

NEWSLETTER

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CROSS & CROWN T-SHIRTS ARE HERE!

Sisters and brothers in Christ, you are called ambassadors of the Gospel, and God does not call the equipped, but rather *equips the called*. So, we are going to equip YOU with an easy way to share the incredible wave of energy and momentum we are seeing at Cross & Crown. **We have a shirt for each and every one of you, and we ask that you wear it and talk about this amazing church community.** We are going to give them to guests as well, and we want to see them all over town.

If you would like to donate toward the cost of the shirts, they cost us around \$15 each. If you would like to donate on behalf of others, or our future church members and guests, that would be wonderful. Even \$5 helps! However, the most important thing is that you have a shirt, you wear it a lot, and you use it as a conversation starter with those who are lost and are looking for a church home. Let's blanket the town with the message of good news and invitation!

You can donate to help cover the costs by writing a check and putting 'church shirts' in the memo line or swiping your card on our new iPad payment system.

Let's cover this town with Cross & Crown!

+Pastor Matt



FALL KICK OFF POTLUCK

Join us next Sunday for our Fall Kickoff Potluck at 11:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. The main dish will be provided so all you need to do is bring either a side dish or a dessert to share! Use the link below or in this week's eblast to sign up so we can accurately prepare.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E48A8AA2AA5FD0-fall>

FALL FAMILY PICNIC

Calling all young families of C&C! On Saturday, Sept. 23rd we will be hosting a Fall Family Picnic at Squirrel Lake Park in Matthews. We have reserved a shelter from noon to 3:45 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Join us for fun, fellowship & food! Please use the link below to sign up or the link in this week's eblast.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E48A8AA2AA5FD0-fall1>



DAILY BREAD NEEDS

Common Heart Food Bank is in desperate need of peanut butter & jelly, fruit cups, & ravioli for kids. If you would rather donate to the church and have us shop for your food donation, you can do that! Simply indicate on your check or offering envelope that it is for Daily Bread/Common Heart. **Our next donation date is September 24th.**

YOUTHQUAKE!

3rd-5th Graders! Youthquake is a gathering for 3rd-5th grade from across the NC Synod for fellowship, learning, service, and worship. The gathering will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Raleigh from 10 am - 3 pm on **Saturday, October 21**. The cost is \$20 per person and covers t-shirt and lunch. If you're interested or can chaperone email Pastor Melody at pastormelody@crossandcrown.org.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS ARE HAPPENING!

Wednesday Night Happenings has been a longstanding part of C&C where we come together for a home cooked meal, music rehearsals, worship, and an occasional committee or Council meeting. This fall we are kicking off a few new programs!

This week we are kicking off several of our new programs. We are moving "Music Time with Mr. Larry" to Wednesday from 5:30-6 pm. At that same time, Pastor Melody is leading a parents' small group, "Family Ties", that will look at what it's like to raise our children in faith. At 6 pm we'll all eat dinner together. Then, at 6:30-7:00 pm, children will have a time to learn. This time will reinforce the message from C&C Kids on Sunday, give kids the opportunity to ask questions, and then have an activity. Parents will have an opportunity at this time to socialize with each other. Come join us for Wednesday Night Happenings! **See page 3 of the newsletter for the menu and link to sign up.** (You only need to sign up if you plan to attend dinner.)

Schedule:

Music Time with Mr. Larry- 5:30-6pm

Family Ties (Parents' Small Group)- 5:30-6pm

Dinner- 6:00-6:30pm

Kid's Bible Time- 6:30-7pm

Handbells & Choir Rehearsals- 6:45-8:30 pm



Looking for a way to meet new people? Guess Who's Coming to Dinner is a great way to do just that! Guess Who's Coming to Dinner is a social activity of C&C that takes place outside of church.

Participants who sign up are assigned to a group, the host decides the menu, selects a date, and then the fun happens. Each quarter of the year, participants are rearranged, and another host makes the plan. Sign up on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes or email Janis Dorsey, jkdorsey128@gmail.com. Singles are welcome and hosting is encouraged but not required. The deadline for signing up is September 24.

FALL Kick Off SUNDAY

September 10, 2023

Join us on Sunday, Sept. 10th for a day of worship, service & fellowship as we participate in "God's Work, Our Hands." Sunday. It all starts with you signing up to participate in various service projects offered for our church members, our community, and our church property. We will have a pot luck lunch and a ministry fair highlighting the various ministries you can participate in here at Cross & Crown.

Use this link to sign up!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E48A8AA2AA5FD0-gods1>

Offsite Service Projects: 12:30-2 p.m. These projects are for members of our congregation.

Macarine Family: Trim shrubs, replace light blubs, bring boxes down from the attic, remove swing set from backyard.

June Brooks: Weeding & trimming in flower beds, fertilize bushes, spread 5 bales of pine needles, refresh plants on the porch.

Sonia Moore: Move a couch from the church to Sonia's new apartment.

Onsite Service Projects: 12:30 p.m. These projects are interior & exterior project on church property.

Paint Shed: Paint the shed used by the Boy Scouts & to store our lawn equipment.

Repair & Paint Parking Lot Railings: Replace railing tops in the parking lot and repaint to match the shed.

Pick Up Branches: Pick up fallen branches on church property.

Roadside Clean-up Continued: If not all completed on Saturday, this crew would finish the project.

Window Washing: Wash windows in sanctuary, narthex, parlor, offices, library, Crown room & library.

Coat Closet: Remove coats & clutter. This space will be the new Daily Bread home.

Church Pews: Clean and polish the pews in the sanctuary.

Cookie Baking: Bake cookies for community helpers such as Matthews PD, Matthews Fire Dept., Matthews Free Medical Clinic, etc.

Ministry Fair Clean-up: Take down tables & displays, return tables to FH, put left over materials in church office.

Pot Luck Clean-up: Clean up after the pot luck, wipe down tables & chairs, wash & put away serving pieces.

Service Projects Between Worship: 9:15-10:15 a.m. Community Outreach projects.

Dog Blankets: Making fleece tie blankets for the Charlotte Humane Society. Simple blankets that are easy enough for kids to make.

Operation Sandwich: Make and pack 200 sandwiches for A Roof Above.

Kid's Kindness Stickers: Kids will design & make cheerful stickers to put on the sandwich bags for A Roof Above.