



Sharing God's Love and Promise of  
Salvation Through Christ

# Cross & Crownicle

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## Sing Handel's "Messiah" with the Rockford Choral Union

The 66th Annual "Messiah" will be performed Saturday, November 26, 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, November 27, 3:00 p.m.

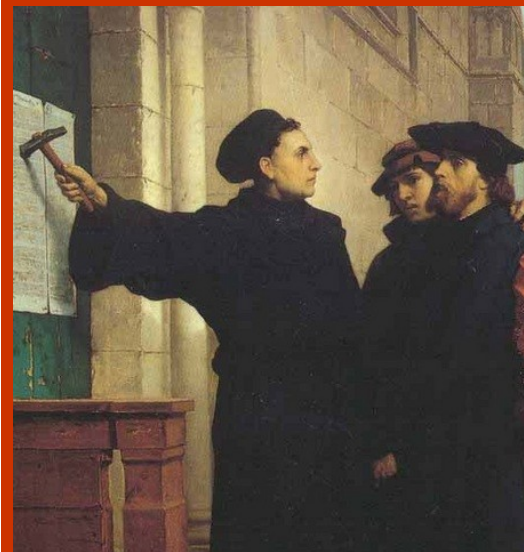
All voice parts needed; no auditions. \$5.00 to join. Bring your own score or purchase for \$10.

Rehearsals begin Sunday, October 16, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 920 3rd Ave., Rockford, IL 61104. Rehearsals are Sundays, 2-4, at Emmanuel.

Dress rehearsal is Friday, November 25. More info at [www.rockfordchoralunion.org](http://www.rockfordchoralunion.org).

## Progressive Dinner Autumn Glory III Saturday, October 29 Details on page 2

Fall Worship Schedule  
Traditional 8:30 a.m.  
Contemporary 11:00 a.m.  
Community Time 9:30 a.m.  
Education 9:45 a.m.  
Adult Enrichment  
10-10:55 a.m.



## Reformation Sunday

On October 30, we celebrate the beginnings of the Lutheran Denomination. The Lutheran expression of Christianity was a reformation of the mainline church of the 16th century which had been captured by those in power who stressed a ladder of religious works to climb to the grace of God. Payment for special prayers, acts of penitence as well as acts of service were seen as "payment" in order to procure the salvation of God.

Martin Luther, a priest and teacher in what we know as the Roman Catholic church, refuted this understanding of salvation. He instead said our right relationship with God is based on GOD's actions of love for us. He said, In Jesus we see that God cares about us unconditionally. Faith is about trusting in this God of love and letting the Spirit of Jesus Christ enter our hearts and control our spirits. It is from this spirit that we are moved to care for others and serve others and reach out to those in need.

His movement of reform eventually resulted in a split in the church and the reformed group was given the name "Lutheran" after Martin Luther. At 8:30 a.m. celebrate with special music by the choir, brass accompaniment in our worship, and Holy Communion. Children will be invited to a special Reformation story and art expression following the Children's Message. At the 11:00 contemporary service enjoy the sounds of current spirit-filled and celebrative music.

## All In The Family

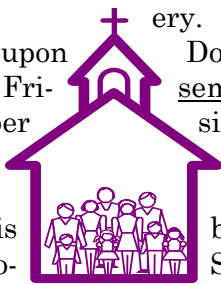
Sympathy to Carolyn Dryden and family upon the death of her sister, Bonnie Conery, September 17.

Sympathy to Marilyn Cramp and family upon the death of her aunt, Fern Schultz, September 26.

Sympathy to Jerry and Judy Kloster upon the death of Jerry's brother, Vernon; services were held October 1.

Sympathy to Shannon (Harkness) Root upon the death of her father, Bob Harkness on Friday, October 7; services were held October 13.

Want to help end hunger? Participate in the Stateline CROP Hunger Walk this Sunday October 16, 1:30 p.m. at the Hononegah Forest Preserve. Phone Mr. Charlie Hagstrom for Crop sponsor and pledge



sheets — 815-623-6613.

Karen Tilly of MELD thanks the people of Cross and Crown for their generous donations for MELDs homeless emergency shelter and transitional living housing as they reach out to young parents.

Thanks to Howard Van Valzah for building a bench for the remodeled restroom in the nursery.

