

Crossroads Church

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

If you've worshipped at Crossroads in the past two months you know we are in the middle of a series on the 10 Commandments. In the weeks of laying the foundation for these messages we saw that the 10 Commandments were given in the context of worship. What happens around Mt Sinai as Moses goes up the mountain to meet with God is worship – a touch of the holiness of God is seen and experienced. God comes to meet His people, people must be consecrated, we hear music and priests are called to represent the people.

We also learned that these 10 Commandments are God's "love list". They are 10 acts through which God will know we love Him. We often ask ourselves, or even others, "What can I do that will show God how much I really love Him?" God makes this very simple. He gives us His list and says, as it were, "Here are ten things. If you do these every day I will know how much you love me." Jesus echoes this idea when He says, "If you love me, keep my commands." (John 14.15)

I know of a wife whose husband loves to have his back scratched when they are in bed together. His wife says she is willing to scratch his back, but seldom does. When the husband asks if she would be willing to scratch his back as they lie in bed together, the wife will often respond, "I'd be willing if you wouldn't ask me all the time." The problem is, without the asking, the wife seldom offers to do that which makes the husband feel loved and cared for.

I've heard this scenario repeated many times in my more than 35 years of ministry. The content of the request may be different (picking up clothes, helping with the dishes, opening the car door, etc.), but the response of the requested spouse is often similar – frustration with the request, as if true love can only be expressed spontaneously.

True love can be spontaneous; however, the deepest love always responds with joy and action to the requests made by the beloved. That's why I love "love lists"! They make loving and caring so easy. I never have to wonder what I could do to show my love. I already have a list that tells me how

Vicki will feel loved and cared for. She's provided a list.

God has created such a list – 10 simple things (hard to get totally right, but simple in its expression).

I have such a list from Vicki, and she from me. These lists include such things as hugs, flowers, open car doors, etc. They all are daily actions that are simple and doable.

I am thankful for God's "love list" that is so clear – that makes loving Him so understandable. And I encourage you to follow His example and find out what is on the "love list" of your beloved (these beloved include siblings, parents, children, etc.). The best way to know is to ask. Ask for 3-4 simple and doable actions that you could do every day through which your beloved would know he/she is loved and cared for. You might be surprised at the difference it can make in your life.

Sunday

Sunday: This Sunday we continue our series on the 10 Commandments. Our Scripture reading is from Exodus 20.1-17. Please join us as we Praise our God for His rich blessings!

Our offering will be for **Calvin Theological Seminary** - Calvin Theological Seminary is our denomination's graduate school preparing men and women for ordained ministry in the Christian Reformed Church in North America. Your gifts will assist those who are in need of financial help.

Painters Needed

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If you enjoy painting we invite you to join in helping paint the hallway walls of our church. Over the next few weeks Ken will be working on preparing walls, cutting in and we would love it if you could join him in painting. If you are willing to help, please call Ken. He will coordinate times and volunteers. Thank you for helping to make our church a place of ministry that welcomes and inspires!

Check it Out!

Always Welcome

Adult Sunday School continues with a 6 session study of Jesus's parables. We encourage all adults, regardless of your Bible knowledge, to join us. If you have any questions, please talk with Mike, Mark, or Con.

All Youth Sunday School

Our Children and Youth Sunday School continues for ages 4 years through 12th grade. Our age related programs bring biblical teaching to all the children and youth in a variety of fun and creative ways. Come and bring your friend along.

Coffee Break Started

Both Coffee Break Bible Studies started. We meet on Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings. Remember you are always invited to join us at any time.

Still Room in Our Youth Groups

Both youth groups continue on Wednesday night from 6:15-7:45 pm. and we still have room for you! We have a tentative schedule for the Unashamed Youth group on the sign-up table. Please take one along for yourself and a friend.

Please Save the Date

October 30th will be our next “family time” during which we will spend some time after our worship service listening. A letter highlighting the scheduled topic will come out next week. We will have a potluck lunch after our discussion time. Please plan to participate in this time together. More information will follow.

Set Your Clock Back & Save the Date!

Saturday, November 5th is the end of Day Light Savings time for 2016, which means we turn back our clocks 1 hour. Why are we reminding you of this? We don't want you to miss our annual Harvest Brunch, planned by our Fellowship Committee, which will be held on Sunday, November 6th after our Sunday service. Everyone one is invited and please refer to the enclosed flyer for more details and information.

Get Added to the List

If someone forwarded you this e-mail was forwarded, and you are not currently on our church's “e-mail list” but would like to be included in future mailings please send a return e-mail requesting this.

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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