

Crossroads Church

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

“Guess where I am sitting.” I asked.

“On the couch in front of a fire?” Vicki responded.

“No. In the car on the side of Milwaukee Street with blue and red lights flashing behind me. Guess where I was sitting 5 minutes ago.”

“Where?”

“In the car on the side of Stoughton Rd with blue and red lights flashing behind me.”

It was after midnight. I was driving home from the West side where I had met Kati's dad so that we could drive up to Eau Claire together to see Steve and Kati's new daughter (granddaughter #17). Little Ivy Leone (9 lbs. 9 oz. and 22 inches) had arrived, and we had made a quick trip together to see her. I was now driving back to our home tired and ready to get some sleep.

The first stop was between Pflaum and Buckeye on Hwy 51. Right headlight out. No license plate lights and going just a little fast (his words, not mine) – 66 mph - all courtesy of Wisconsin Highway Patrol. After checking my ID he let me go with verbal warnings, for which I was very grateful.

Less than 2 miles later and less than 1 mile from home another set of colored lights appeared behind me.

“Do you know why I am stopping you?” the Dane County officer asked me.

“I suspect it is because my right headlight is out. The Highway Patrol stopped me less than 5 minutes ago.”

“You are the second person I've stopped tonight who has already been stopped. Do you have your ID?”

And so, once again I was check in the system, and once again given a verbal warning.

Driving away I wanted to feel irritated at the inconvenience, but I was too tired for that. Instead, what I found myself thinking was, “Thank you God that there are people watching out for us even in the dark. And thank you God that you watch out for us even more carefully and lovingly.” And then I asked God for the _____ (I lost count) time to watch over and care for little Ivy who, while I was praying, continued to experience respiratory distress.

Little Ivy continues to experience difficulty keeping her oxygen levels up. She is on a Cpap and receiving antibiotics. She will be in the hospital at least for the next week. We ask for your prayers for her and for her

mom (Kati) and dad (Steve). Grandma Vicki is in Eau Claire with them lending a little extra support by being grandma and mom.

Sunday Service

Please join us for Worship at 9:30 a.m. This Sunday we will examine what in the world Jesus was suggesting when He tells us to “*If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them.*” Is He really serious? Our Bible reading is from Luke 6.27-38. I look forward to seeing you! **Make worship a priority this week – someone is depending on you to share this worship time with them!**

Offering for the Month of February: Luke Society

The Luke Society provides resources and support for international Christian health visionaries passionate about ministering to needs in their own cultures. Our ministry empowers nationals to share the saving grace of the Gospel through preaching, teaching and healing.

Education for all Ages: Join us after the service for education classes.

This Week

Unashamed Youth

All youth 6th-12th grades are invited to join us on Wednesday nights 6:15-7:45PM! Our goal is to help young men and women grow spiritually and have fun while learning. *Dinner is provided!*

This Wednesday – February 27th:

Sledding and Hot Chocolate

For more detailed information and if you have any questions, please contact:

Pastor Ryan Moorad by email: crossroadsmadisonyouth@gmail.com

KINGDOM KIDS

All children ages 4 through 5th grades are invited to Kingdom Kids on Wednesday nights 6:15-7:45PM.

We have a Bible lesson, some challenging crafts and super fun games! We encourage you to invite and bring friends along with you!

Dinner is provided!

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Sledding and Hot Chocolate

Thursday Morning Coffee Break

*Every Thursday morning 9:00-10:45AM Studying a Coffee Break international bible study **The Book of Mark***

Save the Date

The Fellowship Committee will be hosting another fun event! Please mark your calendars for **Chili and a Movie on March 17th!**

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