Do you know someone considering going to seminary? They can learn more about LSTC, sit in on classes, talk with faculty and students, tour Hyde Park, and explore their call at Seminary Sampler, Sunday, October 23 to Tuesday, October 25. Contact Scott Chalmers at <schalmers@lstc.edu> or phone 773-256-0726.

## Women's Retreat Provides Day of Caring and Peace

In the evaluations, all participants look forward to another day of retreat. Some found the Lutheran Outdoor Center a beautiful setting; some enjoyed especially the new labyrinth there. Others found the campfire time especially meaningful. Others expressed gratitude for the sharing times and support felt from others. The day

was blessed with beautiful weather and a beautiful spirit among the women. Thanks to Karen Radtke and Jan Ethington for leading the retreat and working with Pastor John on the planning.

## Save The Date!



Saturday Evening, **October 29**, has been chosen for this year's **Progressive Dinner**, "*Autumn Glory III*."

This event is open to all adult members and friends of our Cross & Crown congregation. If you have never been to a Progressive Dinner, you are in for a wonderful surprise, and if you are a seasoned fan, you already know how much fun it is! So mark your calendars!

Of course, this glorious time of fellowship and the enjoyment of a variety of comfort foods of the Fall season will not be possible without all of us who do attend contributing in some way. Two different homes will be needed to accommodate the Hors-d'oeuvres segment and the Dessert segment of

our journey that evening. If your home can handle about 40-50 people, we need YOU! We will also need several homes to host the Sit-Down Dinner segment for about 8-12 people at each home. If you are unable to host, you will be asked to contribute rolls, an appetizer, a dessert, or a side dish. It's the best of all worlds – part potluck and a sit-down dinner!

If you are willing to open your home for one of the stops on this glorious Autumn journey, or if you have questions, call Linda or Gary Heideman at 815-389-3834. Sign up for "*Autumn Glory III*" in the coming weeks in the Attendance pads on Sunday. You don't want to be left out of the most exciting social event of the year! Please join us!

## Financial Report January through September, 2011

General Fund:	Expenses	202,773			
	Budget	208,007			
	Income	185,065 (plus	Building Fund:	Income	44,755
	carry over of \$2,200 from	2010 well gift)		Expense	<u>55,395</u>
	Short	20,742		Short	10,640
				Mortgage Balance:	\$112,177

### A Devotional Moment

October highlights our Commitment Drive for financial planning for 2012. soon you will receive a Commitment Card in the mail and a letter from the Stewardship Committee that will introduce our program for this fall and explain a specific reach-out ministry that we will support this year as a 1% of all anticipated income up to \$2,000.

As you consider your giving to the ministry of God through Cross and Crown, please prayerfully ask God how you can serve through your financial gifts. Below is a letter from Assistant to the Bishop of the Northern Illinois Synod, Pastor Kurt Nordby, who answers where our gifts go beyond the walls of our congregation. Please read this and consider how you influence the world with Christ's salvation and love. Meanwhile, remember that the largest portion of your giving helps support the local ministries of child, youth and adult education, worship ministry, music ministry, local benevolent ministries, youth and family development, Bible study and spiritual growth groups in addition to the pastor ministries to those in grief, despair or planning festive celebrations. May God bless the sharing of our treasures; may God use them to enrich others with faith and new life.

—Pr. John

*Dear Partners in Ministry,*

*A question that I am frequently asked and perhaps one that you have heard as well is, "What happens to that money I put in the offering plate?" ..... When we talk about stewardship, it is also important to talk about ministry. It is imperative in stewardship ministry and education to link gifts with ministry, to help folks understand just how their gifts provide ministry in varied and wonderful ways.*

*At the local level, it is important to lift up an awareness of ministries and celebrate how congregational ministries touch lives with the love of Christ....In our Northern Illinois Synod, our gifts provide resources and care for congregations and rostered leaders. Support is also provided to a number of agencies and institutions such as Warburg Seminary, the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, ELCA colleges such as Augustana in Rock Island, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, Campus Ministries, Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center, and more.*

*In our ELCA, our offerings support....through staff and programs...God's mission through ministry units such as Congregational and Synodical Mission, Global Mission, and Mission Advancement... We join a partnership in ministry that is truly global in nature. Thank you.*

