

CROSSROADS CONNECTION



This Sunday will be our first in person service since March 15, 2020. Can you believe it has been that long? What a blessing to be able to open our doors on Palm Sunday and celebrate Jesus's entry in Jerusalem, knowing all this means for him in the days following. Holy Week is the foundation for our faith because of Jesus. Jesus was our perfect lamb who paid the price for our sins. He suffered and died for me and you! He took our place so that we can choose to follow him all the days of our lives. He provided an eternal hope for those who follow him and keep his commandments.

THEN HE CALLED THE CROWD TO HIM ALONG WITH HIS DISCIPLES AND SAID: "WHOEVER WANTS TO BE MY DISCIPLE MUST DENY THEMSELVES AND TAKE UP THEIR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME. FOR WHOEVER WANTS TO SAVE THEIR LIFE WILL LOSE IT, BUT WHOEVER LOSES THEIR LIFE FOR ME AND FOR THE GOSPEL WILL SAVE IT. MARK 8:34-35

-Follow us on [Facebook](#) and on [Instagram](#)

-Did you know you can give [online](#)? Use the Tithe.ly ap for online giving.

Pastoral Message

Pastor Ron, our new STM, has begun working here during the past days. He would love to communicate with you and everyone else in the congregation, but that's kind of tricky during this time of social distancing. Below is a link to a brief video where he introduces himself and what he will be trying to do to help us as a congregation. The link is a little over 8 min—he would love for you to check it out and respond to him in some way. The video will explain more.

Pastor Ron can be reached by email at ronvanderwell@gmail.com, or you can text or call him at 815-258-7340. He intends to respond in some way to each communication within 24 hours of hearing from you.

<https://youtu.be/SDrp5vgSYTI>

Thanks for being part of some important conversations that will be happening here at Crossroads!

Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart

- "I am thankful to the Lord for all who were so very helpful -- mostly behind the scenes -- in making our February worship honoring to the Lord and encouraging to many of us! It was my first 'video only' experience and wouldn't have been nearly so positive without the wonderful assistance of Breanna Moorad, Ryan Moorad, Paul Lenters,

and Diane Krueger! We'll continue to keep you all in our prayers." -- Pastor Larry Meyer

- Pastor Doug and Vicki and their service to the Lord & to Crossroads.
- Pastor Ron and Deb for coming to help us during this time of transition.
- Clean water
- Dedicated and gifted medical people, medicines and vaccines.
- The gift that God's people are and have been in my life.
- The Lord's promises and for His faithfulness.
- A superbly functional and beautifully re-done building in which to worship and serve the Lord.
- I am thankful for miracles, memories, and my loved ones that includes my four-legged kids. I am thankful for my church family and that I wake up each morning to a new day and new adventures. I am thankful for all the blessings God has given me and that I know how important it is that I keep God center stage in my life. – Sandy Frye
- Spring is a season that sprouts with a new hope. That's the same kind of feeling an unbeliever experiences when they come into a new relationship with Jesus Christ through a Luke Society clinic. We are grateful for the role Crossroads Church plays in sowing those seeds of salvation with us through your gifts and prayers. We pray that the Lord would use them and enable the growth of his kingdom around the world. – The Luke Society
- I am thankful for Our youth leaders: Steve Kemna, Chris Walstra, Kelly Zierath, Jasmine Cooker, and Roel Hernandez. They are dedicated and serve our youth weekly pouring into their lives. They are great examples of being Unashamed (ROM. 1:16). I am also thankful for Heather and Bre for working tirelessly to make our church look great! Check out the Kid Zone, Family Room, and Foyer wall! Their organization, creativity, and decor are amazing! – Pastor Ryan Moorad
- I am thankful for Heather. She is creative, hardworking and is a pleasure to work with and bounce ideas off of! I am also grateful for my family. I could not "do life" without them. – Bre Moorad
- I'm thankful and super grateful for 11 years of hanging out with the youth group. Every single time I left the group feeling happy I was with them. – Vicki Hellenbrand
- I am thankful for my friends and family because they support me and we have fun together. – Reese Moorad
- I am grateful my family is a Christian family because they have taught me about having a relationship with God. I am also thankful for my friends because they are fun to be around and support me. – Kaden Moorad
- I am thankful that the weather is getting warmer. – Isaac Moorad
- I am grateful that I can have drum lessons because I get to learn how to play an instrument I like. – Jordan Moorad
- I am thankful for the ability and strength that God has given me to take care of Claudia. The fact that she puts her trust in me and we make a good team. I am grateful for God's guidance in showing me how to handle an amazing woman who is always in pain and needs such tender, loving and care! - Nicole Nelson
- I am thankful for our church family, who are willing to stick together and support each other in all we have gone through. I am grateful for Pastor Ryan and youth group leaders, who have safely kept our kids active in church, with fun and

meaningful connections. I'm thankful for all of you who helped work on the remodel of our church. It's great to see the end vision coming into focus so we can enjoy it and share it with new people! – [Heather Hoefen](#)

- I am so thankful for Jesus my savior! He showed this disgusting sinner, unconditional love, mercy, Grace and forgiveness. I owe Jesus so much and love Him. – Pam Tikkanen
 - I am thankful for the beautiful new facility that Crossroads has and for God blessing Crossroads church year after year. I am also thankful for the opportunity to return to in person worship with everyone soon! – [Eric Lenters](#)
-

Crossroad's Highlight

Meet Paul Lenters:



I'm a 31-year-old Canadian citizen with Dutch in my blood and a mohawk. I've called both Madison and Crossroads home the past 13 years.

