



Crossroads

COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Crossroads Mission Statement

Our mission is to be a welcoming family of God where people can be restored one heart at a time and become fully-devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

Highlights

Sunday Morning Worship: New Series!! "THE GOD QUESTIONS" - If you have wondered and asked yourself tough questions about God or perhaps you have a friend who asks tough questions be sure to make it to church for this great study.

During the month of July - Oct there was an average attendance of 157 and an average offering of \$1858.58/week. The website had an average of 869 people a month during the four months that stopped in and viewed an average of 2588 pages a month. Are you in one of these statistics?!

There are many upcoming events going on for this Thanksgiving Season. We are thankful to be celebrating our eighth year as a mission church. On November 21st there will be a catered meal to give thanks and share stories of the life of the church. On November 22 there will be an ecumenical church service with the entire community meeting at Crossroads. On November 26, Thanksgiving Day, there will be a meal for all those wishing to come and be with friends and give thanks for all the Lord has provided for us this year.



Champ came dressed as the Lion in the Lion's den.

Trunks & Treats

A harvest party with 13 car trunks decorated up and giving out candy to all who came by. A good time was had by entire families as there was also a hayride and a feast with biscuits and stew afterwards. Check out the entire photo album online.



Baptized
*Brody Alan
Armstrong
son of Crystal
Howard and
Brandon
Armstrong*



Births
*Cooper Darwin son
of Greg & Amy
Deim and Shiloh
Elizabeth daughter
of Kevin & Sarah
Schock*



Amy Jensen



*I would rather live a short
life fulfilled with God than
a long life without Him.*

Outreach News

Motherhood – meeting once a month when possible.

When they meet they talk, pray together, and sing songs of praise.

Kidzone - The kids have a new theme verse each month that goes with the lessons they learn. Currently they are learning John 3:16-17. They set a goal to put together 12 Christmas Shoeboxes for children overseas. The final boxes shipped were 18! Thank you all who helped.

JR High Youth are planning a trip to Mankato to help package food boxes for the organization *Kids Against Hunger*. Each youth will package between 100-300 food boxes an hour. Each box costs \$.23 and the youth are asking for donations to cover the cost of each of the food boxes that they themselves will pack. Please support them in your donations and prayers.

Women's Ministry – The women are having a Beth Moore bible study on Thursday nights. The Women's monthly meeting is the first Monday of the month.

Praise Team will be practicing on Friday nights at 4:00 pm. As well as practices, auditions for both vocal and instrumental will be as follows: The vocal will be a three month committal and 1st practice day in Jan, April, July and Oct, and the instrumental will be a 6 month committal with the 1st practice in Jan and July.

High School Youth Currently the youth are studying 1 & 2 Thessalonians. They are meeting at Pastor Jason's house on Sunday nights at 6:00.

Women of Faith Conference 14 women went to St Paul on October 16-17. The Topic was *A Grand New Day* "I am saved by grace through FAITH, not of myself, it is a FREE gift from God! God is so good, all the time! He picked me up, physically and spiritually" *Leslie*
To read the entire experiences go to the website: Missions - Other ministry under Women's Ministry - Women of Faith. It is an uplifting article with good stories.

Prayer Updates



Updates will be placed on the website, as well as those we regularly pray for.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WITH CANCER

Duane Hatland, Cindy Speltz, Jennifer Howard

OTHER PRAYER CONCERNS

For the families of those who passed away recently:

Jeff Dahl's dad; Scott & Sarah Stokes boy Miles; Amy Jensen's family; Dave VanRuekel's mother.

Dave & Sandy Hibma had a house fire; Amanda Jorgensen's pregnancy; Pray that New Horizon will be opened up as an adoption agency in Liberia



Praises

The carpet is being laid on the new stage. This has been given as a gift through the memorial money of JR Wigen and a generous match.

Mexico Mission Trip

The past summer 10 youth and adults from Crossroads served at Rio Bravo Ministries in Reynosa MX. We spent our time doing hard labor, playing with children, doing devotions, evangelizing, and overall had some fun. Ray Hansen, who was the founder of the ministry, told us his story of how he started Rio Bravo. The previous dump is now a home for 80 children. The Iowa and Louisiana groups worked hard on completing a flood plain for a septic system. Shoveling rock and dirt in wheelbarrows seemed exhausting, but God gave us the strength. Each night we played with the children and had devotions together using the acronym of R.E.Y.N.O.S.A. Each letter had a corresponding word and verse. Everyone had the opportunity to lead each night. Using the "Redeemer Skit", 40 children came to Christ during evangelism in the colonias. Four teenagers from the orphanage came to devotions and we heard their testimonies. As a group we felt called to share our testimonies. We grew closer together as a group. We grew closer to God individually. For some of us we thought our story didn't matter; but in God's eyes every story matters. We went down planning to be a blessing but ended up being blessed by the people of Rio Bravo.

Currently we are planning next years trip July 30th-August 8th. Our goal is to send 40 people to serve at Rio Bravo. Fundraisers will be happening monthly. If you are interested

Isaiah 6:8-Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" and I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Will you go?