# Serving the Lord—November, 2011

	<i>November 6 8:30 a.m. ELW VI</i>	<i>November 6 11:00 a.m. Contemporary</i>	<i>November 13 8:30 a.m. Old Haugen</i>	<i>November 13 11:00 a.m. Contemporary</i>	<i>November 20 8:30 a.m. W.O.V.</i>	<i>November 20 11:00 a.m. Contemporary</i>	<i>November 23 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve</i>	<i>November 27 8:30 a.m. ELW VIII</i>	<i>November 27 11:00 a.m. Contemporary</i>
Greeter	Amy Sorenson Brenda Davis	Dave & Deb Keller	Amy Sorenson Brenda Davis	Dave & Deb Keller	Amy Sorenson Brenda Davis	Dave & Deb Keller	Milly Van Valzah	Amy Sorenson Brenda Davis	Dave & Deb Keller
Ushers	Matt Clemens Gary Heideman	Greg Loken Austin Jacobi	John Radtke Steve Schubert	Mike & Cheryl Metcalf	Bob & Mary Ann Woodard	Karen Radtke		Mike & Kathy Lichte	Rick & Debbie Paus
Acolyte/Cup Collector	Jeff Madura	Alyssa Martinez	Riley Landenberger	Morgan Lacy	Ethan Schubert	Hailey Saladino	Keven Peters	Audrey Johnson	Brynn Jacobi
Assisting Minister	Rick Paus		Ellen Colletta		Sharon Olson			Sharlene Bauer	
Message for Children	Puppets	Puppets	Larry Bauer	Larry Bauer	Warren Jacobs	Warren Jacobs		Ellen Colletta	Deb Keller
Lector	Nancy Christianson	Dave Keller	Joe Colletta	Connie Heins	Lisa Albert	Louise Glon	Ann Chamberlain	Mary Ann Woodard	Lilyann Bane
Communion Setup	Louise Glon				Louise Glon				
Communion Bread	Ellen Colletta	Nancy Christianson	Hilde Magnuson	Jeanette Nichols	Doris Sherwood	Vicki Sims	Milly VanValzah		
Communion Assistants	John & Eileen Herring	Laurel Wright Steve Shoudy	Cindy & Gary Powalish	Dave & Deb Keller	Brent & Nancy Swanson	Cindy & Greg Loken	Barb Larson Gary Heideman	Matt Clemens Nancy Christianson	Connie Heins Louise Glon
Nursery	Emily Bailey Keller or Megan Albert	Marcus Proctor		Cassidy Brandt	Megan Albert or Emily Bailey Keller	Isabella DiGiovanni	Riley Landenberger		Carley Korte
Coffee Host	Dave & Sue Chaney		Jeanette Nichols		Milly Van Valzah			Paul Ezop	
Coffee Cleanup		Jan Ethington		Connie Heins		Sandy Nugent			Milly Van Valzah
Bread Delivery	Sheila Carey		Ann Chamberlain		Lara Hermann			Penni Korte	
Offering Caretaker	Bill & Kristin Frank	Steve Shoudy	Joe Chamberlain	Dave Nugent	Dean Snowdon	Steve Shoudy		Bob Woodard	Gary Korth
Indoor Plant Care	Lisa Albert								

If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, please find a replacement and call the church office by Thursday for bulletin changes (623-6853).

