



WELCOME TO CROSSROADS MB CHURCH NOVEMBER 20, 2022

*“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.”
Psalm 46:1-3*

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**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, November 20 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 adult begin at 11:15am in the lower level.

Crossroads Membership Meeting - Wednesday November 23rd, 7:30pm at Crossroads. Come join us as we reflect on the ways we have seen God working in our congregation. Membership is not necessary to attend! If you are unable to attend in person, contact Alinea for a link to access the meeting online.

Games Night at Crossroads - Come join us for an evening of board games at the church on **Friday November 25 at 6:30**. Play one of the many games that will be available, or bring one of your own. We hope to see you there!

Could you help out Crossroads by snow shoveling the Access Ramp and sidewalk to the church entrances **once or twice this winter?** **There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.**

Thursday-Quilting for MCC— you are invited to come to the church basement on Thursday from 10am-12 noon to visit, cut squares, pin, tie or sew! No skill required.

Library Books Available: In the library area downstairs you will find library books that are marked as being taken out of circulation. This is due to the fact that they have not been checked out for many years, if at all. You are invited to take a look and if you would like to take any of them home with you, please do so. Please do not return them to the library. They are on shelves which are clearly marked for this purpose. They will be available throughout November.

b) Parents 6:4

i) Don't exasperate your children

"If children are to honor their parents, fathers (and mothers) must also earn the respect of their children....Parents are warned not to anger their children. This would rule out excessively severe discipline, harsh authority, arbitrariness and unfairness in the treatment of children, constant nagging, and insensitivity to the children's needs." Ewert 151

ii) Bring them up in training and instruction of the Lord

"Christian parents should seek to bring up their children in a Christian atmosphere in the home, so that the children learn and gain an appreciation for the Christian way of life...."

"When theses instructions are compared to the Roman concept...in which the father had absolute power of his children, one can feel immediately that a new day is dawning for children of Christian parents. And whereas in both the Roman world as well as in Jewish society, sons were given preferential treatment when it came to education and training, Paul speaks simply of 'children.' The kind of upbringing he has in mind, applies to both boys and girls." Ewert 152

3. The workplace 6:5-9

a) Slaves: God will reward you (6:8) if you obey your masters

i) as though Jesus was your owner 6:5, 7

ii) whether or not the master is watching you 6:6

b) Masters 6:9

i) Do the same to your slaves

"Paul tries to place the two groups, slaves and masters, on the same footing...masters are expected to show the same respect to their slaves as slaves are asked to show to them." Ewert 156

"'Do the same'...refer[s]...to having a corresponding attitude to that required of the slaves, namely, making their service of the one heavenly Master determinative for their actions....[Paul] reminds Christian masters that they are under the same Lord, Christ, as their slaves, and are, therefore, his fellow slaves. If masters realize this, it will mean that, although they have power, they will not abuse it by...treating their slaves as property on whom they can arbitrarily work out their frustrations...Angry threatening...would not encourage obedience from the heart or serving with enthusiasm. The mutual relationship of master and slave before their Lord (cf. 5:21) is stressed twice more...." Lincoln 423

ii) Don't threaten them because God is your Master and God doesn't have favourites

"Now the Christian Church made no attempt to free the slaves, or to condemn slavery; but it did, within the Church at least, treat the slaves as equals...Lactantius wrote: 'Slaves are not slaves to us. We deem them brothers after the Spirit, in religion fellow-servants.'...it was perfectly possible for a slave to hold high office in the Christian Church...it was not uncommon for elders and deacons to be slaves.'" Barclay, *Daily Study Bible: Matthew, Vol. 1* Welch, 1975, 377. "Paul...treated the distinction between slave and free as irrelevant for life in the new community (cf. Gal. 3:28; 1 Cor. 12:13)." Lincoln 419

Christmas with CMU – Saturday, November 26 at 7:00 PM (CST) at Bethel Mennonite Church. This year's Christmas program will be in-person and livestreamed, featuring favourites performed by a variety of CMU's music ensembles. Tickets are sold out, but livestreaming will be available at cmu.ca/christmas.

