

Crossroads Church

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

We have a dog that acts like a cat. Graci always needs the high spot in the room. If we are sitting in the rocking chair she will need to be on the back cushion above your head. If you happen to be on the couch, she will be the dog occupying the back of the couch.

When activity outside catches her attention she will insist on climbing on the highest chair in the room to observe. And when riding in the car, she will always push her way onto the middle divide so that again, she is as high as she can realistically be in the car.

Observing this I often wonder what it is in her nature that causes her to be this way? I don't know enough about canines to understand some of the subtle differences between breeds, nor which traits are unique to a breed.

Graci's need to climb simply seems strange to me.

I also sometimes wonder which character traits of God seem strange to those who do not believe. When we forgive, do others find it strange (cat-like?). When we live for someone other than ourselves, sacrificing on behalf of missions, the poor, social justice and the like, do some find it abnormal? When honoring another, even when slandered, do others, not familiar with the character of God, think us crazy?

And another thing I wonder about – am I strange in that good way that goes against the way of the world and reveals the true character of God?

Finally, quite frankly I wonder if others think about these same sorts of things or am I just really strange?!

Have a wonderful weekend, and I hope to see many of you in worship on Sunday.

Sunday

Sunday: This Sunday we finish our study of Paul's letter to the early Christian Church in Philippi. Our Scripture reading is from Philippians 4.21-23. Please join us as we Praise our God for His rich blessings!

Our offering will be for **Classis Ministries** - Classical Ministry Shares helps to provide support for various mission projects within Classis Wisconsin such as the 3 new church plants in greater Wisconsin communities, educational and training opportunities for members of Wisconsin churches and Scholarship funds for Wisconsin Seminary students.

Check it Out!

The Lake Day Event 2 – 6 PM

You are invited the youth next Friday, August 26th from 2-6 PM for a wet and wonderful day to swim, ski and enjoy the day by having tons of fun. Dinner will be provided. Families are invited to come as well as friends. Pastor Ryan will need to know as soon as possible how many youth will be able to come as well as a head count for food. Please contact him ASAP. Thank you all.

CRC Leadership Forum

Set aside Sunday afternoon August 28th for the 2016 Classis WI Leadership Forum at Brookfield CRC, 14135 W. Burleigh Blvd., Brookfield, WI. The cost is \$20 per person which includes the seminar and dinner. People involved in ministry at any level of church are welcome to attend. Information and registration can be done online at www.classiswisconsin.org. Brochures are available on the signup table. Register early.

Bible League Retreat

The Bible League is sponsoring their annual retreat on Tuesday, September 20, 2016. It will be held at Trinity Reformed Church in Waupun, Wisconsin. Valerie Elliot Shepard is the featured speaker this year. Her parents were missionaries to the Quichua Indians in Ecuador where her missionary father, Jim Elliot, was speared to death.

A number of brochures are on the table in the foyer with additional details. I attended last year and it was a very enjoyable and uplifting day. I plan on attending again this year and encourage you to join me. If anyone wishes to car pool or has additional questions, please contact Helen.

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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