



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: Welcome to the Summer at Crossroads. We are finishing up a wonderful series where we learned great foundational truths through the bible. Now is a time when we can dig further into God's word.

There are many ways we can learn the truths of the Bible. Recently Pastor Don talked to us about the ways of listening when God Speaks. We will know when God is talking to us by knowing if what we hear is consistent with the Bible. Here at Crossroads we believe that to know the Bible, we need to read the Bible. Each month there are different types of daily devotions to take home to read and learn from. Try one for yourself. Read Keys for Kids to your children. Share together as a family. Have quiet time for yourself in reflection to what you hear. Each devotion book has its own format, its own mini bible studies, but all of them come directly from the Word of God. Please take one home and try it today.

Each one of these devotions, can also be found on our website under the devotional tab. There are other resources available to help in your study online as well.

Family Activity Night will be the first Wednesday of each month. There will be activities for the family to do together on that night. There are lots of great ideas and many of them are still in YOUR minds, so we want to hear them from you.

During the month of April - August there was an average attendance of 140 and an average offering of \$1700.00/week. Our monthly budget is \$2000. The website had an average of 330 people a month during the four months that stopped in and viewed an average of 1541 pages a month. Are you in one of these statistics?!



Births

*Aiden Duane
Hatland -
son of Travis &
Cassidy 6-7-2010*



Baptized

*Aiden Duane
Hatland 8-29-2010*



Weddings

*Lindsay Siemonsma
&
Wes Rose 8-14-10*

*Krystal Howard &
Brandon Armstrong
8-14-10*



New Members

Classes coming Sept 19!



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Camp Crossroads



Sports and Life Camp featured many events to learn life lessons from various sports and life activities. Together we learned we are undefeated when Jesus Christ is with us in our lives.

The weeks Faith Verse was from **Romans 8:37-39**

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that nothing will ever separate us from the love of God that is in Jesus Christ our Lord.

For more pictures and videos visit the *Kidzone* tab on the Web

Both Hands Project

Helping both the Orphan and the Widow

Crossroads has begun a project called "Both Hands". This puts into action what the bible instructs about helping those in our care. This summer many willing workers came together at Clara Van Laar's home. Last year she broke her ankle coming out of her porch that was in bad shape. For two days her porch and surrounding area was re-worked and made new again. Many volunteers gave of their time, talent and supplies. Gravel was donated and through equipment and help donated from John Semrad's Construction, a new safer area was made for Clara

On July 14, 2010, willing workers got together to make diapers out of donated t-shirts. Many sewing machines, scissors, thread, time and talent came together to make a very unique gift for an orphanage in Ethiopia. T-shirts were cut apart and put on an assembly line with the outcome of over 100 diapers in 3 hours

If you know of service projects that would help out others, give the church a call.

To find out more on the ministry of Both Hands Project and photos and videos, check out under our *Missions and Outreach* tab on the website.



I want to thank everyone who participated in the weekend cleanup and patio building at my home. I really appreciate all of you, and the hard work you put in while fighting the heat, gnats and mosquitoes. I pray God will bless each and every one of you in all ways as you have blessed me.

Love in Christ to all of you, Clara



Outreach News

Motherhood – meeting once a month when possible. When they meet they talk, pray together, and sing songs of praise.

Kidzone - The kids had the summer off, but enjoyed Camp Crossroads VBS. The fall season of Kidzone will begin in September. Each Wednesday between 5:30 - 7:30 there is a meal, singing, small group learning and activities for those who join in.

JR High Youth met throughout the summer and were studying on how to grow in their faith. They learned about themselves as well as how to apply their faith in their everyday lives.

Women's Ministry – The women will be holding more Bible studies this winter. They are also busy helping out with Kidzone, VBS, weddings, and many activities that hold this church together. The Women's monthly meeting is the first Monday of the month.

Praise Team Auditions for both vocal and instrumental will be as follows: The vocal will be an as needed committal and the instrumental will be a 6 month committal with the 1st practice in Jan and July. Practices will be announced monthly.

High School Youth They are meeting at Pastor Jason's house on Sunday nights at 6:00.

Women of Faith Conference It is never too early to start planning on great events like this. Many women have been greatly affected by this gathering. We would like to have you attend with us. This year it will be from Oct 22-23. Contact Leslie-Hayenga Adams at 712-331-1201.



Prayer & Praises



Updates will be placed on the website

Mexico Mission Trip Update

There was a hard decision to make this year as to the trip to the orphanage. The country was not as stable as it was in the past. Just across the street from the orphanage on the weeks just before leaving, there were bombs being set off. The leader of the mission called and informed our group that it was just too dangerous for us to come. Please continue to uphold those orphans and country in your prayers.

Welcome Home

After working many summers in orphanages in Mexico and seeing the need up close Pastor Olson's family began to feel the call upon their hearts to finally make their long time dream a reality. After nearly two years of exhaustive paperwork, classes, and preparation, the time came for them to travel to Africa to bring not one, but two children home from Ethiopia.



We welcome Abenezar who is 9 months old and Millenium who is just over 2 years old.

On September 12th after church we will celebrate their home coming with a meal and a shower of blessings.

While this adoption journey was going on, pastor's family blogged their joys and frustrations. If you would like to walk along with their journey, it is on the home page of the website under *Olson's Adoption Blog*.

Upcoming Fall Events

All the regular bible studies, home groups, Kidzone, Youth group as well as new member classes will be starting up again in the fall. Be sure to get in on one or more of them.

Some exciting events that happened last year are again being planned for this year. Be sure to watch the website for our annual *Trunks & Treats* and the *Wild game feed*. Contact us at crossroads@crossroadsestherville.com to be on our mailing lists to keep you up-to-date.

The Hub Team

What is this?

Who are they?

President - Pastor Jason Olson

Deacons - Greg Deim, Rod Will, Cathy McCauley

Elders - Sherry Williams, Dave VanRoekel, Travis Hayenga

The Hub Team is a gathering of officers that is the governing body of the church. It is responsible for all the spiritual and practical day-to-day affairs. The minister is the president. The Hub Team is divided into two orders. One order is that of the elders. **Elders** are responsible for sound teaching and discipline within the church and for the spiritual well being of the congregation. The elders are to make sure that members are nurtured through Scripture, worship, the sacraments, and prayer.

The other order is that of the deacons. **Deacons** play a key role in moving their churches into missions of justice, mercy, and compassion. They focus on six key areas of concern:

- Stewardship education and congregational giving
- Special individual and family concerns
- Mission involvement
- Disaster response and volunteer service opportunities
- Hunger advocacy and Reformed Church World Service
- Caring for creation and simple living

Graduation

We wish our recent High School and College graduates the best in their future. Each was presented with a bible upon graduation.



The Web

Have you visited our 24/7 home?

Crossroads church can be found in Estherville, Iowa.

Crossroads family can be reached almost anytime.

Did you know you can also find us by heading to the web - 24/7?

Nothing can replace the gathering of God's family together physically. In our encouragement, learning and listening. In quiet times with God and fellowship with each other, but when that is not enough..we are on the web!

On our home site of **www.CrossroadsEstherville.com** we have timely updates on what is going on at home and around the world. We supply the weekly message to listen and view when you are not able to attend. When you want to dive deeper into God's word there is a page of Bible Resources. Our various missions and groups each have a page that can be viewed to get a better understanding of what each group has to offer. The list of what is available is endless and even includes videos and photos. Stop by and bring a friend.

Another part of the interesting Web technology is *Facebook*. Here is where you can be our "friend" and get more updates and tell us what you think. You can find us by searching for *Crossroads Community Church - Estherville*