

PASTOR'S NOTE

"Thanksgiving" is obviously the combination of "giving" and "thanks." A gift requires a recipient; otherwise, it remains unopened. So, by definition, thanksgiving should be given to someone. It is less a feeling than an action prompted by another action we have received. The holiday we call Thanksgiving is not just intentional but vertical. We are told by Scripture to "give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). As a result, Thanksgiving reminds us that we are creatures of a Creator, finite and fallen beings whose very lives are not fully our own. It reminds us of our dependence on God.

True thanksgiving not only positions us appropriately as creatures rather than the Creator—it also empowers our relationship with our Creator. We "enter his gates with thanksgiving" (Psalm 100:4). Gratitude for his grace positions us in worship and prayer to experience his presence and love. The more time we spend in thanksgiving to our Father, the more his Spirit can transform us into his best for our lives and cultural impact.

So, let's reject the generic gratitude that pervades our secular culture during the Thanksgiving season. Let's spend time each day giving thanks to God intentionally and sincerely for specific gifts he has given to us. Let's see each moment as his provision, each day as his gift. And let's enter his gates with thanksgiving that we might experience his empowering presence. If we do, we will learn the truth of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's observation, "It is only with gratitude that life becomes rich!"

So, in the spirit of thanksgiving, I want to share my wholehearted thanks to each of you for your kind words and wishes to me last Sunday as I celebrated my 61st birthday. I'm glad I have all of you to share special times like that with. Speaking of sharing special times together, I invite you to spend an hour together with me this evening for our "Last Sunday Prayer Meeting" starting at 6:00pm. It is the most important thing we do. "Keep Your Hand To The Plow."

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Declyn Moldenaldo needs prayer for day to day strengthening.
- Remember Jeff Erz in prayer as he awaits complete healing of his lower leg that still remains an open wound following the removal of a cancerous tumor.
- Pray for Jessica Schultz as she goes through her cancer treatment.
- Remember to pray for Families and Marriages here at [Crossroads Fellowship](#).
- Pray for our Nation as we face these trying times.
- Pray for the health and unity of our Church, [Crossroads Fellowship](#).

The Pastor and Office Staff are here to assist you in any way they can in your desire to follow Christ. Please contact the Church office at (920) 324-2093 if you would like to reach them or schedule an appointment.

Have a GREAT Week in the Lord!! Love—Pastor Jeff



Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

-Hebrews 12:1-2

Sundays Schedule
Sunday Service → 10 am

Rev. Jeff Casper- Pastor
Michelle Casper-Administrative Assistant
Kathy Smith-Christian Ed/Janitorial

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Welcome to CrossRoads Fellowship

November 28, 2021

This Week-

Project Fund Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship Team Practice
10:00 a.m. Morning Service – Pastor Jeff-
“Why Would God Choose Mary?”
-Communion
-Littles Class (3-K) in Upper Ed
-Bigs Class (1st-5th) in lower level

**The nursery will not be staffed at this time but open to children, birth to three, who are accompanied by an adult/responsible family member. We encourage families to bring your own toys as the nursery toys will not be out for use currently.

6:00-7:00 p.m. Last Sunday of the Month Prayer Meeting

Monday

6:30 p.m. Ladies Home Group at Fawn Schlagel’s home, 727 Mapleview Dr. in Waupun.
“What the Women Saw”- Any questions talk to Michelle Casper (920)318-1494.

Upcoming Events-

- ❖ Next Sunday is Missions Sunday.
- ❖ The Ladies Home Group is enjoying the series “What the Women Saw” on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at Fawn Schlagel’s home, 727 Mapleview Dr. Waupun. All Ladies are welcome! We will be meeting Dec. 6 & Dec. 13. If you have any questions, call Michelle at (920)318-1494.
- ❖ Our Church Christmas Dinner will be on Saturday, December 18th at 6:00 p.m. Wendy will be making a meal of ham, potatoes, veggies, salad, rolls and dessert. The cost will be

Adults-\$10, Senior Citizens & kids 5-12-\$5, kids under 5-free. Tickets will be on sale after the morning service.

- ❖ This year the Children’s Program will be on Sunday, December 19th at our 10:00 a.m. Service. If you plan on having your child in the program, please have them be at the classes on Sunday mornings so they know their parts.
- ❖ We will be having a Ladies Christmas Party on Monday, December 20th at Barb Hendrick’s home, 756 Edgewood Dr. in Waupun at 6:00 p.m. Please bring an appetizer to share and we will again be playing our Stocking Stuffer game. Pick out some new socks or slippers and fill one of the stockings with goodies (candies, lotion, polish, ect). Please limit spending to \$15 which will include the stockings. Sign up if you plan on joining in the fun.
- ❖ Our Candlelight Service will be on Friday, December 24th at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Help Wanted- we need a few positions to be filled for our Sunday Morning services.
 - A teacher for the Littles Class (ages 3-K)
 - A backup singer

Both positions would be on a rotation basis.

- ❖ The new Church Directory is located at the Visitor’s Center. Everyone is invited to take part in the Christmas Card Exchange if interested.
- ❖ There is a sign up on the table at the Visitor’s Center if you would like to volunteer to bring the main dish for the Church Luncheons in 2022. We are so grateful for those who supplied meals for 2021! Thank you!
- ❖ If you or someone you know needs a Bible, we have the Dorie Strook Memorial Bible Fund. Please fill out a card from the back table and give it to a Deacon, Pastor Jeff, or Michelle.

If you are visiting for the first time with us this morning, we would like to extend a warm welcome to you. Please fill out a visitor’s card located in the pew rack and turn it in to the Visitor’s Center in the lobby after church. Thank You!