

CONNECTING TO CROSSROADS

Crossroads is *a place where God and people meet*. Wherever you are at in your faith journey, we are glad that you have joined us. On Sundays we come together as a larger community to express our worship to God as we also listen to what he has to say to us through the Bible. During the week we gather in smaller groups at various times and places to care for one another as we share life and faith together. Between these times, we represent God among the people with whom we live in our homes, neighbourhoods, and workplaces.

We pray that you will experience the presence of God and the care of God's people as we spend time together. May the decisions you make today help you reflect more and more the character of God and the person God has made you to be. If you would like information on how to get more connected with our community, please talk to an usher.

CONNECTING TO CHRIST

How does a person become a Christian?

- By *believing* that Jesus, God's son, died for your sins and rose again
- By *acknowledging* your need, *accepting* God's forgiveness, *turning* away from your sins, and *heading* in Christ's direction
- By *making* Jesus the Saviour and Lord of your life
- By *publicly* declaring your commitment to Christ

You can do this by praying like this:

*"Oh God, I acknowledge that I have sinned against you. I am sorry for my sins and am willing to turn away from them. I now receive Jesus Christ as my Saviour and Lord of my life. From this moment on I will live for him.
In Jesus' name, amen."*

And then tell someone about it. Tell a pastor or one or two close friends. It will help seal this act of faith in your mind and heart and help you know how to take some of the first steps of faith after.

