

Today - August 25, 2019

**Dead Fish
John 15**

Offering for the Month of August:



GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL

The Gideons International is an Association of Christian business and professional men and their wives dedicated to telling people about Jesus through associating together for service, sharing personal testimony, and by providing Bibles and New Testaments. While we are often recognized for our work with hotels, we also place and distribute Scriptures in strategic locations so they are available to those who want them, as well as to those who may not know they need them.

About the Offering:

All loose cash, loose checks, or funds placed in an envelope marked for the monthly ministry will be allocated towards the *offerings of the month* ministry (for August-Gideons International). All blank envelopes or envelopes marked for the General Fund will be allocated to the General Fund. The General Fund covers the operations of the church and supports the ministries of our regional and national denomination.

For more information about the ministries of the Christian Reformed Church, please visit their website: <https://www.crcna.org/ministries>

This Week: August 25 - August 31

Sunday:	9:30 AM	Sunday Service
Tuesday:	9:00 AM 6:30 PM	Music Academy Elders & Deacons Meeting
Wednesday:	6:00 PM	Kingdom Kids/Unashamed Youth Super Soaking Day
Thursday:	7:30 PM	Worship Team Practice

Volunteers This Sunday, August 25

Scripture Reader: Shirley
Coffee Server: Sandy
Nursery: Heather
Church Security: Al
Prayer Team: Bette
Greeters: Don & Sandi
Ushers: Jason & Al
Accompanist: Lisa

UNASHAMED YOUTH/KINGDOM KIDS UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8/28 Super Soaking Day 6 p.m.

COME JOIN US FOR OUR LAST EVENT FOR THE SUMMER!

Unashamed Youth & Kingdom Kids will resume on Wednesday, September 4th.



Adult & Youth Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 8th.



Women's Bible Study

Crossroads Coffee Break Bible Study will restart in the Fall on Thursday, September 19th at 9AM!

Next Sunday - September 1, 2019

Pastor Larry Meyer will be preaching

“Filled With Joy and the Peace of God: In a world of conflict and struggle, God’s people can experience joy and peace.”

Volunteers Next Sunday, September 1

Scripture Reader: Linda
Coffee Server: Robin
Nursery: Breanna
Church Security: Mike
Prayer Team: Dennis & Pam
Greeters: Linda
Ushers: Jason & Don
Accompanist: Mary

Announcements

Dear Congregation,

Last week Tuesday I met with the Executive Committee and told them I anticipated using my 6 weeks of accrued vacation and continuing education (much of this carried over from last year) for some spiritual renewal and retreat. In addition, I requested an additional 19 days so as to have 2 months of leave so I could emotionally pull away from the responsibilities of the job to free me to be quiet before God, listening to His leading and allowing my body and soul to rest.

Today the Council met and granted me a sabbatical of which 6 weeks will be the above mentioned accrued vacation and continuing education. During this time away I anticipate spending significant parts of this away from Madison, much of it in a rather secluded home about three hours away.

I value this opportunity to be renewed emotionally and spiritually, and look forward to continuing in the work to which God is calling us together.

During this time I am unavailable please contact your Council members or Vice-President Laurie Bauer with any concerns or pastoral needs.

I will be back in the office on November 11th and preaching again on November 17th.

I will be remembering you in my prayers as I trust you will me in the months ahead.

—Pastor Doug

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for members who are willing to be placed in a rotation for areas needed for volunteering on Sunday’s. At this time we only have 2-3 volunteers in some groups which leaves these volunteers helping out most Sunday’s. If you would like to share your talents and time, I have listed below some of the areas in which you can help.

SCRIPTURE	COFFEE	SECURITY
PRAYER	GREETERS	USHERS

As well as nursery, piano, sound, and computer.

If being in a rotation is too big of a commitment but you are willing to be on a back-up list just let us know. Christine is trying to complete the Volunteer list for this next quarter (Sept.-Dec.) so if you could let her know by next week Wednesday that would be helpful.

Your worship team is also looking for those of you who enjoy singing. Please consider joining our worship team! Contact Pam or Vicki if you have any questions or would like to join!

