



June 2024

# CRC NEWSLETTER

LOVE. GROW. SERVE.



## BLESSED ARE THOSE

Matthew 5:6 - "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."

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I'm not sure why, but those words are incredibly comforting to me. It's almost like I can audibly hear Jesus saying those words in a quiet and gentle tone. It's not a whisper - it's still a command; a statement of fact. Jesus is saying that if we seek goodness, if we seek him, we will find what we are looking for. If we hunger and thirst for growth, he will satisfy us.

Summer is an amazing time. For me, it is a breath of fresh air. Summer is quiet at CrossRoads Church, especially in the office during the week. Whenever I can I will open my windows so I can smell the fresh air, listen to the bizarrely comforting sound of lawns being mowed or leaves being blown. If I allow it, it could put me to sleep. Summer is a time for R&R - but it's also a time to recalculate, reassess, and grow in ways we just can't when our lives are so busy the other 3 seasons of the year.

Summer is the natural time for many of us to be still and sit in the quietness. Let's lean into that. Let's look inward and ask ourselves some harder questions. Are we happy with where we are at spiritually? Is there room for growth? Do I need to reprioritize where I spend some of my time during the year? Do I want more?

The stillness of summer is such a blessing. There is no school, less ministries are going on, and we typically have less commitments in general. Let's use this time to dig deeper into our relationship with Jesus. Let's use our extra time to dive deeper into his word and spend more time in prayer and reflection. Let's use the summer months to grow in ways we just can't during the year. Let's hunger and thirst for righteousness, together.

Blessings,

Pastor Ben

## UPCOMING EVENTS

# FAMILY PRAYER NIGHT

JOIN US AS  
WE GATHER  
TO PRAY  
TOGETHER  
AS A CHURCH  
FAMILY

MONDAY JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup> 6:30-7:30 PM

# OUTDOOR church

**JUNE 16 @ 9:00 AM**

(WEATHER PERMITTING)

**WEST PARKING LOT**

*Bring a lawn chair and a friend!*

**Sunday, June 23 | 2-4 PM**

# FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

**@ THE NEW SPLASHPAD**

**DOWNTOWN FERGUS**

# MINISTRY STAFF

Joey Kalan	Senior Pastor
Ben Ellison	Associate Pastor of Discipleship
Trisha Grove	Children's Ministry Director
Nancy Nelson	Care Coordinator
Bridgett Raph-Formo	Office Administrator
Lisa Ripley	Treasurer

# OVERSEER BOARD

Dave Anderson	Dave Bjork
Ben Ellison	Kathryn Enderson
Dan Heikes	Joey Kalan
Katrina Mouser	Tim Swedberg
Sue Wilken	



## CROSSROADS CHURCH

629 E Channing Avenue,  
Fergus Falls, MN  
218-739-3391  
[crcff.com](http://crcff.com)  
OFFICE HOURS:  
MONDAY–FRIDAY 8 AM –12 PM

# FINANCIAL UPDATES

RESTRICTED FUND SUMMARY			
May 1, 2024 to May 31, 2024			
FUND	Revenue	Expenses	Balance
Camp Fund	\$335	\$970	\$3,989
Trout Lake Camp Fund	\$0	\$0	\$4,243
Ukraine Fund	\$725	\$5,100	\$2,266
Youth Mission Fund	\$1,160	\$11,187	\$24,589

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY	
April 1, 2024 through May 31, 2024	
Budget	\$89,567
Expenses	-\$86,710
Income	\$72,972
Expenses Exceed Income by \$13,737	

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
JUNE						1
2 9 AM Communion Sunday 9 AM Worship Service 10 AM Family Fellowship	3 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Unwind	4	5	6	7	8
The Nursery is available each week during the Sunday service.						
9 9 AM Worship Service 10 AM Family Fellowship 7:15 PM Mission Trip Parent and Participant meeting	10 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Family Prayer	11	12	13	14	15
						Senior High Mission Trip to Rapid City →
16 Father's Day 9 AM Worship Service Outside (Weather Permitting) 10 AM Family Fellowship	17 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study	18	19	20	21	22
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23 9 AM Worship Service 10 AM Family Fellowship  2 PM - 4 PM Family Fellowship at the splashpad	24 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study	25	26	27	28	29
30 9 AM Worship Service 10 AM Family Fellowship						

## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

If you have something you would like to submit for inclusion in the newsletter, please email to **[office@crcff.com](mailto:office@crcff.com)** by the 22nd of the month (to be published in the following month's issue).