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CRC NEWSLETTER

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WHY SERVING IN YOUR LOCAL CHURCH WILL BLESS YOU AND YOUR CHURCH

By Pastor Ben Ellison

Why would you want to serve in the local church? Oftentimes, our lives are so busy and chaotic that it seems impossible to take on any more responsibilities or time commitments. At the end of the day, we spend our time on what we value most and in turn, prioritize. Here are a couple of reasons why serving in your local church should be of value to you and your family.

Reason #1: Church Is Community

Finding community can be very difficult. If you have ever moved to a new place and spent time looking for a church, then you may know the feeling. Church can, and should, be a place to belong. If you have ever been really invested in a “body of believers”, chances are it is because they became your family as well. Once you find a church and feel at home and accepted, it becomes your community and something you really value. Getting involved in your local church can introduce you to those in leadership and the other people and families that call it home. Getting involved is a way to immerse yourself in a new community where you can be your authentic self, feel safe and accepted, and even be a way for you to give back. Your local church is a place to belong and grow; serving in your local church can open that door or deepen the relationships you’ve already made.

Reason #2: You Are Gifted

You may not think so, but everyone is gifted in one way or another. God made everybody differently, yet in His own image, with specific gifts and talents (Romans 12:4-8). You have something to offer, whether it’s people skills, practical skills, leadership skills, or something else, your local church can benefit from what you have to offer!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday School begins

**Sunday, Sept. 10
10:30 AM**

Awana Volunteer Training

**Sunday, Sept. 10
6:00-7:30 PM in the MC**

First Night of Awana **Wednesday, Sept. 13**

Women’s Retreat @ Trout Lake

September 22-24

Sydney Schultz Bridal Shower

**Saturday, Sept. 23
10:00 AM in Fireside**



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Reason #3: We Are All Called To Serve, And For Good Reason!

Jesus set the ultimate example during his time on earth. When Jesus came, he shattered the assumptions about himself and what people thought they were getting when the Messiah came. The Jewish people were expecting a conqueror and liberator, yet they received a humble servant. Jesus flipped the dynamic; he got down on his knees and washed the feet of those that society cast aside instead of having his own feet washed; leading by example for us.

John 13:12-15 says, *"When he (Jesus) had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. 'Do you understand what I have done for you?' he asked them. 'You call me Teacher and Lord, and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.'"*

The Gospel transforms us. Our creator laid down his life for us at no cost to us. His grace is free to accept, and yet he does not require that we serve - he shows us why we should want to.

If you would like to serve in some way this fall at CrossRoads, we would love to help you find a good fit. There are many opportunities still available. If you aren't sure what your gifting is or which area of ministry might be the best fit for you, myself or Pastor Joey would love to chat with you and help you discover the best place for you to serve. It is our prayer that you would both benefit from and bless others by serving in the church.

Blessings,

Pastor Ben

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD DAY JULY 26



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday School begins Sunday, September 10th!



Back to Sunday School

PARENT MEETING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 @ 10:30 AM IN REDWOOD



Interested In Helping With
Children's Ministry?

WE NEED:

Sunday School Helpers & Teachers
Children's Church Helpers & Teachers
Nursery Volunteers

If interested, please reach out to Trisha Grove:
218-205-6534 or trisha@crossroadschurchff.com

MINISTRY STAFF

Joey Kalan	Senior Pastor
Ben Ellison	Associate Pastor of Discipleship
Amanda DeYounge	Director of Youth & Worship
Trisha Grove	Children's Ministry Director
Nancy Nelson	Care Coordinator

OVERSEER BOARD

Dan Heikes	Dave Bjork
Joey Kalan	Katrina Mouser
Bruce Money	Charlie Smith
Tim Swedberg	Sue Wilken

FINANCIAL UPDATES

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY

April 1, 2023 through July 31, 2023

Budget	\$163,469
Expenses	\$121,216
Contributions	\$171,762
Contributions Exceed Expenses by \$50,546	

RESTRICTED FUND SUMMARY

April 1, 2023 to July 31, 2023

FUND	Revenue	Expenses	Balance
Camp Fund	\$990	\$1,712	\$2,815
Trout Lake Camp Fund	\$0	\$0	\$5,443
Ukraine Fund	\$10,137	\$7,650	\$3,367
Youth Mission Fund	\$12,215	\$14,822	\$23,433

VOLUNTEER

Email
info@crossroadschurchff.com

AWANA

Listeners: Help kids understand
and memorize God's Word.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Helpers and
Teachers: Help children learn
about God.

CROSSROADS CHURCH

629 E Channing Avenue, Fergus Falls, MN
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OFFICE HOURS:

TUES, WED, FRI 8 AM –12 PM

BUILDING FUND RECAP

January 2022 to July 2023

Total Pledge (3 Yrs.)	\$565,214
Gifts Received (to date):	\$403,541.01
Donation from Church Reserves	\$150,000.00
Total Expenses (to date)	(\$682,417.65)
Internal Debt for Ministry Center	\$(128,876.64)

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
AUGUST		1	2	3	4	5
					7 PM Fargo Redhawks Game (Youth Event)	
6 9 AM Worship 10 AM Family Fellowship Time	7 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Unwind	8	9	10	11	12
13 9 AM Worship 10 AM Family Fellowship Time	14 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study	15	16	17	18	19 8 AM Church Clean-Up Day
20 9 AM Worship 10 AM Family Fellowship Time	21 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study	22	23	24	25	26
27 9 AM Worship 10 AM Family Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Back to Sunday School Parent Meeting	28 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study	29	30	31		
				The Nursery is available each week during the Sunday service.		

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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