I suffer from both physical/mental impairments, but let me quote another Paul who said, "But he said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

I'm a very chill person who looks a lot different than most Christians as I have a mohawk and many tattoos. I have found it a fun new way to witness when people ask about my tattoos (as 95% of my tattoos are based in my faith).

Some of my hobbies are film, music, comics and tattoos. I am a big science fiction nerd I enjoy combat sports as well. Video editing and producing is also a favorite of mine!

I work as a senior support with a tech company and am the media director for Crossroad's Church.

My favorite Bible verse is 1 Timothy 1:15-17. It says, "Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen".

A mentor or someone I look up to has been Pastor Doug & Vicky for their absolute servants heart and loving spirit. Also, my mom for her unyielding faith and relationship with Jesus. It's just inspiring!

I would love to see us as a church trust more in God and seek him, rather than our own plans or ideas about money and gifts. To let His will reign not ours. I can't wait to see his amazing plans for Crossroads in this new chapter.

UNASHAMED YOUTH & Kingdom Kids

This Wednesday we celebrated Easter by discussing Jesus as the Sacrificial Lamb. After Spring Break, we will start a new series called, Mirror: Mirroring Our Lives After Jesus. These pictures are of us celebrating National Clothespin Day in a decorating competition!



We are in need of female leaders!

Pray about serving our youth & contact Pastor Ryan if you want to join this awesome ministry!

Pastor Ryan 608-335-2785 or rymoorad@gmail.com.

Dates to know: 3/31- NO YOUTH GROUP (Spring Break)



Coffee Break

Crossroads Church is inviting you to participate in upcoming Women's Coffee Break Bible Study Zoom meetings. We meet weekly on Thursday's at 9 AM. Contact Shirley McCallum at mccallum2@gmail.com with questions.

****NOTE: No Coffee Break on April 1st due to Holy Week**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87216183888?pwd=UUFEEjVIWEZ4SDZMa3ZNeiY2LzUzd09>

Meeting ID: 872 1618 3888

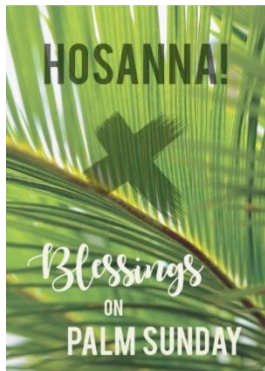
Couch Or Pew?

Fear is powerful. It can be debilitating. It can cause sleeplessness and control our actions (or lack thereof). We have seen the power of fear this past year. It has shut us into our homes, taken us from our loved ones, shut doors of schools and businesses and closed churches! 1 Timothy 1:7 says, "God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and love and of a sound mind."

As a church, we have had several difficult changes to face with more to come! The last time we saw a large number of us getting together (virtually) was to discuss a financial decision. Within these discussions, many made it clear that meeting in person for further talks was what you wanted. How much more should our desire be for us to gather for church? Based on this, and other factors, our church doors are finally being opened!

"Christ, not Caesar, Is Head of the Church" - Grace Community Church

<https://www.gracechurch.org/news/posts/1988>



We all have a choice to make. We must choose if we are going to **watch church** from our couch or **be the church**.

Church is a necessity in our world! It is a time, together, to take a stand for Christ and to open our mouths with Christ led truth.

In addition, what a wonderful option we have now, for a live streamed service! This is incredible way for the sick or physically impaired to be a part of the Sunday service. It is such a cool option for us when we are out of town to stay connected with our church! **Live Stream Info:**

<https://crossroadscrc.online.church> – If you would like to use the chat, you simply speak into the chat and then type your name when

prompted.

This Sunday is Palm Sunday! Join us **AT** Crossroad's Church at 9:30 for our live service.

Good Friday Service

Geneva Campus Church has invited Crossroad's Church to join them for their Good Friday service. This will be a virtual service. Look for the link in an email soon.

Council Moment

The council voted to approve a proposal from Paul Lenters to be Media Director of Crossroads Church. Paul has volunteered his services for the past year working tirelessly helping our church meet virtually. Paul will be updating and managing the church website, maintaining church social media sites, and heading up our live streaming. He is an asset and we are thankful to have him.

-Serving on your council is Pastor Ron Vanderwell, Pastor Ryan Moorad, David Starkenburg, Brock Chalmers, Jess Bakker, Nicole Nelson and Pam Tikkanen.

Parsonage Update

An offer was accepted on the sale of the parsonage for over the asking price and the closing is pending.

Legacy Project





CRC Fun Fact

Throughout the first half of the 1800s, the church's Dutch beginnings shifted from an everyday reality to a remembered heritage as Dutch-language worship began to fade. The church, incorporated in the United States in 1819 as the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, changed its name in 1867 to the Reformed Church in America.