



Message from the Board Chairman

This year we observe Ramadan against a backdrop of intensifying global human suffering caused by economic hardships, military conflicts, acts of terrorism, and natural calamities. Muslims have an opportunity to use the days of this month to reflect on our collective duty towards fellow human beings. Islam is not just the manifestation of piety through prayers, but requires good deeds and actions that express the essential values of our faith. Refraining from food, standing for long prayers, and reciting Quran are not the only actions that Allah's judgment will rely upon during this month; sharing our fortune with the poor, providing for food and shelter to deprived, and reaching out to those in need are some of the fundamental acts to reap the benefits of the month of "giving". The best charity is that given in Ramadan, so let us not forget the less fortunate around the world during this month.




During this period for reflection and purification, it is also a time for reconciliation and reaching out to others and making peace with those who have wronged us, strengthen ties with family and friends, doing away with bad habits – and a time to clean up our lives, our thoughts, and our feelings.

I hope that this Ramadan, our prayers are answered, families and communities strengthened, and this holy month brings peace, happiness, and every blessing to Muslims all over the world.

Ovais Ahmed
Chairman, ICCR Board of Directors.

5 Simple Ways to Prepare for Ramadan (from the Zaytuna Institute)

1. Intention (niyyah): Make the sincere intention that you want this Ramadan to be special.
2. Make a plan: Plan how you would like to spend each day, postpone things that can be postponed, and focus on activities that will benefit you. Set a target for how many prayers you will pray at the masjid, and make a plan for how you will reach this target.
3. Make a du'a list: Make a du'a list and include your needs for this dunya, the hereafter, your family members and friends.
4. Serve (khidmah): Go beyond just yourself and your own needs during the month of Ramadan. Find out about the various ICCR committees you can volunteer on- visit <http://crmogque.com/about-iccr/committees> & email info@crmogque.com to sign up.
5. Charity (sadaqah): Figure out how you can spend less on yourself so you can spend more on the need this month. Begin calculating your assets, so that when Ramadan begins, you are ready to pay your zakat and sadaqah. Please be generous when donating to the ICCR

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Taraweeh




- Ramadan will begin Monday August 1 with the first night of Taraweeh prayers on Sunday night July 31st. Taraweeh & Qiyam time table on page 4.
- The ICCR has hired a babysitter. Babysitting will be provided for children aged 1 to 6 for a minimal cost, children 7 & above or not in babysitting are expected to be at their parent's side during prayers. Please see the Imam and he will arrange payment for you.
- Children above the age of 7 are expected to pray with their parents or stay home.
- Quran will be completed during Maghrib, Isha and Tahajjud and Fajr Salat, culminating on August 27th, the 27th night of Ramadan.

Iftar/ Suhoor at the ICCR

- There will be regular Iftar potluck meals to break fast at the ICCR every night except when individuals, families or groups sponsor a weekend Iftar meal. However the night before Eid there will be no iftar served in the masjid.
- There is a signup sheet on the board outside the Imam's office for people or groups who want to sponsor 1 or more nights.
- The Quran Khatirah is on the 27th of Ramadan (Friday, August 26th), there will also be a dinner sponsored by the ICCR Board that night as well as a fundraiser.
- Suhoor will be served on the last 10 nights of Ramadan




Eid

- Eid ul-Fitr for the year 1432 AH will be on Tuesday, August 30th.
- A light breakfast will be provided for a donation amount of your choosing.
- Inflatables & activities for everyone ages 2 and above from 10 AM to 12 PM.
- The Eid dinner will be @ 7pm Aug. 31st (2nd day of Eid) catered by Zaika.

