



Crossroads
of **Crawford County**

Community Outreach for Life's Journey

SEASONS

CHANGE

YOUR DONATION HELPS US HELP CRAWFORD COUNTY,
& *we appreciate your caring!*

THANK YOU!

Our annual fall fundraiser event was a success! Thank you to each person who contributed! Your support powers our work! We raised just at \$7,000 with combined business and personal contributions, plus the event proceeds.

Thanks to these Meal Sponsors, we were able to provide the freewill donation meal at no additional cost to us, meaning the profits were 100% available for the services we provide!

- Ken & Rose Lally
- Staley Show Cattle
- Lucia & Bill
- Vintage Beef--Aaron & Deb Gress
- Rosburg Livestock
- Crawford County Cattlemen
- Staley's Food Service
- Vogt Trucking
- Denny & Lori Topf & family
- Kunze Trucking
- GFG Agriproducts

The food was excellent, thank you to **Staley's Catering** for the side dishes, and to the **Crawford County Cattlemen** for grilling sandwich steaks, burgers, and hot dogs! Also, the help with serving and activities by the Charter Oak Student Council and many community women who pitched in is greatly appreciated!

EVENT RECAP

CLAIM GODS PROMISES FOR YOU!

The Lord is faithful;
He will strengthen you and guard you
2 Thessalonians 3:3 NIV

In ALL things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

While you're praying, God is working!
When you feel stuck,
God is ahead of you, paving a way
When you hurt, God is beside you
In the worst of the storms, turn upward...
He says I AM with you

When you face a challenging time
With comfort and promise
KNOW and TRUST
God will use it for GOOD
In your future

Through your seasons
Keep your faith strong
Stay prepared for a shift in your season of life
Seek God daily
Ask God for wisdom
Be still so you can hear
Love with an ACTION form of Christian love for those
He's placed in your path



It's in there!

(in the Website! www.crossroadsofcrawfordcounty.org)

More detail can be found on our website www.crossroadsofcrawfordcounty.org, as we have updated the event placemat to include new donations for the 2019 year and fall event.

Our 2018 Annual Report is on our website. If you would like a hard copy, just let us know. We have plenty on hand but in attempt to save money, haven't mailed them out unless requested.

The placemat from our fall fundraiser is also online. We work to make the placemat an image of who supports or is involved with Crossroads by listing members, donors and event helpers

Videos: *Why Give* - Summarizing what makes Crossroads unique
Recognizing Those Who Make a Difference
Seasons Change - Crossroads is all about walking through seasons of life with families and individual. This video shares encouragement and reminders for the tough seasons

EVENT RECAP

Ty Rosburg: Emcee, doing an excellent job bouncing with the additions and changes along with intermittent info about Crossroads. **He stressed that community outreach takes COMMUNITY!**

Pastor Richard Merrill: Opened in prayer and he sang wonderfully with guitar 'My Hope is Built on Nothing Less' and 'Glorious Day'

Zion Praise Singers: Followed with 2 numbers, 'Offering' and 'Only Jesus' with terrific harmony and power punched!

Wade & Ruth Bruggeman: Sprinkled a mixed variety of songs, and even brought out the accordion! They sang 'Red Raven Polka', 'I'll Fly Away', 'Walz of the Angels', 'Blue Skirt Waltz', 'It's a Small World', and 'Beer Barrel Polka'. How fun! Plenty sang along, and it may be that the loudest joining was to 'In Heaven There Is NO Beer'! It was too fun not to chime in if you cannot do polka!

Beth Vogt: Sang her heart out, near literally, with 'Crazy' by Patsy Cline and 'Me & Bobby McGee' by Janis Joplin!

TERRIFIC TALENT by all these folks, THANK YOU for sharing!

Director Janette Clausen thanked everyone for any roles they play in Crossroads. Emphasis was made that every achievement for Crossroads in the 4 quick years we have been unfolding was because God brought us to it. And every success step in the future will be by His hand. She challenged each person to assure that one other person learns of Crossroads through them, as that may well be how God opens another door for our work.

Board of Director Chairman Caleb Schroeder gave a quick recap of our financial standing, sharing that we need to grow our support base through memberships and donations of any size in order to serve the families in the county and surrounding area.

What Crossroads becomes is up to the folks who support our work through donations, volunteerism, and memberships.

Check out some of the event photos on page 3 >>>



'Pre game' work and planning before things got busy!



