

## *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.*

Over the past few days I've watched the seasonal birds with a mixture of concern and fascination. I've been concerned for the robins that did not return all this way north to experience multiple snow storms. A cold day or two may be in their expectation, but 6-8 inches of snow? I doubt any are writing cousins back in Atlanta touting the joy they had sliding on the ice or walking on snow.

I've been fascinated watching these same birds. Where do they find food? I grew up watching robins pull worms from the ground, and learned this is, in part, how robins survive. I doubt any found worms in the past two days. This morning I watched as the robins were pecking away between the rocks in our waterscape. Here the dirt was thawed and still exposed. It had not been covered by the inches of snow that had fallen the night before.

Later in the morning I was sitting in my car in a parking lot, awaiting a phone call informing me whether I could leave or if I had to re-engage in conversation. While waiting I watched as a little bird scratched away three inches of snow to uncover some good black soil. Once the task was complete she went to town pecking away for any exposed seeds or creatures.

It is an amazing creation our God has given us!

Over the past few days I've heard many complaints about Wisconsin's weather. I've heard numerous groans as a winter tiredness is expressed with sounds no words can express.

And in these same days I have come to appreciate the unexpected snow storms for they have given opportunity to be awed and inspired by a God who not only creates, but who sustains as well.

And, in speaking about the birds, Jesus Himself says, *"Are you not much more valuable than they?"*

We've all had experiences in our lives that have felt like unexpected spring snow storms. Life turns suddenly cold, harsh and exposed. Yet, in the midst of the storm, God has shown Himself present in ways enabling us to come out of these storms with renewed faith and energy for life.

I'm believing the robins will begin to have it a little easier in the next few days, and until then, they will continue to be a reminder of God's deep love for you and me.

## Sunday Service

Please join us for Worship at 9:30 a.m. as we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus! Our Scripture Lesson is from John 20.24-31. 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:

The Voice of the Martyrs is an international non-profit organization whose mission is to serve persecuted Christians.

## Tomorrow

### MEN'S LIFE

**Please join us Saturday, April 21st**

Men's Life exists to support men in their walk with Christ. We come together for breakfast to discuss the issues and problems that are common to men, to support each other, to pray for one another, and to glorify God. All men of all ages are welcome. Please RSVP to Pastor Doug (Call/Text 608-469-0503) if you are planning to attend this month's meeting.

## 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.

***This Wednesday – April 25<sup>th</sup>:***

### ***What is the Trinity?***

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

**Pastor Ryan Moorad** by [email: crossroadsmadisonyouth@gmail.com](mailto:crossroadsmadisonyouth@gmail.com) or call/text: (608) 335-2785

# 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!

***This Wednesday – – April 25<sup>th</sup>:***

***David and Jonathan***

## 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**”*

## Coming Up

**Come sign up for AARP's Smart Driver Course!** You will learn defensive driving techniques, proven safety strategies, and new traffic laws and rules of the road. It will be held on Wednesday, May 2nd, 9am-1pm, at Crossroads Church. There is a sign-up sheet on the front table.

**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