



SUNDAY'S WORSHIP

Pastor Seaford 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

Racial Bridge Forum

Cross & Crown has partnered with other Matthews-area clergy to organize the **10th Community Forum on Racial Bridge Building**. This year's forum, hosted virtually by Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church, will take place on **Tuesday, August 18th at 7pm** and will focus on how our local government is addressing racial inequities. Radio and TV personality Tonya Rivens will moderate and the panel will include Matthews Town Mayor, Chief of Police, and Town Manager.

To watch, go to www.MtMoriahMatthews.org and click on "Online Messages"

MOMENTS WITH MATTHEW STUDY

Hey, have you been reading Matthew? Jump on board the NC Synod summer Bible study and get some moments with Matthew!

You can find daily installments of **Moments with Matthew** on the [synod Facebook page](#) or website (www.nclutheran.org) or follow the link there to subscribe to daily emails. Female leaders across our synod have written reflections to go with each day's reading from Matthew. It's one chapter a day, some brief thoughts and a prayer, to get your day started right. Give it a try!

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.

Recently several members of our Community



Care team made a visit to Common Heart, a non-profit ministry that provides food assistance in Union County, a ministry we support. 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 **Aug. 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 like.

Table Talk topic for Wednesday, August 5th, 5:30 p.m.: What musical instrument have you always loved? Do you play it now? Or did you long ago? Or maybe you've always wanted to. Is it part of a story you could share?

Drop in to chat or, if you prefer, just to listen.

No need to sign up; show up on Zoom, using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82677455853>

Dear Church Book Study Update

The book study of *Dear Church* will meet on Wed., August 5 from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. via Zoom. Additional participants are welcome. Books are still available.

Zoom meeting link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85895164267?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85895164267?pwd=SC9xMmZoNVF0QzFobVZkaUhMV0N06QT09)

[pwd=SC9xMmZoNVF0QzFobVZkaUhMV0N06QT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85895164267?pwd=SC9xMmZoNVF0QzFobVZkaUhMV0N06QT09)

ID: 858 9516 4267 Password: Family

Be Still & Know - a Contemplative Prayer group will meet **today 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/88251792549>

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!

JULY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Council unanimously approved guidelines for outdoor worship. The decision on when to offer outdoor worship services is TBD.
- Approximately 50 people participated in the outdoor Holy Communion offered earlier this month.
- Council approved delaying the opening of Weekday School for the 2020-2021 school year until further notice.