



SUNDAY'S WORSHIP

Pastor Ginn will be posting a recorded service on Sunday at 8:15 a.m. It will be posted on Facebook, YouTube, and on our website www.crossandcrown.org/sermon. In addition a link will be emailed at 9 a.m.



We want YOU to help with online worship!

The Worship Team is looking for folks who can help film, assemble, and edit online worship each week. Familiarity with simple video editing software (Movavi, Hitfilm, iMovie, etc) is helpful, as well as Powerpoint.

Maybe you're a student who needs service hours for school, or maybe you're an adult who likes to play around with computers and video. Let us know if you're willing to help! Contact Pastor Brook if interested. Thanks!



Thank You Superheroes!

We wrapped up our month long virtual VBS this week. This year, the incredible VBS team of Victoria Pollard, Breanne Villas, Felicia Amick, and Annette Downey came up with an innovative alternative to a traditional VBS. Each Wednesday in July we posted a short "webisode" on Facebook and YouTube featuring Pastor Brook going into the community and identifying and interviewing a community hero, as well as a craft based on that week's theme. Each week's theme centered around a Bible verse and also featured a challenge for kids to enact that week's theme. The webisodes are still available on our YouTube channel if you'd like to check them out and use them with kids in your family.

Here's an overview:

- Week 1: Be A Helper
- Week 2: Be a Teacher
- Week 3: Be A Protector
- Week 4: Be A Caregiver

A "Sunday Special"

This Sunday's sermon includes several stories from members of the C&C Storytelling group (StoryCorps). Tune in for them, and if you'd like to find out more about StoryCorps, Zoom into our next gathering this Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. Newcomers always welcome! Use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84759990483>

ONLINE REFLECTIONS

PASTOR BROOK AND PASTOR GINN BOTH POST OCCASIONAL REFLECTIONS ON THE CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE WATCH FOR THEM.



Don't forget about our Facebook page! Check it out for all the latest news at C&C!

"Like" the Synod Facebook page or go to www.nclutheran.org for all the latest Synod news and information about existing and upcoming courses and studies.

BUILDING PROTOCOLS

With our staff continuing to work at home, our church building remains locked during most of the day. **If you should need be in the building, please remember to wear a mask.** It is for your safety and the safety of others. We have also added a sign-in station with hand sanitizer and sign-in instructions. For Insurance purposes, we need to know who enters the building and when, so please comply. Even if you have a building key, we ask that you use only the main entrance. Watch for further details about building protocols from our Regathering Task Force.



COMMON HEART
a small revolution of kindness

This week several members of our Community Care team made a visit to Common Heart, an organization that provides food assistance to the hungry in Union County. (This is one of the non-profit ministries that received a donation from funds recently allocated by Council.)

The team is organizing a community food drive much like the fast food/restaurant gift card drive that was so successful back in the late spring. They will be collecting canned & dry goods on **August 12th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** It will be a drive-thru drop-off in the church parking lot.

Most needed items include:

Cereal, spaghetti, canned beans, meats & vegetables, canned fruit, pasta, rice, dried beans, peanut butter, jelly, canned ravioli, chicken noodle soup.

Porch Time with Pastor Brook

Porch Time with Pastor Brook has a new time slot! Wanna chat? Zoom on in! Join him on Mondays at 5 p.m. for another chat!
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83890150612>



Table Talk with PG

Pull up a chair for Wednesday evening conversation with PG and others around the virtual table. Bring a plate or a beverage if you want. Table Talk topic for Wednesday, July 29th, 5:30 p.m.: Let's chat about church—your childhood church. Or tell us about your first church, whenever it came along in your life. Or maybe you'd prefer to listen instead of talk, and that's OK, too.

No need to sign up; just show up on Zoom, using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82677455853>

Dear Church Book Study Update

The virtual Zoom book study of Dear Church will meet again on **Wednesday, July 29th at 7 p.m.** Additional participants are welcome to join the next session.

To join the Zoom meeting go to

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85895164267?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85895164267?pwd=SC9xMmZoNVF0QzFobVZkaUhmV0N6QT09)
[pwd=SC9xMmZoNVF0QzFobVZkaUhmV0N6QT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85895164267?pwd=SC9xMmZoNVF0QzFobVZkaUhmV0N6QT09)

ID: 858 9516 4267 Password: Family

Your Generosity Matters

THANK YOU to all of you who have continued your financial giving during this time when we are unable to gather in person. Being out of rhythm can be disruptive to many of our habits, and giving is one of them. Utilizing online tools such as Tithely, Simply Giving, or even Online Bill Payment through your bank has provided a safe and convenient way for many to continue the important practice of financial stewardship. Some mail or even physically deliver their gifts, which is wonderful, too!

Now more than ever, your giving to the church is critical. Although we are not gathering in person, we still have financial obligations that your giving enables us to meet. So if you haven't made arrangements or would like to discuss giving strategies, give either a pastor or someone on council a call!

Be Still & Know - a Contemplative Prayer group will meet **next Sunday - August 2 - from 1:00 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.** The meeting will again take place via Zoom. This is an opportunity to learn and practice centering prayer and sit in silence so as to be more open to God's Spirit. To join the Zoom call go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87131944399>