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August 2011 - Ramadan /Shawwal 1432									
<p>Note: Fajr means both Fajr Athaan and Imsaak (start of fast). Maghrib means both Maghrib Athaan and Iftaar (breaking of fast). ISNA/Standard calculation method.</p>									
Qibla is 45.6 degrees (From North Clockwise)									
Day	Date	Hijri Month	Hijri Date	Sahoor / Fajr	Sunrise	Dhuhr / Jumuah	Asr	Iftaar / Maghrib	Isha
Monday	1	Ramadan	1	4:30	6:00	1:14	5:10	8:26	9:57
Tuesday	2	Ramadan	2	4:31	6:01	1:14	5:10	8:25	9:56
Wednesday	3	Ramadan	3	4:33	6:02	1:13	5:09	8:24	9:54
Thursday	4	Ramadan	4	4:34	6:03	1:13	5:09	8:22	9:52
Friday	5	Ramadan	5	4:36	6:04	12:15	5:08	8:21	9:51
Saturday	6	Ramadan	6	4:37	6:05	1:13	5:08	8:20	9:49
Sunday	7	Ramadan	7	4:39	6:06	1:13	5:07	8:19	9:47
Monday	8	Ramadan	8	4:40	6:07	1:13	5:07	8:17	9:46
Tuesday	9	Ramadan	9	4:42	6:08	1:13	5:06	8:16	9:44
Wednesday	10	Ramadan	10	4:43	6:09	1:13	5:06	8:15	9:42
Thursday	11	Ramadan	11	4:44	6:10	1:12	5:05	8:13	9:41
Friday	12	Ramadan	12	4:46	6:11	12:15	5:04	8:12	9:39
Saturday	13	Ramadan	13	4:47	6:12	1:12	5:04	8:11	9:37
Sunday	14	Ramadan	14	4:49	6:13	1:12	5:03	8:09	9:35
Monday	15	Ramadan	15	4:50	6:14	1:12	5:02	8:08	9:33
Tuesday	16	Ramadan	16	4:51	6:15	1:12	5:02	8:06	9:32
Wednesday	17	Ramadan	17	4:53	6:16	1:11	5:01	8:05	9:30
Thursday	18	Ramadan	18	4:54	6:17	1:11	5:00	8:03	9:28
Friday	19	Ramadan	19	4:56	6:18	12:15	5:00	8:02	9:26
Saturday	20	Ramadan	20	4:57	6:19	1:11	4:59	8:00	9:24
Sunday	21	Ramadan	21	4:58	6:20	1:10	4:58	7:59	9:22
Monday	22	Ramadan	22	5:00	6:21	1:10	4:57	7:57	9:21
Tuesday	23	Ramadan	23	5:01	6:22	1:10	4:56	7:56	9:19
Wednesday	24	Ramadan	24	5:02	6:23	1:10	4:56	7:54	9:17
Thursday	25	Ramadan	25	5:04	6:24	1:09	4:55	7:53	9:15
Friday	26	Ramadan	26	5:05	6:25	12:15	4:54	7:51	9:13
Saturday	27	Ramadan	27	5:06	6:27	1:09	4:53	7:49	9:11
Sunday	28	Ramadan	28	5:08	6:28	1:09	4:52	7:48	9:09
Monday	29	Ramadan	29	5:09	6:29	1:08	4:51	7:46	9:07
Tuesday	30	EID - Shawwal	1	5:10	6:30	1:08	4:50	7:44	9:05
Wednesday	31	Shawwal	2	5:12	6:31	1:08	4:49	7:43	9:03

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"O you who believe! Fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you, that you may become Al-Muttaqun (the pious). (Quran 2:183)

IQAMAH TIMES: Note: that Juma Khutbah is at 12:15 & Salaah is at 12:45

Date	Qiyam	Fajr	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha/Taraweeh
8/1/2011	3:30 AM starting 8/20/2011	5:00 AM	1:30 PM	5:30 PM	Five Minutes After Azaa n	10:00 PM
8/8/2011						9:45 PM
8/15/2011		5:15 AM				9:30 PM
8/22/2011		5:30 AM				
8/29/2011						




1. Friday Prayers: Juma Khutbah @12:15 - Salaah @ 12:45
2. First part of Ramadan, Isha prayer will start at 10:00 PM and both Isha prayer and Taraweeh will take 45 minutes
3. Once Isha prayer starts at 9:45 PM and both Isha prayer and Taraweeh will take 1 hour.
4. On Fridays and Saturdays, there will be a lecture during Taraweeh for about 10 to 15 minutes
5. Qiam prayer, the late night prayer, will be held at the last 10 nights of Ramadan for 45 minutes for the week days and 90 minutes for the weekends

Did you know that staying up to date with the activities in the masjid is easy?