Ty Rosburg did an awesome job keeping things flowing and highlighting things about Crossroads of relevance! THANK YOU TY! Pastor Richard Merrill opened with prayer and a couple great songs...he has a mighty voice and is very skilled at guitar! THANK YOU Pastor Merrill!



Here are some pics of the outdoor activities we had at the fundraiser. Heavy rains moved everyone inside quickly, except the Crawford County Cattlemen who stuck it out to bring us awesome steak sandwiches, burgers, and hot dogs...TRIPLE THANK YOU, Cattlemen (for grilling, donating, AND doing so with a smile in the rain!)

**A LITTLE HERE, PLUS A LITTLE THERE MADE A HUGE DIFFERENCE FOR CROSSROADS!
WE RAISED \$1908!**



- 4 B's Inc. /Jumpy Monkey - \$40
- Zion Evening Guild - \$50
- Crawford County Courthouse Employees - \$121
- ISU Extension - \$15
- Denison Newspaper - \$50
- St. John's, Charter Oak - \$265
- City of Denison Employees - \$205
- UBI Schleswig - \$30
- Bank Iowa, Schleswig/Ch. Oak/Denison - \$90
- Hoffman Agency, Schleswig - \$15
- Rosburg Livestock - \$90
- Maple Creek Apparel - \$15
- Love to Splurge - \$10

- Steve Slater Family - \$50
- St Paul & Immanuel Charter Oak - \$70
- Immanuel Lutheran Ladies Aid - \$50
- Schleswig Community School staff - \$80
- Denison Sr Center - \$70
- West Central Development - \$5
- Anonymous - \$55
- Thrivent - \$50
- Bethlehem Lutheran, Dow City - \$157
- Faith Lutheran, Deloit - \$20
- Gary & Bev Peters Family - \$80
- United Presbyterian Harvesters, Denison - \$40
- Dave & Jac Friedrichsen Family - \$75

PAY IT FORWARD Coat Drive

DROP OFF: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH THROUGH FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH
11:30 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.

AT CROSSROADS OF CRAWFORD COUNTY
3707 TIMBERLINE DRIVE, SUITE #3, DENISON
(TURN NORTH ONTO YELLOWSMOKE ROAD FROM HWY. 30, THEN WEST
ONTO TIMBERLINE. EAST END OF THE BLUISH-GRAY USDA BUILDING)

OR WE WILL ARRANGE PICK UP AT ANY CHURCH IN CRAWFORD COUNTY
WHO SERVES AS A COLLECTION SITE BY INDIVIDUAL ARRANGEMENT
(CALL US AT 712-393-4673)



PAY IT FORWARD

All sizes welcome, clean and in good
condition, especially kids. Boots, hats, &
mittens in good shape are also accepted.



PICK UP: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH THROUGH FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND
9:00 A.M.- 5:00 P.M.

AT H & R BLOCK, 38 SOUTH MAIN, DENISON
CORNER OF MAIN & 1ST AVE. SOUTH

SPONSORED BY CROSSROADS OF CRAWFORD COUNTY AND H&R BLOCK

All coats left over after the pick up week will be brought to West Central Development



Also Accepting: New Boys & Girls Clothing size
infant through youth large. For the LSI Foster &
Adoptive Family Lending Closet Supporting foster
& adoptive families who serve our youth!





The
Sparrow's
NEST

WE ARE STARTING A SECOND NEST!

Starting the 24th of October, we will have items from our Sparrows Nest Gift & décor area in **TWO** places!

We have welcomed an opportunity to be part of
THE MISSING PIECE MARKETPLACE

At 108 Second Street in Schleswig!

OPENING OCTOBER 24th!

We will continue to have Jumpy Monkey whole bean & ground coffee for sale at our Denison office, plus some gifts & home décor items.



The Missing Piece Marketplace will have women's curvy sized clothing, handmade crafts by Turtle Designs and more to be determined as we learn ways to serve the Schleswig Community!



**FOLLOW SPARROW'S NEST & THE MISSING PIECE
ON FACEBOOK FOR ITEMS ON SALE!**

FAQ's

Crossroads receives monies from my church, so why would we give in addition to that?

We want our donors to know that we respect and appreciate every amount donated, large or small. We will not make judgments about who can and cannot give. We want the communities of Crawford to know that to operate effectively, the accumulation of annual giving by groups, individuals, and churches is necessary.

