

## Crossroads Church

a ministry of the Christian Reformed Church

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

It has been a couple of weeks since I sat down to write you a weekly e-mail – January 12<sup>th</sup> to be precise.

I reread what I wrote on the 12<sup>th</sup>, and nervously laughed as I read my last sentence. Do you recall? Here it is:

*"I wonder what the quiet voice of God said to you today, and I wonder if you heard it."*

Vicki and I heard it! We still hear the waves crashing over us. We still hear the voices of our rescuers screaming, "You can't quit. Don't stop! Don't stop! You have to keep moving!" And in these we hear the quiet voice of God reassuring us, quieting us and inviting us to step into His arms (One does not come this close to death without it changing things).

Today I shared the following with my Church Council: *"These past few weeks have been anything but normal, routine or easy for Vicki and me. During these weeks we have struggled not only physically and emotionally, but spiritually as well. Through these struggles we have both felt God calling us into some tough journeys of faith, and have felt the need of new habits and renewed avenues of spiritual growth.*

*For me these past weeks have opened up some wounds and burdens from the past I must deal with. A friend, being aware of this, has offered me a three-day personal growth and renewal time to help me deal not only with the past, but also to use these experiences and this time to draw closer to God."*

Vicki and I look forward to continuing, with so many of you, the ministry to which God has called us here in Dane County and Crossroads.

What I find interesting in the e-mail of the 12<sup>th</sup> and where I am today is the affirmation of the truth that the questions we most ask of others are often the very ones we must answer ourselves.

No more questions today – rather, a suggestion: listen to the questions you have for others, for in them may be wisdom for you.

## Sunday Service

Please join us for Worship at 9:30 a.m. as we continue our series of messages entitled *Major Stuff from the Minor Prophets*. This week we begin our study of the Prophet Amos. Our Scripture Lesson is from Amos 1.1-2. I look forward to seeing you! **Make worship a priority this week – someone is depending on you to share this worship time with them!**

**Our Offering:**

*World Renew: World Renew* is our denomination's arm of mercy as compelled by God's deep passion for justice & mercy, we join communities around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation. *World Renew* is often an early arrival at natural disasters such as recent Hurricane Harvey, and a long-term commitment player as they often are still working long after the major players have gone home.

## Get Involved!

### Unashamed Youth

All youth 6th-12th grades are invited to join us on Wednesday nights 6:15-7:45PM!  
Our goal is to help young men and women grow spiritually and have fun while learning. *Dinner is provided!*

***This Wednesday – February 7th:***

**Sledding & Hot Chocolate**

*For more detailed information and if you have any questions, please contact:*

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### KINGDOM KIDS

All children ages 4 through 5th grades are invited to Kingdom Kids on Wednesday nights 6:15-7:45PM.

We have a Bible lesson, some challenging crafts and super fun games! We and encourage you to invite and bring friends along with you!

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## **Women's Bible Study Groups**

### **Thursday Morning Coffee Break**

*Every Thursday morning 9:00-10:45AM Studying a Coffee Break international bible study “**Discovering the Whole Bible**”*

### **Wednesday Evening Coffee Break**

*Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday evening 6:15-7:45PM Studying the book of John, Chapters 13-17 with “**Lessons from the Upper Room**”*

#### **Get Added to the List**

If someone forwarded you this e-mail, 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