# November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 6:00 p.m. Social Concerns 7:00 p.m. Book Study	<b>2</b> 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Coffee 3:00 p.m. Kid's Camp 6:30 - 8 p.m. Jr. High 6:30 - 9 p.m. Sr. High	<b>3</b> 6:00 p.m. Spirit Singers 6:00 p.m. Education Com. 7:00 p.m. Preschool Com.	<b>4</b> 6:00 p.m. RALM Trivia Night, Our Savior's , Rockford	<b>5</b> 7:00 a.m. Men's Break- fast 8 pm Sr. High Wall Crawlers
<b>6</b> All Saint's Sunday 8:30 LBW VI/Communion 9:30 Community Time 9:45 Sunday School, Catechetics 10:00 Adult Enrichment 11:00 Cont. Worship/Comm 6:30 Bell Practice	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 6:00 p.m. Worship & Music 7:00 p.m. Book Study	<b>9</b> 3:00 p.m. Kid's Camp 6:30 - 8 p.m. Jr. High 6:30 - 9 p.m. Sr. High	<b>10</b> 10:00 a.m. Evangelism 11:30 a.m. OWLS Pot- luck 6:00 p.m. Spirit Singers 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 8:30 Old Haugen/Communion 9:30 Community Time 9:45 Sunday School, Catechetics 10:00 Adult Enrichment 11:00 Cont. Worship/Comm 6:30 Bell Practice	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7:00 p.m. Book Study	<b>16</b> 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Coffee 3:00 p.m. Kid's Camp 6:30 - 8 p.m. Jr. High 6:30 - 9 p.m. Sr. High	<b>17</b> 6:00 p.m. Spirit Singers 6:30 p.m. Finance Comm. 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7:00 a.m. Men's Break- fast 10 am Youth Breakfast at Applebees
<b>20</b> 8:30 WOV/Communion 9:30 Community Time 9:45 Sunday School, Catechetics 10:00 Adult Enrichment 11:00 Cont. Worship/Comm 6:30 Bell Practice	<b>21</b> 6:30 p.m. Steward- ship Committee	<b>22</b> No Book Study	<b>23</b> 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Worship	<b>24</b> Thanksgiving Office Closed	<b>25</b> Office Closed	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 1st Sunday of Advent 8:30 ELW VIII/Communion 9:30 Community Time 9:45 Sunday School, Catechetics 10:00 Adult Enrichment 11:00 Cont. Worship/Comm 6:30 Bell Practice	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 7:00 p.m. Book Study	<b>30</b> 3:00 p.m. Kid's Camp 6:30 - 8 p.m. Jr. High 6:30 - 9 p.m. Sr. High			



## *Sweetest Day Spaghetti Dinner*

Bring your sweetie to next Saturday's  
Sweetest Day Spaghetti Dinner!

This romantic meal will include:

Spaghetti

Meat Balls

Garlic Bread

Special Italian Salad

Minestromie Soup

A desert you would only find in fine dinning restaurants

All for only \$7.00 (adult price); \$4.00 (Children under 10); Free (Children 3 and under)

Doors will be open at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday October 15 and the last seating will be at 7:30 p.m.

You may buy your tickets at church or call church and reserve your order.

You may pick your tickets up. Just look for our Receptionist

Sponsored by Cross and Crown Youth

## “Love Your Neighbor” in action

Members and friends of Cross and Crown honored this commandment in October by assembling and donating 26 Health Kits for LWF, knitting 97 “Caps for Troops”, creating and providing 17 quilts to the Rockford Rescue Mission, and bringing and serving lunch at Carpenter’s Place on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Courtney Marsh and Shelbey Puppe have been great Christian witnesses through their upbeat volunteer work at Becca’s Closet.

Distant Neighbors: Join the ELCA fundraiser to provide mosquito nets for sub-Saharan areas to help prevent malaria. Nets cost \$10. each and every “nickel” can help to save a life.

Local Neighbors: Thanksgiving is coming soon. Last year Caritas of Beloit provided 770 Thanksgiving baskets to needy families. Now Caritas has been impacted by a reduction of grant monies (some grants are being redirected to help prevent loss of homes due to foreclosure) but an increase in the size of households as families move in together to save on expenses.

During the coming weeks please prayerfully consider contributing gifts of food for the Food Pantry in Rockton and making a monetary donation of \$35 to Caritas which will provide a Thanksgiving basket for a family of four.



# Thanksgiving



Jim Gallagher	11/1	Kim Kuborn	11/12	Jessica Bauer	11/21
Kendra Clevenger	11/3	Alan Keller	11/13	Dylan Karalis	11/22
Mary Walters	11/3	Sheila Carey	11/14	Judy Kloster	11/22
Isabella DiGiovanni	11/6	Dennis Christianson	11/14	Riley Landenberger	11/22
Lori Hanke	11/6	Paige Winkleman	11/15	Kathy Kotalik	11/23
Julie Lewis	11/7	Jamison Davis	11/16	Maxine McQuaid	11/23
Tony Pritz	11/7	Cindy Powalish	11/16	Natalie Prescott	11/24
Keith Shipman	11/7	Amy Sorenson	11/16	Leanne Upward	11/25
Cameron Schubert	11/9	Kylie Duncan	11/17	Theresa Kotalik	11/26
Dave Chaney	11/10	Candace Lewis	11/19	Rick Paus	11/29
William Frank	11/10	Mary Ann Woodard	11/19	Mary Shipman	11/30

Keith & Cindi Irons	11/3
William & Kristin Frank	11/4
Dusty & Toni Hinson	11/5
Curtiss & Julie Gerard	11/17

