

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS

What a great weekend of service! Last weekend was God's Work Our Hands Weekend. We're called to be God's hands in the world by serving others to share God's love. We started out with roadside clean up on Saturday where we cleaned all the roadsides that Cross & Crown sponsors. On Sunday after assembling 200 meals to serve the hungry in Charlotte, our children made care stickers to cover the meals with our love! After a wonderful, covered dish lunch, we got back to work. We completed outside work at two members' houses that included trimming, racking, and even taking down a playset. We delivered furniture to a member's house. Then we cleaned up the church by polishing and cleaning the pews, washing windows, trimming bushes, and cleaning closets. Together we made pet blankets for the Charlotte Humane Society. We finished the day by making cookies for the First Responders in Charlotte and Matthews. Thank you for all your hard work sharing God's love with the world! Check out all the pictures on Facebook!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who volunteered at Matthews Alive this year. It was a huge success thanks to you. Shout out to all who participated in Roadside Cleanup this past Saturday! Thank you for all your hard work!



Blessing of the ANIMALS

On Sunday, Oct. 1st, during our 10:15 a.m. service, we will be worshipping in the Fellowship Hall as we 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 to sing, pray, and enjoy the fellowship of animals and their human companions.

So, bring your animals, large and small, on leashes or in cages, furry or feathery to a Blessing of the Animals.



There are several Sunday's open for you to sign up for altar flowers. Flowers are \$48/ vase.

Linden String Quartet

Join us on Friday, October 27th at 7:30 p.m. for an evening of music by Haydn, Mozart, Schubert, Barber & Prokofiev by the Linden String Quartet.



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS ARE HAPPENING!

We have moved "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 2 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

Praying for Possibilities

Praying for Possibilities is a ministry opportunity dedicated to praying for the ministries of Cross & Crown Lutheran Church. Participants will be assigned a week at a time during which they are asked to pray through the booklet one time. This can be done by coming to the church during office hours and walking to each location, or sitting quietly in the Narthex. Sonia Moore will be scheduling volunteers beginning in October. If you would like to participate, sign up on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary, contact Sonia Moore, or email LeAnne in the church office.

Welcome Evan Van Horne

Help us to welcome Evan Van Horne as our Youth Mentor! Evan will support our youth ministry by attending youth events, assisting in Confirmation, and mentoring our youth. Evan is a sophomore in UNCC and plays trombone in the marching band. Last summer Evan was a counselor at Lutheridge. We are so blessed to have Evan! Welcome Evan home!

FALL FAMILY PARK DAY NEXT SATURDAY

On Saturday, Sept. 23rd we will be hosting a Fall Family Picnic at Squirrel Lake Park in Matthews for C&C's young families. 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>

Join Cub Scouts!



We meet on Sundays from 5-6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, check out our website at www.cubscoutpack140nc.com or scan the QR Code to register.