

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 22, 2023



Blessing of the ANIMALS

Next Sunday, Oct. 1st, during our 10:15 a.m. service, we will be worshipping outdoors 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.

This service **WILL NOT BE LIVESTREAMED**. We are hoping to record it and upload it to our YouTube Channel for you to watch later.

You may bring chairs to sit it if you'd like. In the event of rain, we will worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Confirmation

Hey Middle Schoolers! We are starting our confirmation ministry where we'll learn about the foundations of our faith and then learn to express this faith. This Sunday at 11:30 come with your parents or caring adult for lunch and to learn about the ministry. Then, we'll say bye to the adults and have a lesson about "What is confirmation?". Below is the schedule for 2023. If you can't make the first class but want to participate, please contact me at pastormelody@crossandcrown.org.

Sept 24	What is Confirmation? - C&C 11:30-2:30
Oct 8	Overview of the Bible- C&C 11:30-2:30
Nov 5	Old Testament, Genesis- C&C 11:30-2:30
Nov 10-12	Faith Alive, Proclaim- Lutheridge
Dec 17	New Testament, Jesus' Birth- C&C 11:30-2:30

New Devotional Group for Women!

Following the First5 program by Proverbs 31, we're launching a Women's Devotional Group starting with The Book of Esther – Right Where You Need to Be! You can follow along for free by downloading the First5 app and you can also purchase (but are not required to) a study guide at www.first5.org. Study guides are typically \$20 with shipping. If you're interested in joining this new devotional group please RSVP to Allison Muzevich at acm0321@gmail.com. Our first get together will be Thursday, September 28th at her house where we'll enjoy some refreshments, appetizers and friendly discussion.

Shed Painting

We need some painters! We didn't get a chance to paint the shed for God's Work Our Hands Day. We've rescheduled the painting for Oct 21. If you're interested in helping, please contact Hugh Kluttz at hugh.kluttz.jr@gmail.com.



October 14th
4-8 p.m.
Join us for food, fun & fellowship
Don't miss out on this fun C&C tradition!

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!



Women & Wine Saturday, September 30th!

Hey ladies! It's time for Women & Wine! Join us on September 30th from 4:00pm – 7:00pm at Cross & Crown in the Fellowship Hall (or outside by the fire pit, weather permitting) for friendship, fellowship and refreshments! Please bring an appetizer and a bottle of wine to share. We'd also recommend bringing a camp-chair in case we decide to enjoy the nice weather outdoors.

YOUTHQUAKE

3rd-5th grade! Let's go to Youthquake! Youthquake is a gathering for 3rd-5th grade from across the NC Synod for fellowship, learning, service, and worship. October 21st we're heading to Good Shepherd Lutheran in Raleigh for a day of fun! Youthquake is 10am-3pm. The cost is \$20 per person, which covers food, t-shirt, and a day of fun and fellowship. Contact Pastor Melody if interested, pastormelody@crossandcrown.org.