

Crossroads Church

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

I love this time of the year! The trees in the woods outside my window are greening. Hostas in the garden are shooting up an inch or more, it seems, a day. The birds are bathing in the stream, and the weather is warmer.

This was always a wonderful time of the year growing up as well. Spring usually meant a trip to Grandpa's farm was coming close. I loved the farm. I loved the smell of hay in the barn. I loved the feel of the calf sucking my fingers. I loved the chicks peeking from under their mother's wings.

Going to the farm was such anticipated joy! The only problem with going to Grandpa's farm was the 6-14 hour car ride (depending where we happened to be living at the time). The farm was never a place for an hour's visit, returning home the same day. These blessed memories of the farm came only after tedious hours of riding in the car, tolerating annoying sisters and the hot breeze from open car windows.

But what a joy on the farm!

I'd invite you to join me on my next trip to Grandpa's farm, but Grandpa has gone to Glory decades ago, and the farm has since become another family's great memories.

However, what I can do is invite you to another farm where you can smell the hay in the barn, where you can feel the fine textures of wool and see and feel the beautiful yellow of little chicks.

All this and more is available on May 7th at the annual *4-Acre Farm's Open Barn*. It has so much of the fun and memories of Grandpa's farm with amazing people ready to answer questions and introduce you to some of the mystery and wonder of God's creation.

Come with me in two weeks (see attached flyer) and make great farm memories!



Trivia Questions (to be answered without checking with those “in the know”):

1. In the above flyer, what are the names of the two children and the lamb in the picture?
2. What is in the ice cream cones?

Sunday

Sunday: This Sunday we celebrate God’s faithfulness in the Sacrament of Baptism as little Henry John is baptized. Our Scripture Passage is Titus 3.3-8.

Our offering will be for **Camp Calvin** - Camp Calvin supported and run by Classis Wisconsin, is a fantastic Bible camp located on beautiful Lake Keesus in Hartford, WI. It is a fun-filled week where youth in grades 4-9 enjoy activities that include

canoeing, swimming, and team sports of all kinds mixed with meaningful devotions, Spirit-filled worship and a chance to meet new Christian friends.

Check it Out!

ALL CHURCH

Spring Clean-Up Day

Saturday, April 23rd

Join us for tasks for all ages and skills levels.

Work will include both interior and exterior. Help keep our Church beautiful.

Join us for a **breakfast of bacon, eggs and pancakes** to begin the day.

Lunch will be provided.

Schedule of day (Join us and stay as long as you can)

8:00 a.m. – Breakfast Served

8:30 – Noon – work time

12 noon – Lunch served

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – continue with work projects.

In case of rain we will still work inside and reschedule an out-door work day later.

Questions? Contact Pastor Doug, Al or Mike.

Kingdom Kids

All children ages 4 through 5th grades are invited to Kingdom Kids on every Wednesday night from 6:15 -7:45 pm. Snacks are provided for all. In addition, we have a Bible lesson, some challenging crafts and some super fun games. Invite your friends to come too.

Unashamed Youth

Please join us every Wednesday night from 6:15 – 7:45 pm. This Wednesday we have our study series entitled **Science, Evolution, and Origins**. Our goal is to help the boys and girls grow spiritually and have fun by learning. For more detailed information and if you have any questions, please contact Pastor Ryan.

Pillowcase Dress Workshop This Thursday

Ladies and Gentlemen...Boys and Girls...

There will be a workshop offered Thursday, April 28th at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. The evening will be spent showing interested persons how to design, cut and sew the pillowcase dresses for the children in the Dominican Republic.

The dresses will be delivered this summer during Crossroads youth and adult mission trips to the DR. Whether you are an accomplished seamstress or want-to-be volunteer, come join us for an evening of fun. Any questions, please contact Merle.

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

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