Next Week: September 1 - September 7

Sunday:	9:30 AM	Sunday Service
Monday:	LABOR DAY—CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
Tuesday:	9:00 AM	Music Academy
Thursday:	7:30 PM	Worship Team Practice

Order of Worship

SERVICE OF PRAISE

You Are Good

Welcome and Greeting

Beautiful One

#607

Days of Elijah

It is Well With My Soul

Prayer

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Children's Message

The Joy of the Lord

Scripture Reading: John 15

Message: *Dead Fish*

Prayer

SERVICE OF RESPONSE

Offering

Let All Things

#5

Announcements

Benediction

Mighty is Our God

Birthdays

THIS WEEK

Aug 26 Mike

Aug 27 Cyndi

Aug 28 Brock



NEXT WEEK

Sept 4 William

Prayers

Prayer for our individuals of the week:

Merle

Con & Mary

For our Pastor, those on Council and in Leadership:

Please pray for Godly leadership, integrity and wisdom in their decisions and actions.

Pray for Reconciliation in families that experience brokenness.

For Our Missionaries:

Chuck & Ellen Broughton, Navigators

Dawn VanHook, InterVarsity

José Almonte, Hands of Hope: Dominican Republic

Elders:

Pastor Ryan - Kid's World

Laurie Bauer - Vice President & Adult Life

David Starkenburg - Building & Grounds

Brock Chalmers—Evangelism

Deacons:

Don Hendrikse - Sec./Deacons; Council Clerk

Jess Bakker - Treasurer

Bette Lemkuil - Benevolence

Vicki Van Essen - Deaconess & Fellowship

Pam Tikkanen - Social Justice

Prayer Requests

Janice - Continue to pray for Janice.

Tim - Tim is home. Pray for health for him.

Claudia - Continue to pray for daily health and strength for Claudia.

Nancy - Please pray with Nancy as there are no current plans for a liver transplant as Mayo has elected not to proceed with treatment.

Merle—Merle's hip replacement surgery went well. She's home for rehab and recovery.

Vito - Vito has received a bone marrow transplant. Please pray for positive results and continued healing.

Al - Please remember Al and his family in prayers. Pray for God's Presence and Peace for these coming days and weeks.

Linda - Please keep Linda in your prayers as she was in the hospital this past week. Pray for continued healing that will prevent the need for further surgery.

Pastor Doug - Please pray for Pastor Doug while he is on Sabbatical. Pray for rest, peace, spiritual growth and insight.

Church Leadership—Pray for your church leadership as they step into new responsibilities while Pastor Doug is on Sabbatical. Pray for wisdom, discernment and strength.

Sacraments: We celebrate the Lord's Supper the first Sunday of February, April, June, August, October, December and Maundy Thursday/Good Friday. Baptism is by arrangement.

Severe Weather Policy: If a tornado watch is issued for the Madison area and extends to one-half hour or less before the scheduled function, that function is cancelled. For weather cancellations including winter season, listen to WNWC or check your email.

Church Office Hours: Normal church office hours are 9:00AM-4:00PM and Administrative Assistant's hours are 8:00AM-12:00PM Monday - Friday. Please note that due to meetings/pastoral care, there may be times when no one is in the office. Please call first if you need to get into the building.



Sharing God's Love

One Person at a Time

WELCOME

Thank you for joining us for worship today!

Worship by definition, is not passive. Worship is a responsive act and therefore always active. If you are here hoping worship to be perfect we want you to know you may be disappointed. Our times of worship are never perfect because we are a broken people. As broken people we do our best to honor God. At Crossroads we take a traditional worship order and mix it with more contemporary music and approach. As the Psalmist instructs us, we make a joyful noise to the Lord. It is not a perfect noise, but it will definitely be enthusiastic when you actively join your praise with ours.

A nursery is provided for infants, toddlers and children up to 4 years old. A brochure of Crossroads' ministries is available in the information rack in the foyer.

Our sound system is equipped with receivers for those with impaired hearing. Ask any usher to provide one for you.

If you would like a CD of today's message, please feel free to check one out from the library or call the church office.

Please join us after the morning service for refreshments and fellowship!

TODAY AT CROSSROADS.....

9:30AM Morning Worship

10:45AM Fellowship with refreshments

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