



Monthly Newsletter

Letter from Pastor Jeff

In 1992, the Lord birthed an idea in the heart of a small group of people from Albert Lea to start a new church. In 1994, they began meeting in small groups. In 1996, they had their first public service, just a little over 22 years ago.

The Lord is in the business of building His church. In our post Christian nation adults, teenagers and kids are leaving the church in droves. The fastest growing church is the religion of "Nones". 50 million strong, people in our country with no religious affiliation. Churches are closing their doors but God said He will build His church and nothing, no thing will stop Him. No person, no culture, no nation, no dictator, not even Satan himself. His church is unstoppable. It is a movement that began 2000 years ago and will continue until the end of the age.

God moved a group of people in this region. He called them and commissioned them to start a church in Albert Lea, MN. He called them to build a church that would reach both believers and non-believers. A church that you could invite your family and friends to that is welcoming, vibrant, relevant, authentic and built on the truth.

Since our inception, Crossroads Church has reached thousands of people. In our previous database we had 5000 names. All because a few paused their lives, listened to the Lord and responded.

We aren't done! God's not done with this church! We want to reach thousands more! Maybe 10,000, one fifth of our community! In Isaiah 6, Isaiah is given a vision of the Lord sitting on his throne. As he sees the Lord in his glory, he realizes his sinfulness. Immediately thereafter, the Lord removes his guilt and forgives his sin. Then the Lord asked, "Whom should I send" to tell the people? "Who will go for us?" Who will tell the people about the forgiveness of sin? And Isaiah responded, "Here I am, send me."



VISION 20/20

In 2015, Crossroads leaders created our Vision 20/20 that served as the guide to how we would continue to carry out our purpose statement. Here are the main focusses of our Vision 20/20:

Strengthening the Church, Colossians 2:6,7

By Growing in our Faith

By Growing in our Love, Galations 6:10

By Growing in our Generosity, 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Reaching the World, Acts 1:8

Through daily relationships, Matthew 5:13-16

Through Crossroads' initiatives, 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Through strategic partnerships, Philippians 1:4-6

Letter from Tom - Home Team Chair

Have you ever stopped to consider the significance of your home? Your home plays such an important role in your life. Your home is a place of safety & security. A place to get fed, nourished, & re-charged to face the outside world. Thriving homes are filled with family in loving and caring relationships. Our home is where we grow from infants to adults. Since inception, our Crossroads church home has been a place where many people have come home to the saving grace of our Lord Jesus. Our Crossroads home has grown & trained spiritual leaders who are now serving throughout the world. It's been a place of shelter and refuge for us to care for & minister to each other. It's been a place for us to show just how good God is. As 2019 begins, our Home Capital Campaign will unfold. We on the Home team are energized by this campaign. It will allow us to:

- Maintain our home as faithful stewards.
- Maintain relevance in our ministry to even more effectively reach the lost.
- Free up more dollars from debt removal to ministry dollars.
- Fulfill the full circle of stewardship by giving and allocating funds to other ministries.
- Set up a foundation for future growth to carry on the purpose and vision of Crossroads with an even larger scale of impact.

That purpose has remained from our beginnings; to introduce people to Jesus, grow them to be like Jesus, care for others, minister to others, and glorify God. Crossroads continues to be Christ centered, authentic, relevant, flowing with love for God and love for others. A place to come as you are – Come. Home.



Prayer

Our Home Capital Campaign is about God's ability to multiply the "fishes and loaves" in order to see His will be accomplished. Prayer is central to our Home campaign. This campaign is spiritual work with eternal implications. All spiritual strides are made on our knees in humble dependence on Him. We must make prayer our focal point because it is through prayer that our own hearts are brought into alignment with His heart and we become convinced of the part which God wants us to play. During this campaign it is our Home team's prayer that Crossroads' purpose and mission would continue to be fulfilled. God has established Crossroads to be His agent through the local, regional, and global community for Him. We covet your prayers for the unreached around us, friends, neighbors, co-workers and family who do not yet know Christ. That Crossroads would be a dynamic witness for Him and we would increase our impact in building His Kingdom. Watch for upcoming prayer opportunities in the weeks and months to come. Please keep our Home campaign prayer focuses on your daily prayer list:

- Protection of leadership and body from spiritual warfare.
- Wisdom and discernment from the Lord for ministry impact.
- Unity and harmony as a body.
- Deep faith in what God can and will do.
- Preparation of generous hearts.

"Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you."
Jeremiah 29:12

Our great God loves us and wants us to pray so that He can answer us.

Dear God,

We know that you own the cattle on a thousand hills and the wealth in every land. We love you and want to obey you. The Home Campaign is your idea. We ask you to bless it and that it would flourish. We need your guidance, wisdom, and discernment. We need the help of the Holy Spirit to speak to each of us to increase our faith and to teach us to give accordingly to Crossroads. God, we want to love you more, love your Word more and love one another more. We are looking forward to your answers to these prayers for Crossroads Church. We ask these things in Jesus' precious name.

The Home Prayer Team

