



# CrossRoads Connections

## August 2022

### Why We Worship

Pastor Tim Keller says, *"You don't get to decide to worship. Everyone worships something. The only choice you get is what to worship."* This comment has always stuck with me. We were created to worship. We are constantly worshipping something or someone. Worship is a central part of the human experience. However, sometimes I still feel like the concept of worship is strange. I don't personally get easily excited or expressive. My midwestern roots and level personality can make me feel a bit strange about receiving praise or handing it out to others. I sometimes feel more comfortable moving through life behind the scenes. I don't want to feel invisible, but I'm not necessarily looking for the spotlight either. Maybe you can relate. Thankfully, the kind of worship we are called to is about shining the spotlight elsewhere, not on ourselves. It's about shining a spotlight on God... our Father, Creator, and Savior. Worship requires devotion, expression, focus, and time. It's not a small thing. So why do we worship?

**Hebrews 12:28-29** says, *"Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire."*

A key ingredient in the soup of worship is certainly gratefulness. Worship, in large part, is an expression of gratitude. Our world confronts us with many uncertainties. In response it can be easy to experience anxiety and fear. But Hebrews says, you may feel

shaken in this world, but God offers you access to a kingdom that cannot be shaken. In this kingdom exists calming peace, limitless grace, and transformative love. In light of this offering from God, how can I not respond with worship and gratitude? Worship is not less than an overflow of our gratefulness to God. As we grow in our knowledge of God and relationship with Him our desire for worship will increase.

But how do we do this well? This month we are going to spend time asking the question, why and how do we worship? How does baptism, communion, music, financial offering, and God's Word help us worship our Lord? I'm excited to begin this discussion with you all because we all worship something, and my hope for all of us is that as much and as often as possible that something would be God. As we begin this discussion I want to invite you to take time each week or even each day to be intentional about reflecting on your gratitude towards God. And also encourage your family, friends, and small group to do the same. I believe if we can collectively increase our gratitude it will enrich our worship and help us to keep our eyes fixed on our Savior.

I'm thankful for each of you. Praying that you will enjoy the last stretch of summer and continue to grow closer to God.

Serving Him Together,

Pastor Joey



**T**his church has been very quiet during the week for these past few months. But that is about to change! In six weeks, the Wednesday night youth and children's programs will begin, and with that comes AWANA. This means that about 140 children, from ages 2-12, will fill the church from top to bottom with energy and excitement, as well as a desire to learn more about God and His Word.

Coordinating and running a program like Awana does not just happen on its own. It takes a volunteer team of 50-60 adults, willing to love and serve these kids and who fill several different roles. And there is always room for more! There are several ways you can participate.

1. Spend your time in the classrooms listening to kids learn and recite Bible Verses and stories.
2. Be an encourager and a "tutor" for the kids who need extra help to get through the material.
3. Be an Awana Warrior, by praying for our team and the kids on Wednesday nights.

If you have thought about giving Awana a try, now is the time to get on board. We are filling our volunteer spots and still have several needs. We would love to have a conversation with you.

<b>Contact</b>	Nancy Nelson	320-815-4724	Awana Ministry Director
	Katrina Mouser	218-770-9788	Awana Administrative Director

A Volunteer Training event will be hosted at CRC on Sept 7. *The first night of Awana is September 14*

We are trusting God for a year filled with many opportunities to reach children with the Gospel of Christ, and help them grow in their faith so they can live for Him.







Building project update:  
The house is moving out this month!

## Financial Updates

Restricted Fund Summary			
April 1, 2022 thru July 31, 2022			
Fund	Revenue	Expenses	Balance
Camp Fund	\$1,140	\$0	\$1,140
Trout Lake Camp Fund	\$0	\$0	\$8,843
Ukraine Fund	\$13,468	\$15,200	\$3,261
Youth Mission Fund	\$10,397	\$11,650	\$17,270
Building Fund	\$43,530	\$51,207	\$68,606

Building Fund Pledges/Receipts
Total Pledge (3 Yr.) - \$565,214
Expected Pledge Receipts in 2022 - \$298,171
Building Fund Receipts (Jan. - July) - \$151,908

General Fund Summary	
April 1, 2022 through July 31, 2022	
Budget	\$151,717
Expenses	\$109,271
Contributions	\$150,767
Contributions have exceeded expenses by \$41,496	

# Mark Your Calendars

**Sept 7**-Awana volunteer training

**Sept 16-18**-Trout Lake Men's Retreat at

**Sept 11**-Sunday School and Children's Church resume.

**Sept 14**-Awana begins.

**Sept 23-25**-Trout Lake Women's Retreat

## 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
Katrina Mouser	Bruce Money
Charlie Smith	Tim Swedberg
Sue Wilken	Joey Kalan



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### Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday  
9:00am-2:00pm

7 things every child needs to hear:

1. I love you
2. I'm proud of you
3. I'm sorry
4. I forgive you
5. I'm listening
6. This is your responsibility
7. You've got what it takes!



## Volunteer Opportunities

[info@crossroadschurchff.com](mailto:info@crossroadschurchff.com)

**Awana: Listeners:** Help kids understand and memorize God's Word

**Adult Ministry: Fellowship Coordination.** Plan 4-6 events throughout the year to help us connect as a church family. Examples: Bonfire, Potluck, Bowling, 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.

## Newsletter Submissions

If you have something you would like to include in the newsletter, please email it to:

[info@crossroadschurchff.com](mailto:info@crossroadschurchff.com) by the 22nd of the month (to be published in the following month's issue).

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Service at CRC  Picnic and Baptism Noon-2:pm  Nursery will resume	8  <i>Unwind 6:30pm</i>	9	10	11	12	13 <i>M-State Meal 6:30pm</i>
14 Youth Group goes to Red Hawks game	15 9:30 am Women's Bible Study	16 <i>Ageless Wonders 9:30-11:am CRC Lobby</i>	17	18	19	20 <i>Church Clean-up 8:am</i>
21	22 9:30 am Women's Bible Study	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 9:30 am Women's Bible Study	30	31	Nursery is available each Sunday during the Worship Service		