Most churches are challenged to meet their own budget and many are shrinking in numbers. Carrying the financial weight of Crossroads' annual budget, even if collectively, would be unrealistic. We encourage you to review the 2018 annual report to see how our annual budget needs extend well beyond the combined giving at this time.

If you appreciate our mission and the fact that we serve all families with Christian resourcing and support at times that finding resources is difficult, and are in a position to share through donation, please consider us as a giving option according to your ability.



How does Crossroads apply monetary donations?

Our goal is to raise money for all overhead including rent, office supplies/equipment, and professional expenses. This way, monetary donations can be directly applied to TIME with families or individuals.

We are growing ways to produce income through our coffee sales, can & bottle redemption, and Sparrow's Nest Sales to offset the overhead and operational costs.

Why Does Crossroads not do more of the specialized services you have mentioned as possibilities as a means of income?

We hope to increase the time we have for specialized services to families such as adoption consultation, family mediation, and home studies. However, the large increase in time these services demand actually blocks effective work until we have adequate staff to help offset and manage the flow during the busy time. Any professional service requires effective paperwork, billing, and clerical management.

THANK YOU!

Endowment Monies Received!

The Jens Carstensen Family Memorial has been a primary fueling source for Crossroads' outreach work. This is an endowment fund under the United Church of Christ in Schleswig. We are incredibly blessed to have again received monies from the endowment fund to apply toward our annual budget.

The request was made toward the cost of hiring an approximately half-time staff person who can serve multiple roles at Crossroads, in direct support to Director Janette Clausen. Tasks served would include office management, intake, and development and relations work within the community. If you or someone you know could fit our staffing needs, please give Janette or any board member a call!



HIDDEN BLESSINGS

Sometimes folks tend to think they have to give big in order to help Crossroads, and may even not give because they cannot meet that tall order. Two Crossroads supporters found creative ways to help serve our outreach. Their hearts behind their generosity speak volumes about what is at the heart of Crossroads' mission.

Caralyn Henschen of Charter Oak is a middle schooler, is on the COU student council, and when she heard about Crossroads' services, she knew she wanted to pitch in. She started saving dimes from her change each week without really knowing what she would do with the savings. At the annual fundraiser in Charter Oak, she was introduced to me by her mother, and I was presented with a container of dimes totaling \$100! Thank you, Caralyn, for your prayers, vision and unique helping!



Rita Eggers of Denison had great tasting apples coming nearly out of her ears this fall. She determined to sell what she could so they didn't go to waste. When the Crossroads 5 Buck Challenge was introduced, she wanted to add her own twist, and sold apples and tomatoes at the Denison Market in the Park, with proceeds going to Crossroads. As she turned in the money several times, her heart of helping and thinking outside of the box was inspiring!



SILENT AUCTION & CHRISTMAS FUN!

Jan Schultz of Schleswig loves to quilt. She is an active quilter through Immanuel in Schleswig, and then typically goes home to sew some more. She has donated the beautiful fruits of her skill and passion to Crossroads several times, and we are so blessed!

This time is perfect to trigger a silent auction with the beautifully-sewn *The Secret Life of Pets* - Unimpressed Chloe quilt. It is approximately 84 inches long by 62 inches wide (twin size) and has two beautifully-pieced standard matching pillow cases. The machine quilting even has a repeated paw print shape!



Bids will only be accepted these ways:

- 1) calling our office at 712-393-4673
- PLEASE leave a message with your bid if we do not answer
- 2) Email to Brandee@crossroadsofcrawfordcounty.com
- 3) Private message through our Facebook page or group
- 4) stopping at the office and completing a bid slip

You are welcome to start with a bid, though we will be posting a public minimum bid soon. In case you cannot secure the last bid for it, we will also set a closing date of December 3rd--so you can find something else before Christmas if it was to be a gift!

All proceeds will be applied to direct time Crossroads spends helping a family or individual. Thank you for joining the silent auction for Crossroads' outreach! And THANK YOU Jan for every stitch with love!



COFFEE CORNER

Tis the season for seasonal coffee blends!

So many have loved the Pumpkin Harvest Blend which we served at the Schleswig Calf Show Days and the fall festival in Charter Oak! We will keep it on hand until late November or a bit longer if the demand is there.