Christmas at CommonWord – Prepare for Advent and Christmas with gift-giving ideas (fair-trade coffee, seasonal books, other books to gift, Indigenous gifts) and church resources (worship, devotionals, group studies, performed dramas). Visit in person (2299 Grant Ave., Winnipeg) or online at commonword.ca. See the online flyer for Christmas sale specials available from November 28 to December 2.

Mennonite Community Orchestra - "The Power of Love" featuring Beethoven's "Leonore Overture", Esatcio's "Farmer's Symphony" and other works takes place on November 20, 3:00 PM at the Lutheran Church of the Cross, 560 Arlington St., Winnipeg. For ticket information visit mennonitecommunityorchestra.ca.

CMU Festival Chorus – J.S. Bach's Christmas Oratorio, Weihnachtsoratorium BWV 248, is an awe-inspiring masterpiece for choir, soloists, and orchestra. Enjoy the choir's stunning musical rendering of the nativity story in all its rejoicing, gladness, and celebration on December 9, 2022 (in Winnipeg, MB) and December 10, 2022 (in Gretna, MB). Details and tickets are available at cmu.ca/festivalchorus.

A celebration of 50 years. Join us on Tuesday at 7 pm to celebrate 50 years of MCC Thrift! This special virtual event will celebrate the history, creativity and generosity of the MCC Thrift network and our many dedicated volunteers. Register to attend at thrift.mcc.org/celebrate50.

Find the perfect locally made gift at Piece it Together's Christmas Craft Sale! Shop and support MCC's humanitarian relief efforts. Running Saturday, November 26, 9am – 4pm at Bethel Mennonite Church, 465 Stafford St, Winnipeg.

Feeding the world? As inflation and a rising cost of living takes hold around the world, we are told again of a "perfect storm" for those dependent on a globalized food system. What does the emerging global food price crisis mean for ordinary life and efforts to feed one's family? [Join Germinating Conversations](#) on November 29, 7 pm, at Canadian Mennonite University (Great Hall, North Campus) for a roundtable dialogue with growers, harvesters and eaters.

Submit to One Another Ephesians 5:19-6:9

Background:

- (1) **God plans to bring everything in the universe together under Jesus' authority 1:9-10**
- (2) **Because God forgave you (4:32), imitate God as a child imitates (5:1) and follow Jesus' example of sacrificial love. (5:2).**
- (3) **Church is a diverse group of people. Sing to each other and to God (5:19-20)**

(4) **Home and workplace relationships were unequal and often dysfunctional**

“At the time of Paul, Roman family life was wrecked... Seneca writes that women were married to be divorced and divorced to be married ... When [Paul] wrote this lovely passage he was not stating the view that every man held. He was calling men and women to a new purity and a new fellowship in the married life. It is impossible to exaggerate the cleansing effect that Christianity had on home life in the ancient world and the benefits it brought to women [171]... If the Christian faith did much for women, it did even more for children... a Roman father had absolute power over his family. He could sell them as slaves... and could even inflict the death penalty [175]... [T]he life of the slave was grim and terrible. In law he was not a person but a *thing* [179].” Barclay, *Daily Study Bible: Galatians and Ephesians* Welch 1976.

(5) **The principle: Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ 5:21**

“[I]n Ephesians mutual submission coexists with a hierarchy of roles...” Lincoln, *Word Biblical Commentary: Ephesians* Word 1990, 366

The application: How to live in mutual submission

1. Marriage

a) **Wives: Submit to (5:22-24) and Respect your husbands (33)**

“**Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.... Wives to their own husbands, as to the Lord.** There is no verb in verse 22 and we have to carry it over from verse 21.” *Ewert, *The Body of Christ, the Church* Heartbeat 2004, 137-8

“Mutual submission does not mean mutual enslavement; nor is it to be understood in the sense of inferiority versus superiority. Rather, it means mutual respect and deference.” Ewert 137

