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CRC NEWSLETTER

LOVE. GROW. SERVE.



CONNECTION HELPS US LOVE LIKE JESUS

I have always been fascinated by Legos. When I was in 1st grade I spent most of my recess time building airplanes, cars, and intricate buildings to house them. Even as an adult, I love going to Lego Land at the Mall of America. It amazes me how they can take something as simple as a Lego and connect millions of them together to make something like a 40 foot tall spaceship or a life-sized stormtrooper from Star Wars. At the mall they have huge containers overflowing with individual Legos that are full of potential, just waiting for a creative kid to come along and put them together to make something awesome!

Humans aren't all that different from Legos, we come in all shapes, colors, and sizes. But most importantly, we are capable of great things when we are connected to each other. Connection is something that we all desire. We don't all desire it in the same quantity, some of us only have a couple connectors on our lego and some of us have room for many connection points. But deep down we all need quality connection.

In John 15:9-13 Jesus says, *"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."* Jesus sums up the law in this simple but hard to achieve command. It takes a lot of love and care for another person to be willing to lay down your life for them. The kind of love and care that are only likely to develop from being in genuine, intimate, and faith-connected relationship with others.

I would like to encourage each of you to find a genuine connection point at CrossRoads. Just showing up for Sunday morning service does not give you an opportunity for this level of connection. Try joining one of our Connection Groups, try attending a Bible Study, or ask about where you might be a good fit for serving on one of our ministry teams like Hospitality or Awana. Finding the right opportunity to be connected to others will help you begin to experience, and share with others, the love that Jesus is talking about. I believe that through our connection to each other God is capable of creating something truly magnificent!

Serving Him Together,

Pastor Joey

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

SUNDAY 9/11:

Fall Kickoff!

- Sunday School &
- Connection Groups Begin (10:30 AM, after worship)
- Kickoff Lunch @ 12 PM

WEDNESDAY 9/14:

- AWANA Kickoff
- Youth Group begins for Fall

FRI-SUN, 9/16-9/18:

- Men's Retreat @ Trout Lake Camp

FRI-SUN, 9/23-9/25:

- Women's Retreat @ Trout Lake Camp

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Children's Ministry at CRC is kicking off this Sunday, September 11th. We are so excited to have your kids in our Children's Ministry!

Here is what we will be offering on Sunday mornings:

Children's Church: Ages 4 years to 2nd grade
Sunday School: Ages 4 years to 6th grade

Children's Church will be dismissed from the service before the sermon and will be escorted down to Redwood. During Children's Church they will spend the rest of the service time learning Bible stories, singing praise songs and hymns, making crafts and other activities that point them to Jesus. This year we are using a curriculum from RaiseUpFaith entitled "One Story". This curriculum's goal is to teach kids how each story in scripture connects to God's big story, and ultimately points to Jesus.

Families are encouraged to head to Lakeside after the service to pick up their kids following the service and enjoy a church wide fellowship time before heading off to Sunday School at 10:30 am.

Sunday School will continue with Year 2 of Generations of Grace. This curriculum takes your child through the entire Bible in 3 years. Year 2 we will be focusing on the Books Deuteronomy through Esther. Each family will receive a Family Devotional which contains weekly devotions (5 daily devotions) that coincide with the lessons from the Teacher Book. Each devotion contains a brief lesson, application questions, and discussion topics to talk through as a family.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Trisha Grove, Children's Ministry Director at:
trisha@crossroadschurchff.com
218.739.3391

We look forward to helping your child grow in their knowledge and love for God.

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MATTHEW 19:14





CALLING ALL READERS

The Church Library has changed location and is now ready for use. The new library space is located next to Maple, not far from the main entrance.

Checking out books is on the honor system. No need to sign out. Take a book or two but on returning that book please place the book back on the shelf refiling it alphabetically by the authors last name.

You will find a card located inside the back cover. That card is for your own personal use, to sign if you wish, that way you can remember/record if you've previously read the book!!

The Library will not be staffed by any specific library personnel. Your cooperation to help keep these books organized for everyone's use will be greatly appreciated.

All books located in the hallway on the tables outside the Library are FREE for you to take. These FREE books will be available through Sept 11, 2022. After Sept 11th they will be boxed up and donated.

Enjoy!! Happy Reading!!



MINISTRY STAFF

Joey Kalan	Senior Pastor
Christi Horgen	Interim Youth Director
Trisha Grove	Children's Ministry Director
Nancy Nelson	Care Coordinator

OVERSEER BOARD

Dan Heikes	Dave Bjork
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OFFICE HOURS:

MON, TUES, WED, FRI 9 AM –2 PM

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Email
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AWANA

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

ADULT MINISTRY

Fellowship Coordinator: Plan 4-6 events throughout the year to help us connect as a church family. Examples: Fall Bonfire, Potlucks, Family Bowling Night, etc.

ADULT MINISTRY

Men's Bible Study Leader: Help men connect with one another and grow in their faith by spending time in the Word and prayer.

FINANCIAL UPDATES

RESTRICTED FUND SUMMARY

April 1, 2022 through August 31, 2022

FUND	Revenue	Expenses	Balance
Camp Fund	\$2,275	\$500	\$1,775
Trout Lake Camp Fund	\$0	\$0	\$8,843
Ukraine Fund	\$15,373	\$17,750	\$2,616
Youth Mission Fund	\$10,742	\$11,804	\$17,461
Building Fund	\$53,814	\$51,207	\$78,889

BUILDING FUND PLEDGES/RECEIPTS

Total Pledge (3 Years):	\$565,214
Expected Pledge Receipts in 2022:	\$298,171
Building Fund Receipts (Jan-Aug2022):	\$162,191.60

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY

April 1, 2022 through August 31, 2022

Budget	\$189,646
Expenses	\$139,174
Contributions	\$178,772

Contributions have exceeded expenses by \$39,597

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
SEPT				1	2	3
				The Nursery is available each week during the Sunday service.		
4 9 AM Worship 10 AM Family Fellowship Time	5 LABOR DAY <i>Church Office Closed</i> 9:30 AM No Women's Bible Study	6	7 7 PM AWANA Volunteer Training	8	9	10
11 FALL KICKOFF! 9 AM Worship 9:30 AM Children's Church 10 AM Family Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Sunday School & Connection Groups 11:45 AM Kickoff Meal	12 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Unwind	13 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study	14 5:45 PM Family Meal (AWANA) 6:15 PM AWANA 5:45 PM Youth Group	15	16 Men's Retreat @ Trout Lake Camp	17 Men's Retreat @ Trout Lake Camp
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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).