

The Men's Group Presents:



Saturday, October 27th
3-7 p.m.



Join us for an authentic German meal, complete with brats (hotdogs for the kids), sauerkraut, German potato salad, and dessert! German beer & wine will be available as well. (Donations for frosty beverages welcome) Entertainment provided by our very own member. Games for the kids.

Invite your friends and neighbors and Join us for a fun and festive event for the whole family!
\$7/adult; \$3/kid; \$20 Family max.

Still Time to Register

Experience this poverty simulation and be moved to think differently about poverty's realities!

Morning Star Lutheran Church, 12509 Idlewild Rd, Matthews Saturday, Oct. 27th, 10 a.m.—1 p.m. (Free lunch provided)

Presented by Crisis Assistance Ministry

Hosted by Matthews/Mint Hill Faith Community (including several C&C members)

To register: Go to MSLCNC.ORG Event/Poverty Simulation or call Morning Star at 704-847-4502

We Are A Praying Church!

Our prayer list for Family & Friends grows longer every week. A good sign that God's people believe in the power of prayer. In an effort to keep it current and leave room for the additions that come often, we will be trimming the list in a couple of weeks. Of course some names will need to remain there, so we're asking you to notify us with that need. Email office@crossandcrown.org before Friday, Nov. 2, if the friend or family member you listed needs to remain on the list. We will gladly continue to include those names.



Calling all Young Families!

You're invited to a **SPOOKTACULAR** Halloween Party at the home of a member! Sunday, October 28th from 4pm-6pm. Wear your Halloween costumes and join us for hamburgers, hotdogs, bobbing for apples, and games. Bring a side item or dessert. Call the church office to RSVP.



Calling all Middle School Youth

It is time for our annual middle school youth group lock in! Plan to be dropped off at church at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 26th and spend the night. Pick up is Saturday, October 27th at 9:00 a.m. Friends are welcome. Bring sleeping gear and we will have food and snacks, fellowship, and Halloween fun. See you there. And don't forget that the church will be hosting the annual Oktoberfest festivities later in the day on Saturday, so this is sure to be a weekend of great fun.

NEXT SUNDAY IS REFORMATION SUNDAY! BE SURE TO WEAR RED!

The Bishop Is Coming!

With nearly 200 churches in the NC Synod of the ELCA, you'd think our Synod Bishop might be on the road constantly trying to stay in touch. And you'd be right! In fact, Bishop Tim Smith has made it a priority to visit all of the NC ELCA churches. Not every church is able to get on his calendar on a Sunday morning, but by asking way ahead of time, we did! Bishop Tim will be with us on Reformation Sunday, Oct. 28th. He is an excellent preacher, so don't miss worship that day. And between services he will talk with us about the Synod's plans for keeping Lutheran congregations in NC vibrant and fully engaged in the world.



Wednesday Night Happenings 10-24-18:
BBQ chicken, potato casserole, broccoli salad, rolls & dessert

3rd Quarter Contribution Statements have been placed in your church mailbox.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

If you haven't yet turned in your pledge card, there's still time. Put it in the offering plate or leave it at the church office, and be counted among those who are 'in the game' as we move forward together in mission at Cross & Crown. Thank you!

MISPLACED YOUR PACKET? ADDITIONAL STEWARDSHIP PACKETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

SUNDAY MORNINGS:

- **Book of Faith class** is studying the book of Revelation. Meets in the Cross room.
- **Contemporary Issues class** will consider the topic of Christian growth this morning. The texts are 1 Corinthians 3:1-4 and Hebrew 5:11-14. The class meets at 9:45 a.m. in the parlor.
- **Good Soil Group** for young parents is studying the DVD series "Nooma." Meets in the Crown room across from the library.

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.

Blessing of the Animals today at 2 p.m. Bring your animals, large and small, on leashes or in cages, furry or feathery, to a Blessing of the Animals today, at 2:00 p.m. Together we will remember God's good creation and the gift of animals in our lives. We will lay hands on our animal friends as we bless them in God's name. Come and join the barking chorus in song, prayer, and fellowship!



Today--The Third Road

The Road to Emmaus—eyes opened to Christ in us and in others.
The Road to Damascus—transformation, possible for anyone.
The Road to Jericho—action that reflects the Christ within.

Today we walk the third road, watching someone from whom no one expects good to come save a life. The 'Good Samaritan' redefines love for neighbor and challenges us to join him in selfless action for others.

Eyes wide open + transformed heart = loving action.
How can each of us live out that equation?
A challenging question, an exciting call!



Cross & Crown Tee Shirts and Sweatshirts!

Order sheets have been placed in mailboxes for new short and long sleeve tee shirts and zipped hoodies. Please attach your check to your order form and leave it in the office or place in offering plate. Deadline for placing an order will be Sunday, November 4th.

To All The Ladies That Attended The Women's Retreat

Thank you for making the weekend such a success! What a great way to spend time together in such a relaxing and fun place. You are an amazing, loving and fun bunch of women! The offering we collected for Turning Point (the domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse facility) totaled \$496. Your generosity enabled us to purchase and deliver 128 rolls of toilet paper, 60 rolls of paper towels, 144 juice boxes, 360 individual fruit snacks and \$250 worth of gift cards to be used for school clothing for the children at the facility. Thank you for making the weekend such a wonderful memory for all of us.
The Retreat Committee

CONGREGATION NOTICE

Annual Meeting November 18th, 2018

Check the Council bulletin board (next to the Fellowship Hall) for names of members that the Nominating Committee has nominated to serve on the Congregation Council for a two-year term beginning in January 2019:

You will also find the names of members nominated to serve on the Nominating Committee for a one year term beginning January 2019.

Members other than those listed may stand for election to the Congregational Council or Nominating Committee if written notice, signed by that member, is provided to the chairperson of the Nominating Committee by October 18th. Place nominations in mailbox, # 60.

Please remember to
PRAY
for those on our
Church Prayer List

Readings for 10-28-18
Romans 3:19-28
Psalm 46
John 8:31-36

On Nov. 3rd a member will be volunteering at the Monroe animal shelter. If you would like to attend, please leave a message with the church office. Donations are welcome.