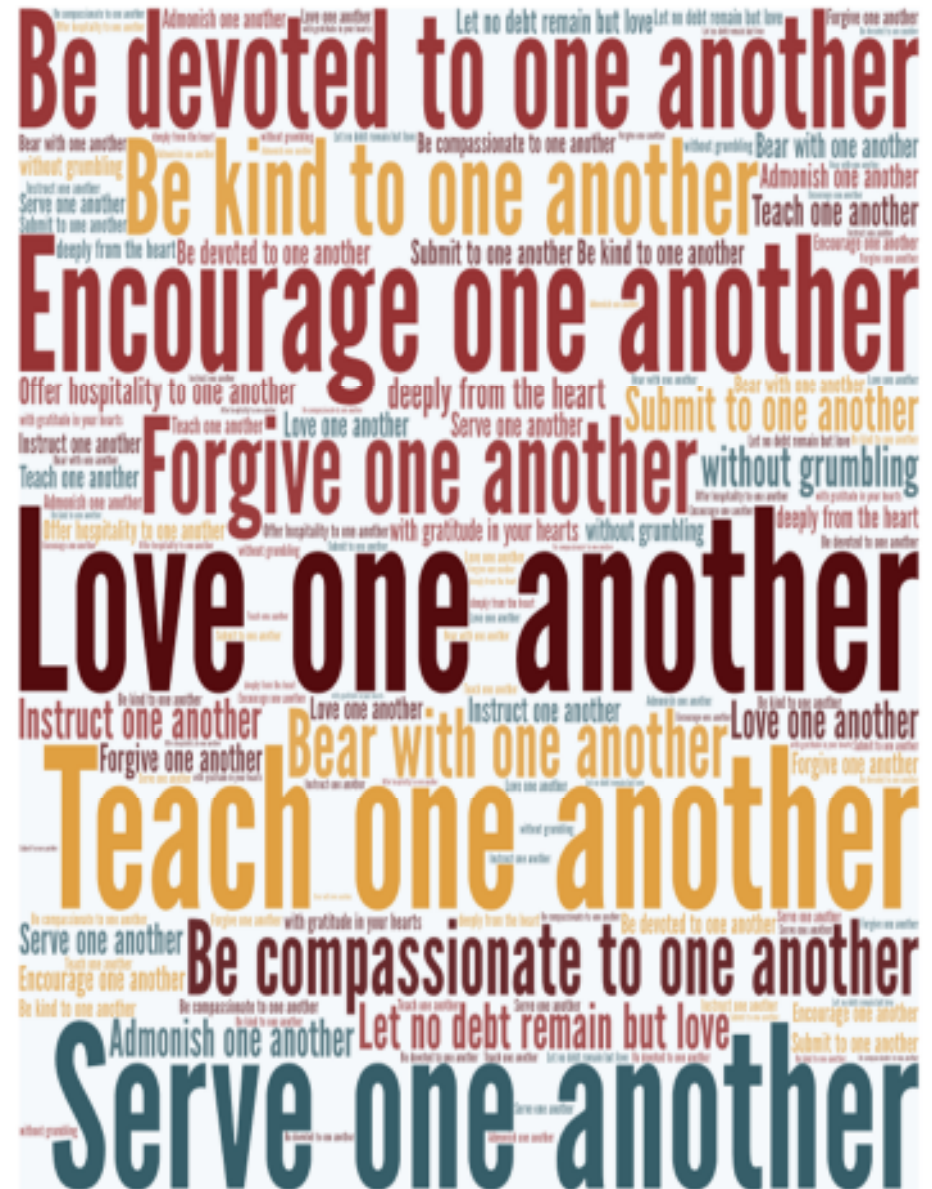


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WELCOME TO CROSSROADS MB CHURCH SEPTEMBER 25, 2022





“Help us, O God of our salvation!
 Help us for the glory of your name.
 Save us and forgive our sins
 for the honor of your name.”
 Psalm 79:9

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome		
Worship in Song		
Congregational Prayer		Joe Welty
Global Focus Video	ICOMB	Scripture
Reading	Colossians 3:1-17	
Message		Jen Schmidt
Worship in Song		
The Lord’s Prayer		
Announcements and Congregational Sharing		

**Please note that Crossroads Sunday worship services now live, recorded and posted on-line.*

**Crossroads strives to be a scent-reduced environment*

CROSSROADS INFORMATION

Information for this Sunday morning, September 25 at 10:00am:

You are invited to participate in Crossroads service either on-line or in-person.

In-person—We welcome you to 231 Kitson at 10:00am Masks suggested.

On-line—Crossroads worship service will be livestreamed at 10:00am and can also be viewed anytime on Youtube.com. Search for ‘CrossroadsMB Wpg’.

Sunday School Classes for ages 2 through Youth begin at 11:15am in the basement

At 12:00noon today, the first Safety Policy Meeting will take place in the sanctuary. Please see details below to prepare for the meeting!

Safe Place Policy Training

It is time again for our annual Safe Place Policy Training for the 2022 to 2023 church year. As a reminder, this is for those of you involved in Sunday School (including CE Supervisors), Nursery, Youth, or with Vulnerable Adults (refugees, the disabled or the elderly). The Manitoba Conference has provided eight training videos anywhere from 3 to 6 minutes long. You can view the training videos on your own time, at your leisure. Once you have viewed the videos, you are required to attend one of the following sessions: **(it is required that you have viewed the videos prior to attending one of these sessions-.** If you did not get the links via the weekly church email, then please email the church office for the links)

1. **Sept 25 or Oct 2 – Refresher training** – if you completed the refresher training or initial training sessions last year (2021) and have viewed the Safe Place Policy training videos this year, please attend the Refresher session either on Sept 25 or Oct 2 at 12:00 p.m. This should take no more than 5 to 10 minutes.
2. **Sept 25 or Oct 2 – Initial training** – if you did not take the refresher training or initial training last year (2021) and have viewed the safe Place Policy Training videos, please attend the Initial session either on Sept 25 or Oct 2 at 12:15 p.m. This should take no more than 15 to 20 minutes.

Contact the church office for the link

Youth Kickoff: Our youth from grade 7 to 12 are invited to join us for our youth kickoff this **Friday night (Sept. 30) at Activate Games** (3338 Portage Ave). Cost is \$10/person. Meet at the doors at 6:45. Dessert and devotional to follow. Contact office for more details.

Youth and Families BBQ: Teens and families with young kids (who might want to meet babysitting-aged teenagers!) are invited to join us for a **bbq on Saturday, October 1st at 4:30 PM.** Contact the church office for more info.

The **Thanksgiving Offering on October 9** will be designated to **Multiply—Ukraine Project.** Please mark your donation envelope or e-transfer “*Thanksgiving Project*”. More info on the project to follow.

SEE CROSSROADS FALL SUPPER INFO ON BULLETIN INSERT!

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

We're hiring! MCC has position openings in [Communications](#), [Health](#), [Human Resources](#) and [Migration & Resettlement](#). For more information about these and other postings, visit the MCC job board at mccmb.ca/openings.

Kildonan MCC Thrift Shop is looking for a snowplow operator. This is a casual, seasonal paid position. The successful applicant will supply their own snowplow or front-end loader. Call Robin at 204-668-0967 to inquire by September 30.

