

## Crossroads Church

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*Christians passionately dedicated to impacting our world with God's love, one person at a time.*

A friend was on his way to work this morning when he passed an older woman raking a lawn full of leaves. The city leaf-jeep (Madison has jeeps that push piled leaves onto streets so the city's trucks can pick them up every fall. If you don't have your leaves on the terrace when they come by your leaves sit all winter and kill your grass.) had just pushed her neighbor's leaves out on the street, which meant the big trucks were minutes away.

My friend realized this elderly lady would never get her leaves out to the terrace before the trucks arrived, so he turned around, hopped out and asked if she had another rake. Thankfully she did, and for the next 30 minutes my friend raked leaves in his suit and dress shoes.

As the story came out it became obvious that even though my friend arrived at his office with clothes already sweaty and dirty, he had seldom felt better about starting a day. Clearly making a difference in another's life was a way to finding life. Or as Jesus would have said, *"For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it."* Luke 9:24

Maybe the reason for my friend's opportunity to find life this morning was because you needed the reminder that real life is found in losing your own.

## Sunday

**Sunday:** This Sunday we continue our series on the 10 Commandments. Our Scripture reading is from Exodus 20.1-17. Please join us as we Praise our God for His rich blessings!

Our offering will be for **Classis Ministry** - Classical Ministry Shares helps to provide support for various mission projects within Classis Wisconsin such as the 3 new church plants in greater Wisconsin communities, educational and training opportunities for members of Wisconsin churches and Scholarship funds for Wisconsin Seminary students.

## Administrative Updates

As we welcome Erica as our new Administrative Assistant please note that the office hours have changed. Erica will be in the office from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The office will be closed on Tuesdays, Pastor Doug's day off. As we have worked out in the past, should you need to get into the church at times different than the above scheduled office hours please call ahead as Pastor Doug is often away from his office on Pastoral Calls and appointments.

## Check it Out!

### Crossroads Christmas Presentation and Sign-up

Save the date, Sunday, December 11 at 9:30 am! That is the date we will be presenting our church wide Christmas play, "Christmas Letters." Plan to invite grand-parents, family members and friends to this year's presentation.

All who are interested in participating in the play are invited to the Fellowship Hall today after the service to sign up. See attached insert for information about the play, character roles, and helpers required to make this play a success! Or if you would like time to think about it please leave signed insert in Sylvia, Diane or Heather mailbox.

**Poinsettia Order Forms** - Additional order forms are on the sign-up table by the Poinsettia order form box. Orders are dues **this Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup>**.

### Still Room in Our Youth Groups

Both youth groups continue on Wednesday night from 6:15-7:45 pm. and we still have room for you! We have a tentative schedule for the Unashamed Youth group on the sign-up table. Please take one along for yourself and a friend.

### Get Added to the List

If someone forwarded you this e-mail was forwarded, and you are not currently on our church's "e-mail list" but would like to be included in future mailings please send a return e-mail requesting this.

Have a wonderful Weekend! Enjoy the gifts God has given you. Honor Him in all you do, and I look forward to seeing you Sunday!!

May Jesus' love be your strength.

Pastor Doug