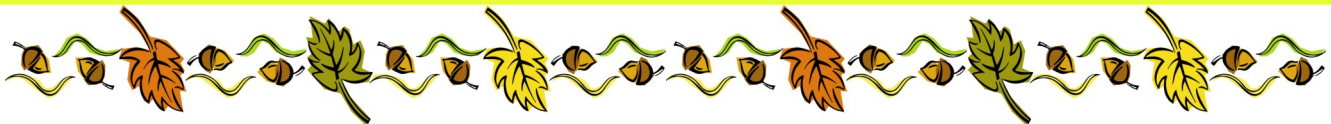
Kurt & Penni Korte	11/23
Mitchell & Sharon Olson	11/27
Jack & Chloe Chen	11/28
Scott & Andrea Homann	11/28



Joe Colletta	11/1	Daniel Clevenger	11/12	Anastasia Henbest	11/21
Sheryl Madura	11/1	Layla Hughes	11/12	Justin Radtke	11/21
Jared Marsh	11/1	Wyatt Henson	11/16	Tyler Marsh	11/22
Lindsay Hess	11/4	Melissa Smith	11/17	Brenda Davis	11/23
Gary Powalish	11/4	Tanner Wood	11/17	Mark Dyr Dahl	11/24
Alice Forseth	11/5	Tria Gustafson	11/18	Jennifer Sorenson	11/24
John Joern	11/6	Andrew Smith	11/18	Betty Grilc	11/25
Judy Larson	11/6	Justin Smith	11/18	Kevin Homann	11/25
Mildred Van Valzah	11/6	Cameron Schubert	11/19	Kristi Sims	11/26
Heather Heins	11/9	Ethan Schubert	11/19	Amanda Sorenson	11/29
Brian Bemis	11/11	Spencer Schubert	11/19	Tyler Dunkel	11/30
Sally Clemens	11/11	Caleb Burdick	11/21	Mary Shipman	11/30
Colin Carey	11/12				

## PUT the SPARK BACK INTO YOUR MARRIAGE!

Attend a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend. Weekends will be held Friday through Sunday, October 14, 15, 16, 2011, and April 20, 21, 22, 2012 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Schaumburg, IL. Telephone Pastor John and Connie Heins, 815-623-8323, or e-mail: [JCHeins@aol.com](mailto:JCHeins@aol.com) for further information. Go to [www.ilme.org](http://www.ilme.org) for application.



## Visit Carpenter's Place during 2011 Fall ArtScene

Friday, October 14 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Saturday October 15 3:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Join us as our homeless guests participate in the annual Fall ArtScene. Featuring the House of Hope, Michael Wertz, intricately carved soaps, and more. Call Mary Devine at 815-964-4105 ext. 203 for more information or visit [www.carpentersplace.org](http://www.carpentersplace.org)

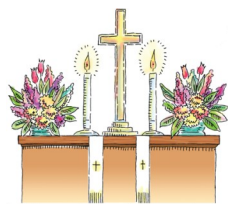
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Worship Schedule

Sundays:           8:30 a.m. Traditional  
                  9:30 a.m. Community Time  
                  9:45 a.m. Education Hour  
                  11:00 a.m. Contemporary

*Address Service Requested*

## Coming Events . . .

This Saturday, October 15, 6-7:30 p.m.:

***Sweetest Day Romantic Spaghetti Dinner***

This Sunday, October 16:

***Free blood pressure screening*** in the church  
Library, 9:30-10 a.m.

Saturday, October 29, 5 p.m.

***Progressive Dinner*** Travel to three homes  
for hors d'oeuvres, main meal, and dessert

Sunday, October 30:

***Reformation Sunday*** 8:30 Brass and Choir;  
11:00 spirit-filled contemporary music.

Sunday, November 6:

***All Saints Sunday*** We remember recent  
saints who have passed to the Church Triumphant

Friday, November 4, 6  
p.m.

***RALM Chili Dinner and Trivia***

***Night*** at Our Savior's  
Lutheran, Rockford

Thursday, November 10, 11:30 am

***OWLS Cluster potluck***

Wednesday, November 23, 7 p.m.

Celebrate ***Thanksgiving*** with a short, joyous  
worship at Cross and Crown, invite all of your  
family

November 27:

***First Sunday in Advent***



## ***Cross and Crown Staff***

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