three ways to direct dollars:

- Online, click on "log in" at the top right of your screen and enter your MyThrivent user ID and password.
  - By phone, call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.; or
  - If neither the online nor phone options are a fit, contact your financial representative or the Member Connection Center for other options.
- Together with Thrivent, you can help strengthen communities and change lives.



A youth member will be taking a group (ages 13 and up) to the Richmond County Animal Shelter. We will be going to volunteer at the shelter as well as bring supplies that have been donated! The sign up sheet is on the youth board!



*Altar Flowers*

*Have you ever considered signing up for altar flowers? Dedication a vase of flowers for worship is a perfect way to celebrate a birthday or anniversary, honor a loved one, glorify God and beautify the sanctuary.*

*You can sign up using the flower chart located in the hallway outside of the Fellowship hall. Simply take a green card from the pocket, fill it out and drop it in the offering plate with your \$40.00 payment.*

**Remember to PRAY for those on our Church Prayer List.**