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Zane remembers his dad reading bible stories to him when he was around 4 years old and had a basic understanding that there is a God, but at age 8, he and his brother were taken away from his parents to live with his grandparents. He was very angry with what he was going through. Several years later, he convinced his grandparents to take him to church because he knew he needed something “more” in his life and Crossroad happened to be the closest church to their house. His grandparents only attended that first time, but because Zane really liked the band and energy at this church he continued going to church by himself. Although he was broken inside, he was shown loving concern for his spiritual growth and began to feel he had a support system here.

Crossroad became a family for him with many people encouraging and mentoring him, from giving him rides to and from confirmation classes, youth group events, and camps. His faith has grown through having fun here, and learning what God has in store for him. When asked for advice from friends and colleagues, he tells them that reacting in the wrong way under adversity can tarnish your heart. Having Jesus in his life, has provided a more peaceful and fulfilling existence. *Pray unceasingly* is his daily mantra: he prays on the way to work, during his work day, and on his way home.

Zane now has a full-time job, is going to night school, has a wonderful fiancé, and manages to assist at service every Sunday on the church sound board. He also does maintenance around the church when needed. He would tell you that he would not be who and where he is today without the people God put in his life. Zane is thankful to Crossroad Lutheran’s many members for helping him throughout his teens and young adult life. He is grateful to all those who supported our youth group financially and gratefully gives his time, talents and financial support back to God’s work through Crossroad. Thanks be to God!

