

STUDENT-S

YOUTH SERVICE—Sunday, August 15

Enjoy student-led worship and testimonies from the Boundary Waters trip in a service led by Pastor Dan and our JH/SH youth.

YOUTH GROUPS—Sundays, August 15 & 29

Junior High 4:30 to 6:00 PM; Senior High 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Aug 15 @ Alan & Liz Schmidt's, 5191—200th St, Holstein
 Aug 29 @ Dave & Karen Stender's, 6030—10th Ave, Aurelia
Paintball, hayride, and more fun! Make plans now to attend!

PARENTS & YOUTH LEADERS—Sun, Aug 8; 6:30 PM

Join for us for an informational meeting about our fall plans involving the new movie, *To Save A Life*. We'll watch the film and share some ideas about implementing this evangelistic material this fall. *To Save a Life* reminds us that we are never more like Jesus than when we are reaching out to the hurting and lonely. Contact Pastor Dan for more info.

COLLEGE-AGE Boating/Beach Party—Sunday, September 5

Come to Scout Park by BVU in Storm Lake from 2-9 PM. We'll have food, boating, beach games, music, worship and lots of free fun! *See you there—bring a friend!*



UPWORDS WITH PASTOR DOUG

Early African converts to Christianity were earnest and faithful in their private devotions. Each one reportedly had a separate spot in the thicket where he would pour out his heart to God.

Over time the paths to these places became well worn. As a result, if one of the believers began to neglect prayer, it was soon apparent to the others. They would kindly remind the negligent one, "Brother, the grass grows on your path."

The path to our Prayer Cabin is paved with asphalt, so if our church family neglects this spot it will not be obvious. But if it's been a while since you have spent an hour or more in this sacred place, maybe it's time to take your Bible and go pour out your heart to God.

Whatever the place you choose, go there soon to meet with the Lord, before the grass and weeds and thorns begin to grow on the pathways of your heart.

Jesus warns that the seed of His Word does not grow in the life of one whose heart is like an untended garden, for the seed is quickly overtaken with thorns.

"They are those who hear the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful." (Mark 4:18-19)

On Sunday mornings this summer we are taking an in-depth look at The Lord's Prayer. We want to better understand Jesus' model prayer so that we can truly make it our own, strengthening and deepening our conversation with God.

So how is your prayer life? Is the Word bearing fruit in you this summer? If not, what seems to be choking it? Don't let the grass grow on your path!

OPPORTUNITIES

CROSSRIDGE CHURCH, HOLSTEIN—Tuesdays, August 1 & 15, 7:00 PM

All are welcome to join us at the Lohff-Schuman Community Center for the final two nights in our 10-part series exploring the Evangelical Free Church Statement of Faith. Pray for the success of this exciting new church plant in Holstein which is sponsored by Summit Church. Sunday worship services for the public will begin in January.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY—Wednesdays & Saturdays in August

Help us build a home for the Gideon & Martina Boato family — there's a job for you, so call Pastor Kevin 200-2200 or Darell DePrez 369-0103 to find out how you can assist.

KIDS FOR CHRIST ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING—Sun, Aug 29; 6:00 PM

Want to help with Fall KFC? Please come to a planning meeting at Summit with KFC leaders Dennis & Diane Julius. If unable to attend, please call them at 732-5389.

DISCOVERY CLASS LUNCHEON—Sunday, August 29, 12:30-3:30 PM

Interested in membership or learning more about Summit? RSVP for lunch to discover our beliefs, where we're headed, and how you can be involved! Childcare provided.

FINANCIAL UPDATE—Thank you for your faithful giving to the Lord!

† Through July 18, \$26,000 has been given toward our goal of \$40,000 to build a Bible College for AIM Asia on land recently purchased by our rice field near Hyderabad. Go online to read or listen to June 20 sermon for more details about this project.

† The loan balance on Summit's \$2.8 million facility has been reduced to \$67,000. Our "Seeking Things Above" goal is to burn the mortgage by Thanksgiving!

10 AM One-Service Sundays

SARA RENNER CONCERT 10 AM Sunday, September 5

Invite a friend for this special Sunday morning outreach opportunity! *Sara & the Elements* reflect the Body of Christ as a beautiful melting pot of races, cultures, genders, denominations, musical styles, and generations. We enjoyed their Christmas Concert at Summit in 2008, and we are excited to welcome them back Labor Day weekend—to lead us in worship at one combined service beginning at 10 AM.



"UNITED" CELEBRATION 10 AM Sunday, September 12

In remembrance of 9/11, a patriotic worship celebration will kick off our fall sermon series in the Book of Ruth, as our July 4th Choir & Band returns for an encore performance of their acclaimed *United* musical. Following the 10 AM combined indoor service, join us for lunch outdoors on the west lawn.

**** Invite a guest to join you **
at these outreach opportunities!**

Sunday Stats

| | Worship Attndce | General Offering | STA Bldg Fund |
|------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| June 27 | 415 | \$17,789 | \$12,953 |
| July 4 | 500 | \$15,967 | \$3,880 |
| July 11 | 463 | \$18,538 | \$4,120 |
| July 18 | 458 | \$10,394 | \$1,330 |
| July 25 | 373 | \$11,684 | \$3,755 |
| YTD Avg | 494 | \$12,000 | \$3,546 |