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CRC NEWSLETTER

LOVE. GROW. SERVE.



SERVING OTHERS

Imagine this.

You're in the line at Scooter's Coffee for your daily extra-whipped double caramel super duper frappuccino latte (I'm just assuming that's a real drink as I just drink my coffee black). The line is long and you need to be at work in 5 minutes. But you need your coffee. You start to get frustrated that it's taking so long. 3 and a half minutes later, you finally pull up to the window ready to grab your cup, pay for the much needed caffeine, and speed off to the office, but the cashier says you don't owe anything - the person ahead of you paid for your drink.

Huh?

Or here's another example. You're about to spend the next hour and a half mowing your lawn on the hottest Saturday of August, because it's already way too long, yet you have a million other things to do because your life is crazy, because everyone's life is crazy these days. Mowing the lawn is the last thing you want to be doing right now. But you put your adult, lawn-mowing pants on and head outside to find that your neighbor, whom you barely talk to, has taken the initiative and mowed your lawn for you, no strings attached. You head on over to their front door to ask them why they would do that, and they respond "no reason - I just felt like that was a way I could bless you. Jesus calls us to serve others with no strings attached."

Huh? Maybe you could tell me more...?

When you serve other people, with no strings attached, at the very least the people are left feeling blessed. At the most, they inquire about why you would do such a thing, opening the door to perhaps a more spiritual conversation. This is what Jesus modeled and what He now calls us to. Think of when Jesus washed his disciple's feet. They were very confused. When Jesus went to wash Peter's feet, his response in the ESV translation is "Lord, do you wash my feet?" You can easily visualize Peter's confusion. What Jesus modeled went against the culture of the time, just as no-strings-attached service goes against the culture today. Because of what Jesus did 2,000 years ago, we can join in on the good news. We have the opportunity to metaphorically (or even literally) wash people's feet and be an example of what it is to follow Jesus.



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This month let's look for ways to serve others, expecting nothing in return. We have the church-wide car wash local outreach event on Saturday the 10th that you can help out with if you're able. But if that does not work for you, look for other areas to bless the people around you. Pay for somebody's coffee one morning without seeking affirmation - do it solely to bless them and be a small example of the love of Christ in that person's life. Mow your neighbor's lawn. Wash somebody's car. It doesn't matter what we do - it just matters that we do something at all because that is a way to love one another. You'll be amazed at what God will do through you once you become truly willing!

"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" - Acts 20:35

Serving Christ together,
Pastor Ben

Upcoming events



UNWIND

"Unwind" from your busy lives while unwinding some yarn or thread on a project of your choice. No project? That's fine. Come to simply relax, unwind, and enjoy the fellowship of others.

Unwind typically meets the first Monday of each month, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Lounge at CrossRoads Church. On occasions the date or location will change. Please email Lisa Ripley at lisajorip@gmail.com if you would like to be included in email updates and changes regarding our meeting times.



CAR WASH

at CrossRoads Church

A LOCAL OUTREACH EVENT

Volunteers Needed!

Saturday, August 10th
10 AM - 2 PM

FAMILY PRAYER

JOIN US AS WE GATHER TO PRAY TOGETHER AS A CHURCH FAMILY

MONDAY August 12TH 6:30-7:30 PM



Let's start the year serving together!

Community Gardens Night!
Wednesday 9/4
Bus leaves CRC at 5:30, returns at 8:00
Meet at gardens if you can't make the bus!
combined 7-12 service night

Mark your Calendars!

Youth Fall Retreats at Trout Lake: registrations will open Sunday 8/25 and will close Wednesday 9/11!

- ◆ Junior High Quest is Friday 10/4- Sunday 10/6
- ◆ Senior High Breakaway is Friday 11/1- Sunday 11/3
- ◆ Sunday School for grades 7-12 will begin 9/08 along with everyone else!

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OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY-FRIDAY 8 AM - 12 PM



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AUGUST

*The Nursery is available
each week during the
Sunday service.*

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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4 Communion Sunday 9 AM Worship Service 10 AM Family Fellowship	5 6:30 PM Unwind	6	7	8	9	10 10 AM Car Wash @ Crossroads
Meals By Wheels August 5-9						
11 9 AM Worship Service 10 AM Family Fellowship	12 6:30 PM Family Prayer Night	13	14	15	16	17
18 9 AM Worship Service 10 AM Family Fellowship	19	20	21	22	23	24 11:30 AM Youth: Thrivefest at Bluestem in Moorhead
25 9 AM Worship Service 10 AM Family Fellowship	26	27	28	29	30	31

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