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The message changes us.**

**GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME  
ALL THE TIME GOD IS GOOD**



**THE GOOD NEWS**  
*From Crossroads Connection Omaha*

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but it generally runs 8 to 10. Our **need and wish** is that we have a large enough pool to draw from so that we have 8 to 10 sponsors a week available and by having a large enough pool an individual would only have to transport once a month or as often as they wish. Board Member Anne Carroll coordinates the transportation sponsors and would be willing to answer any questions. We realize that at first thought it can be a somewhat scary and daunting undertaking. Any of the present transportation sponsors would be willing to have you ride along some evening to the church and attend the service.

**Thank you from Diane, Worship Program Coordinator** – every year is different, some more difficult than others, but 2015 has been pretty exciting. The schedule is full, in part, because we added two new churches: Bethel Lutheran and Clair United Memorial Methodist. We welcome them and it has been a pleasure working with them.

I am shouting out a big thank you to Allen Barnard and Mary Ann Stevens who answered my many calls to provide music on Sunday evenings when music accompaniment was unavailable and I look forward to working with them in the future.

Lindsay Lueschen, grateful for the care and support of Crossroads has become a regular. So regular that she helps check in worshipers and supporters on Sunday evenings, helps provide childcare, helps Carol in the clothes closet, and also gives financial support. Thank you Lindsay.

One of our most vocal supporters for the past few months has been Victor, both in worship and at the Work Release Center. Victor will be leaving us in November and returning to Chicago so he can help his elderly parents. We are happy for Victor but we will miss his positive, supportive advocacy. Victor has been a positive influence on many at the Center and at Crossroads. Thank you Victor and God Bless you.

**Clothing Ministry** – our needs for gently used men's and women's clothing is ongoing. It is seasonal and the fall and winter season is upon us. We will be needing heavyweight hooded sweat shirts, jackets, and winter coats in all sizes (especially men's), we always need men's socks, work gloves, warm hats, and always a big need for work boots (all sizes). We are very grateful for the donations we receive on a frequent and continuing basis. We also list our needs on our website.

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**Financial Peace University** - Bill Breyfogle has planned a no obligation informational meeting on November 7 at 10:30 A.M. at Presbyterian Church of the Master, 10710 Corby Circle, Omaha, for anyone who might be willing to support the Crossroads ministry as a volunteer or who just wants to know more about Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace. Information about the program and process will be presented and any questions and concerns you might have will be addressed. A light lunch will be provided. Anyone interested should contact Bill by email, [RedWheelBSF@aol.com](mailto:RedWheelBSF@aol.com) by Monday, November 2 so he can have an idea of how many will attend.

Volunteers do not need any teaching skills or financial expertise – Dave Ramsey does the teaching via DVD. However, those that do have teaching experience may allow us to expand beyond our current scope in the future.

**News from Matt** – the Life Program continues to grow as we have fostered a relationship with U.S. Probation which allows us to serve men who are being released from Federal Prison to the Omaha area. Our focus in the Life Program is positive growth with consistent support. Their program fee doesn't begin to cover our expenses. We provide the men resources such as food, clothing, housing, and counseling services, and are involved in all stages of job seeking, education enrollment, and employment maintenance. We strive to point out the differences between a job and a career. I am proud to say that many of the men in the Life Program have enrolled at Metro over the past 12 months. As we move forward we understand that our success is dependent on the volunteers that support our program and Crossroads. We are actively seeking mentors that can foster a positive relationship and offer guidance to the men in our program. Thank you for your continued support and God Bless. Matthew Anselmo, Life Manager Crossroads.

**Crossroads Wish List** – it takes a great many partners and volunteers to make Crossroads viable (over 6,000 last year) with it all starting at the Sunday service worship. Preachers/speakers at 6:00 P.M. and the fellowship dinner at 7:00 P.M. None of this can happen unless we have transportation sponsors to get our worshipers from and to the Community Corrections Center (often referred to as the work release center) in a timely fashion. In order to be a transportation sponsor, an individual needs to have a little training on the rules (about an hour session) and pass a background check. Because our numbers change week-to-week, we are never sure exactly how many transportation sponsors we need

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## Mission

Crossroads Connection is a community of faith in support of prisoners, those released, and their families, because God's grace is extended to all.

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## Parable of the Mustard Seed

Like a mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds in the ground, when sown it grows up to become the greatest of all garden plants. **Mark 4:31-32**

## President's Message

**Come all you people, come and praise your maker!**

Crossroads worships Sundays at 6 PM. Everyone is welcome. Attendance is a great way to introduce people to ministry with inmates and parolees. Information on each service is at Crossroads Connection Omaha on Facebook or [www.crossroadsconnectionne.org/worship-17](http://www.crossroadsconnectionne.org/worship-17). Help us sing a joyful song, and ask about becoming a transportation sponsor.

Delena Givens-Brown has attended these services frequently since joining the Crossroads Connection board. She built relationships with local agencies and the Dept. of Corrections working 20 years as an addition counselor. Her gift of discernment can help us work with applicants to our LIFE transitional housing program.

Bill Breyfogle has been drawing on his business background presenting Financial Peace University in prisons. He has agreed to help us bring the program to the LIFE program men. When Judge Thompson stepped down as Treasurer, we were delighted when Bill agreed to take this on too.

Pastor Bob Bryan of Followers of Christ, a Lincoln-based prison ministry of the Nebraska Synod of the ELCA, has generously helped us maintain the Crossroads worship service six Sundays a year in the Omaha Correctional Center, bringing messages of hope to a group of about sixty worshipers.

These are ways our most recent board additions are helping. In what ways are you being called to extend God's grace?