“In Greco-Roman culture, wives, children and slaves were expected to accept the religion of the male head of the household... and so religious groups that attracted women and slaves were particularly seen as potentially subversive of societal stability... As Christianity spread in the Roman world and women and slaves converted to this new religion, it... became the object of... suspicion and criticism... It may well have been... the need to respond to accusations from outsiders... as much as... the need to respond to enthusiastic demands for freedom on the part of believers, that led Christians to take up the household code.” Lincoln, 358 See Galatians 3:28.

b) **Husbands:: 5:25-33**

i) **Love your wife sacrificially as Jesus loved the church 25-27**

“Christ loved the Church, not that the Church might do things for him, but that he might do things for the Church.... The husband is the head of the wife - true, Paul said that; but he also said that the husband must love the wife as Christ loved the Church, with a love which never exercises a tyranny of control but which is ready to make any sacrifice for her good.” Barclay, 173-4.

See John 13:1-17 for an example of how a Jesus follower leads

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. ¹³“You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.” John 13:12-17
“To wash the feet of the guests at a feast was the office of a slave.” Barclay, *Daily Study Bible: John*, Vol. 2, Welch 1975, 137

ii) **Treat your wife the way you treat your own body. Remember that you are part of Jesus' body 28-30**

“The two are viewed as being so united, that love for one’s wife and love for one’s self are intertwined. The husband finds fulfillment in giving his wife the kind of love and care that he would under normal circumstances give his own body... [T]he church... is the object of Christ’s love and care, and... Christian husbands are to reflect the same love in their relationship with their wives. Because they are members of Christ’s body, the relationship between Christian husbands and wives is lifted to a higher plain..” Ewert 143-144

2. Family

a) **Children 6:1-3**

i) **Obey your parents – it’s the right thing to do**

“[I]t is... right because of the example of Christ, who was obedient to his parents (Lk 2:51).” Ewert 149

ii) **Honour your parents – there’s a promise of good if you do**

“To honor meant not only to show respect, but to obey and also to care for one’s parents. Jesus came down hard on those who under the guise of devotion to God deprived their parents of their means of livelihood (Mk 7:9-13).” Ewert 149

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CROSSROADS CHRISTMAS PROJECTS

This Advent Season, Crossroads would like to support two different projects in two different ways!

The deadline to contribute to either/both projects is Sunday, December 18.

Food Pantry—You are invited to bring non-perishable food items to the gift-wrapped bin on the sanctuary stage for the Food Pantry for Living Word Temple in Winnipeg. Over the past few years, the impact of food insecurity has been felt more deeply by the community at Living Word. In response, the church has started a food pantry to help fill this need. The program is connected with Manitoba Harvest and some local retailers. This Christmas we will join in supporting the food pantry as part of our Christmas giving project.



Monetary donations for 'Safe Families'—You are invited to donate to Safe Families, which you will be hearing about this morning during the service. **Please write your cheque payable to 'Crossroads MB Church' and mark your offering envelope or e-transfer "Christmas Project"**.

Safe Families for Children is a movement fueled by compassion to keep children safe and families intact. Through Host Families, Family Friends, and Family Coaches, we temporarily host children and provide a network of support to families in crisis while they get back on their feet.

The Safe Families experience starts at church, where families are invited to not only change the lives of a fellow family for better, but to enrich their own lives by practicing biblical hospitality. By hosting these vulnerable children, along with support from the church, this extended family environment helps keep children safe and keeps families intact.

Instead of waiting for bad things to happen to children, we can step in to help. By design, child welfare systems are designed to react AFTER something bad happens to a child. Such interventions can be necessary in cases of abuse and neglect, but we can help BEFORE bad things occur.

To learn more, see <https://safefamiliescanada.com/>

Quick Facts and Videos:

Families are **referred** from hospitals, police stations, refugee centres, social workers, homeless shelters, schools, domestic violence shelters, churches, crisis pregnancy centres, child welfare agencies, rehab programs, etc.

97% of children **go back to their own families.**

80% of children are under the age of 5 although **we accept ages 0-18.**

Children stay from 1 day to 3 months.