

Crossroads Church

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

Last week Vicki and I had the privilege of visiting many of the war memorials in Washington DC. We saw the WWII memorial, the Korean War memorial and the Vietnam memorial. We also saw the memorial to the nurses of the wars.

On Saturday morning we were also privileged to be part of those who welcomed the Wisconsin Honor Flight to Washington DC. We were flying back to Madison that morning, and had a friend who was flying with his father on the Honor Flight to DC. It was wonderful to participate in being a familiar face as they arrived in DC.

Later that evening we joined the more than 5,000 others in welcoming the Honor Flight back to Madison, and once again greeted our friend and his father.

In each of these we had the opportunity to express thanks to those whose lives impacted ours in ways we cannot even comprehend. Standing at the Vietnam Memorial touching the name of a friend's brother was a silent expression of thanks for a life given. Walking around the Korean Memorial we could not help but whisper "thank-you" to those who endured bitter cold and terrifying situations on behalf of us.

Observing the faces of the nurses at their memorial we felt compelled to once again express gratitude for their sacrifice.

Welcoming the veterans in *Regan National Airport* our eyes filled with tears of appreciation for what others had given for us. And then having the double privilege of welcoming these same veterans back to Madison, we felt doubly blessed.

I was again reminded I can never be too grateful, nor can I ever be fully aware of all those who contribute, and often sacrifice, so my life can be enjoyed. Thus, in honor and appreciation for all our veterans sacrificed for us the best way I can live is in continual thanks and appreciation – even when things may not be going tip top. After all, we owe the freedoms we enjoy to the sacrifices they have made – a sacrifice that emulates that of Jesus Christ who willingly gave of Himself.

On this Memorial Day weekend find opportunity to say thanks to others. If it doesn't make your day, it will sure make theirs.

Sunday

Sunday: This Sunday we recognize those who have served us as members of the military – recognizing that through them God has blessed us so that we in turn can be a blessing to others. Our Scripture for the day will be from Romans 16. Please join us as we Praise our God for His rich blessings!

Our offering will be for **Evergreen community CRC** - This offering for Benevolence & Social Justice will enable Crossroads to help families in need and meet local requests for assistance as they arise. Because flames have destroyed hundreds of homes and buildings, & forced the evacuation of the Evergreen Community earlier this week, people have fled in different directions, many to Edmonton or to oil camps north of the city. Your gifts will go towards helping the Community Christian Reformed Church in Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada.

Check it Out!

Listening & Discussion Session #2 Today

The Council reminds you of their invitation to join in our time of listening and discussion after our morning service. You are also invited to stay and enjoy a light lunch after our session. As always, if you have questions or would like further information please talk to Pastor Doug or to one of your Council members.

Save the Date

Our annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 12th. Included in the agenda will be the annual budget and voting for new Elders and Deacons. All the information has been emailed to you and also placed in your mailboxes. Extra copies are available on the sign-up table.

Art Camp

We are really excited about Art Camp again this year starting on June 15th – June 17th from 5-7:30 pm. We will be learning about specific artists and re-creating their works of art not only for the youth but all adults are encouraged to come also. Our classes will include *Water Color Painting*, creating a *Succulent Plant Garden* and *Making Cards/Stamping*. Registration forms can be obtained on the sign-up table or the art display table or on our web page. Hope to see you there! Please note the enclosed flyer on how to create a Facebook event and invite your friends to the great things at Crossroads Church such as Art Camp.

Care Net – Change is Life

Your change, checks, and cash will make a difference. When you fill a baby bottle you are helping *CARE NET PREGNANCY CENTER* provide help, hope and healing to women and men affected by an unplanned pregnancy.

Every penny stays local. 95% of all gifts will fund the free and confidential ministries of *CARE NET PREGNANCY CENTER*. Please bring your bottle back to church on or before Father's day, June 10, 2016.

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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