A creamy, pumpkin delight with underlying hints of buttery pecans kissed with brown sugar confection swirled around in every sip!



A gourmet blend with an abundant sweet, almond and ripe cherry notes with a touch of warm cinnamon.

In November we will be able to try Jingle Joes Holiday blend! I have heard it is wonderful, but I haven't found a Jumpy Monkey variety I haven't liked yet! You may preorder if you like!

Did you know?

Jumpy Monkey Roasting in Sergeant Bluffs purchases their beans for roasting from Mexico, Colombia, Guatemala, Sumatra, Papa New Guinea, El Salvador, and sometimes Kenya. Their decaf variety is either Colombian or Brazilian, both are decaffeinated using a water process. They purchase from the same coffee farmers so that they can assure the quality and know who they are purchasing from as they roast specialty blends for us to enjoy!

On your Christmas list...

We will be happy to fix up a coffee themed gift basket or item to match your preferred budget! We have tiny 2-ounce samplers, the 12 ounce whole bean or ground in any variety, and 3 and 5 pound bags for those who know what they love! Also, we will make gift certificates. We may even make a delivery! Just check with us, as if we can make it work in our day, we sure will!

*And more!*

Remember Sparrows Nest has other gift and décor items, in both Denison and Schleswig locations, and we are happy to take items from one location to another for your convenience.

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT – THANKING THE CHURCHES WHO OFFER CROSSROADS’ SUPPORT

Immanuel Lutheran in Schleswig (LCMS) has played several significant roles in Crossroads’ work. From early on, Immanuel has offered staff consultation, ideas and development, direct family time, and financial support. They were the first church to include Crossroads in their annual budgeting. This is significant for Crossroads so our planning can occur to better meet the needs within the community.

The groups within Immanuel and their members, both collectively and individually, have been responsive to needs Crossroads has had at different times...such as building up a lending closet for the families who we work with that need staple items; collecting for coat drives; donating quilts; volunteer mentoring; helping with moving; and loaning resources.



Pastor Merle Mahnken has been very helpful in providing direct visiting with some of the families that have come to Crossroads, and has referred folks to Crossroads as an extra source of help. The dual support to a person in a rough spot is more anchoring than without it.

We are grateful for Immanuel being a part of our core, as well as their inclusion of us in their budget. They would like to invite all families or individuals to any of their activities, whether it be church services, Sunday School, after school activities, preschool, Bible study groups, or social groups. Their website for more information is <https://www.immanuelschleswig.com/>



HAPPENING NOW!

A handful of community seniors have joined in the SMART group, led by Carol Segebart at the Crossroads office. SMART is an acronym for **Senior Mind Altering & Renewal Team**, which is simply learning to train your brain to rethink on patterns that can lead to depression and anxiety. We are emphasizing what the Bible says about anxiety and managing our thoughts in a way that please God.

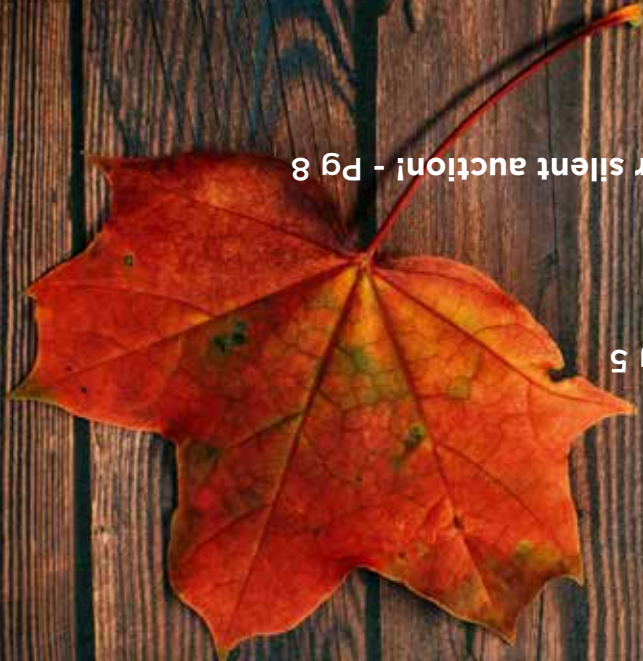
The group will be held over 4 sessions in 4 weeks. Let us know if you are interested in attending another time, as we want to try to make this fun and interactive group experience available to anyone who can benefit!



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