- Visit crmosque.com/times on your mobile phone or computer for the Iqama times
- Sign up for the email list by sending an email to info@crmosque.com
- Search for an "like" the "Islamic Center of Cedar Rapids on Facebook to be alerted to the latest events.

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Abu Huraira related that the Prophet said: Allah the Majestic and Exalted said: "Every deed of man will receive ten to 700 times reward, except Siyam (fasting), for it is for Me and I shall reward it (as I like). There are two occasions of joy for one who fasts: one when he breaks the fast and the other when he will meet his Lord" (Muslim).

The Masjid offers a number of programs and helps a lot of people throughout the year, especially this month. In order to continue to provide these services and repair the existing facilities it is in dire need of your charity and time, so please be generous this Ramadan.

Post-Ramadan Activities

Potlucks and Dinners

We will continue with our regularly scheduled monthly potlucks, which also include a speaker after Ramadan.

Fall Dinner:

We plan to have a Fall Dinner this year instead of the Spring dinner. This dinner is highly anticipated by the Cedar Rapids community and is an excellent opportunity to bring our friends and neighbors in to the Masjid.

Youth Programs:

Insha Allah we will continue the programs for girls in 3rd grade through 8th grade, boys in 5th to 8th Grade as well as programs for boys and girls middle school and up.

Quran Program:




The Imam teaches Quran on a one on one basis to older children and adults, please contact the Imam to set up a time. In addition if there is demand then we will set up a biweekly evening Quran program for children again- please see the Imam if you are interested.

Lecture Programs

Last year we had a number of lecture programs, unfortunately attendance was very low.

However we plan start them again after Ramadan. We have Sunday lectures from after Dhuhr till Sunday School lets out at 2 PM in addition to lectures on Sunday After Fajr, Sunday After Isha, Monday and Friday between Maghrib & Isha, Tuesday & Wednesday After Isha, Friday After Isha, Saturday After Fajr Prayer, Saturday after Isha Prayer.

In addition there are a few Woman's and Youth study groups (halaqas) in English and Urdu that are held on a weekly basis.

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Education

Sunday School: Last year 93 Students Registered ranging from four years old to sixteen years old. The Sunday school has a staff of 20 Dedicated Parents and Community Members. The next Sunday school registration starts on September 9th after Salat ul Jumaa. All students ages 4 and above are encouraged to attend the four hour program which includes Quran memorization, Arabic (learning how to read the Quran), and Islamic Studies. Sunday School will begin on September 18th. Hours are 9:45 till 2:45. If you have any questions and need further information, please email us at iccrsundayschool@gmail.com.

My Iman Montessori: The full time Islamic School running here in the ICCR, has progressed tremendously in the past two years. MIM started off in 2009 with two staff and five children. We now have 24 children fully enrolled for next year with 5 staff working with the school. This includes two Elementary and Montessori Certified Teachers, two Arabic and Quran Teachers and one Director.




We have now obtained a strong foundation for MIM by being licensed by the Department of Human Services, having a Parent Board and employing an experienced and qualified school Director. Apart from regular instruction we have Arabic, Quran and Islamic Studies classes- All of our non-Arabic speaking students are all speaking Arabic in full sentences.

Five years ago when the expansion was built, the major reason was for a full time Islamic school and Alhumdulillah we are working towards fulfilling that vision.

There are still open seats in the lower elementary class room (ages 6-8) and only one spot left in the preschool and kindergarten classroom (ages 3-6).

To learn how you can support the school or for more information, please contact our Director at vhabhab@myimanmontessori.org or by phone 533-0307.

Abu Huraira related that the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said: Whoever fasts during Ramadan with faith and seeking his reward from Allah will have his past sins forgiven. Whoever prays during the nights in Ramadan with faith and seeking his reward from Allah will have his past sins forgiven. And he who passes Lailat al-Qadr in prayer with faith and seeking his reward from Allah will have his past sins forgiven (Bukhari, Muslim).

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