This fall, give Buckets of Thanks! Help MCC meet the overwhelming needs of people facing conflict and disaster. You'll bring hope to a family with a tangible gift of essential hygiene supplies. Pack a bucket or cover the cost of supplies with your family, Sunday school class or care group, and visit mccmb.ca/events for more information.

Are you a university student with a passion for relief, development or peace in action? You could earn \$1,000 toward your ongoing studies with an MCC Manitoba Scholarship. Learn more at mccmb.ca/studentawards and apply by September 30.

Looking for meaningful ways to impact your local community? Initiatives for Just Communities (IJC) is seeking volunteer board members with skills and experience in business development, finance, human resources and more. An MCC supported agency, IJC walks alongside people with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and intellectual disabilities, and those involved with the justice system. For more information, contact visit initiativesjc.org.

Now that MDS work in Monte Lake, B.C. is coming to a close, we no longer need volunteers for that project. **But volunteers are needed in the U.S. this fall!** Volunteers are especially needed in Texas and Louisiana.

Xplore: At the Intersection of Faith and Life – Participate in courses that investigate the dimensions of the Christian faith, our world, and life in it—without homework or tests! Learn about Paul the Radical Jew, biblical visions of the future, pacifism in the context of the war in Ukraine or dementia and spirituality. In-person and online classes begin October 5, visit cmu.ca/xplore to register.

J.J. Thiessen Lecture Series – Robin W. Jensen, Patrick O'Brien Professor of Theology at the University of Notre Dame will deliver three lectures on October 18 and 19, in person at CMU. Dr. Jensen's title for her lecture series is *"Picturing the Bible: How Artists Tell the Story"*. Visit cmu.ca/jjt for times and location.

MHC Gallery – In the world, but not of it: The Hutterites. An exhibition of photographs featuring Hutterite colonies across Manitoba, created over 13 years by Brandon-photographer Tim Smith, runs until November 12 at the MHC Gallery on the CMU campus. Visit cmu.ca/gallery.

MORE CROSSROADS INFORMATION

On Saturday, October 15, 2022, Crossroads Church will celebrate with a Fall Supper at 5:30pm. Let us enjoy each other's fellowship and coming together as a community for a meal, music, and conversation. **The volunteer and attendance sign up sheets are on the bulletin board at the back of the church.** Please volunteer and help us prepare this meal. And let us know if you, your family and guests plan to attend.

CROSSROADS SMALL GROUPS INFORMATION

(contact Joe Welty at 204-253-9685)

TUESDAY Afternoon Small Group (new): 1:30–3:00 p.m. at the church; meeting weekly, starting October 4, for 8 weeks; studying the book of Acts or one of the Pauline Epistles.

Wednesday evening Conversation in the Gospels. We will read and discuss what we hear in the Gospel of Matthew. Meet at a home, 7:15 - 9:15 beginning Wednesday, October 5 - continuing for 8 weeks.

SOJOURNERS Small Group: 2:00-3:30 p.m. at 612-165 Donwood Dr. (home of Jake Bergen); meeting monthly - the first Thursday of the month; studying Max Lucado's book, [Jesus. The God Who Knows Your Name](#) (2020).

Crossroads MB Men's Ministry: Study of book 'Cost of Discipleship' by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Meet the second Monday of every month from 7:00pm-8:30pm

Hybrid Small Group, meeting Thursday evenings at 7:30pm, every other week. It will be a combination of meeting every other time on-line via Teams, and in person in a home.

Quilting for MCC Small Group meets Thursday mornings from 10:00am til noon in the church basement. No skill required.

The Hospitality committee is looking for two more teams to assist with preparing coffee and tea for Sunday mornings. These volunteers would need to arrive to church at least 20 minutes prior to the service. Instructions would be provided and mentoring for the first time so that the volunteers can feel more comfortable with the tasks.

Options for donating Electronically:

Bank e-transfers

Through bank for monthly giving

Through Canada Helps—see link on the church website: crossroadsmb.ca

CommonWord Book Launch – *Walking Together: Intercultural Stories of Love and Acceptance* by Edith and Neill von Gunten. Join us in person or via livestream on Thursday, September 29 at 7:00 PM (CDT) for intercultural stories of love and acceptance that cover over 50 years of peace and reconciliation work. Guest panelists include Stan McKay, Norman Meade, and Clarence and Barbara Nepinak. Visit commonword.ca/go/2987.