Hey Harvest family!

We hope your summer is going well and that you are able to find time to relax and enjoy God’s presence. Our summer “Connecting With God” series continues this month as we get equipped with solid foundational truths. We’ll be concluding the series discussing key biblical topics like spiritual warfare (Who is Satan? How do we through Christ now have authority over Satan? How can we deal with adversity?). We will look at time management. Lastly, we will examine God’s vision for our future (Where do we go from here? What part do I play? Who can I equip to serve Christ?).

It’s exciting to see how God continues to build His people for His glory in this community. I’ve heard many stories of how God is teaching fellow believers new things (or reminding us of key truths) and how some are taking that next step of taking others through this study! (We have extra books in the office if you have not picked one up yet!)

As you continue to pray often for one another within our church family, be praying for who you can personally invite to join us on a Sunday morning (especially for our August 27 “Taste of Harvest” outdoor service, potluck lunch and fun games for all). Pray for the Holy Spirit to take over and give us boldness in our witness. The Lord will give us words to speak! (Luke 12:12 “the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.”)

In September, we will do a 3-week series on building God’s church (worship, community, leadership). Reminder: We return to 2 worship services (8:30 and 11:00 a.m.) on September 10th. In October, we are excited to provide an 8-part series called “Life’s Healing Choices” (with opportunities to start or join a new or existing life group). We all want to make right choices but sometimes we are hindered by poor choices or hurts from our past. We will discuss how we can move forward in victory that Christ brings to us!

We have been so blessed by God! May He continue to use us to point our community to God’s hope, healing, purpose and belonging for each of us.

All for His glory,
Pastor Steve & Harvest leadership team
You are invited. Join us for our fall kickoff event on Sunday, August 27th! We start with an outdoor worship service, followed by a pot-luck meal and game time for adults and kids.

Our goal is to reconnect everyone in the Harvest family and to invite friends or neighbors who might be interested in checking out what Jesus is doing at Harvest.

Worship. Our outdoor service will start at 10:00 a.m. We invite you to bring a comfortable lawn chair to sit on and an extra if you have it. The worship service will include the opportunity for baptism. If you are a follower of Christ and have not yet been baptized, contact one of the pastors to begin that process.

Pot-Luck. We will be providing a free barbecue lunch at 11:30 for the Harvest family and guests. We will provide barbecue, buns, coffee, and lemonade. We are asking Harvest folks to bring a dish to pass and a non-perishable donation for the local food pantry.

Information Table. We will have an information table where Harvest folks and visitors can pick up information about the ministries and initiatives at Harvest as we move into fall semester 2017. You will find information about children’s classes, AWANA, activities and groups for junior high and senior high students, adult classes, women’s activities, Life Groups, our fall preaching emphasis, and more. You can also find ways in which you can serve and use your skills at Harvest.

Pray and Invite. We encourage you to ask Jesus to help us kick off this season of ministry with a clear focus on Christ and his amazing kingdom. We celebrate the great privilege that is ours to grow as his people and impact the lives of those around us. We also encourage you to ask those around you to join us on this Sunday as we refocus on all that Jesus has for us.

Mark your calendar. We ask you to mark two dates on your calendar. The first is Saturday August 19th. We are looking for volunteers to pray and to help us distribute flyers from 10:00 a.m. to noon about our Taste of Harvest event. We will have extras you can hand out individually as well. Also mark Sunday the 27th to join us for this event.
HANDS IN SERVICE (HIS)

HIS Ladies will NOT be meeting in August. They will resume their monthly scheduled time Monday, September 11th, from 2:00-8:00 pm.

FALL BIBLE STUDY

Lynn Ehrenberg will be facilitating the fall Bible study, “Overcoming Fear and Discouragement” September 5th–November 28th, 7-8:30 pm in the conference room. This in-depth look at Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther chronicles the lives and conflicts of ordinary men and women who faced overwhelming situations charged with fear and discouragement. Yet they come out the winners. Learn how you can do the same. Sign up at the welcome desk. Contact Lynn at rl.ehrenberg@msn.com if you have any questions.

DISTRICT WOMAN'S RETREAT

Ladies, we want to invite you to join Samantha and other women from Harvest to enjoy a night away at the Hidden Acres Women's Retreat, September 15-16. This overnight trip can provide you with some much needed rest, give you a quiet place to seek the Lord, allow you to spend time with other women from Harvest or meet new friends. If you are interested in going, please let us know you’d like to go by signing up at the welcome center, then you will need to register with Hidden Acres. You can do so by filing out a paper form (found at the welcome center) or by going online and filing one out at hacamps.org. Make sure you put Harvest Ev. Free as your “Church/Group Name”. If you have any questions you can contact Samantha at samlovesyogurt@yahoo.com.

As summer winds down we are starting to plan for AWANA. If you are new to AWANA, it is an amazing program! AWANA is for children two years before kindergarten to sixth grade. It is a program designed to help children learn about Jesus and his love for us through scripture memorization, games, music, and large group teaching.

This year we are excited to offer online payment and registration! This will be available mid-August on the church website. Paper registration forms will still be available at the Welcome Desk as well as on the church website. Walk-in registration will be August 30th from 6:30-7:30pm and the first night of AWANA is September 6th.

I would encourage you to make AWANA a part of your weekly routine. Help your kids memorize their verses. Learning with your children teaches them that the bible is important at every age. AWANA leaders are always a need. Volunteering is a huge blessing for both you and to the children. About 40-50% of the kids that come to AWANA do not attend our church or do not attend church at all. This is a huge ministry and outreach to our community! Please join us!

If you have any questions about the program please contact Lisa Webb at commanderwebb10@gmail.com or (515) 450-9976.
A BIG thanks to Pam Cooper, Joy Thye, Karen Waid, Gayle Naglak, Jen White, Jean Gustafson, RuoQi Wright, Kelly Montgomery, Darrin & Jess Berggren and Gary & Olivia Griggs for their hands-on support and love for our children’s ministries by praying over and painting all of the Sunday School rooms. It was a huge job—15 gallons of paint! The classrooms look amazing!
Connect with others in our life groups!

We have a number of Life Groups at Harvest that have room for more individuals or couples. If the Spirit has been prodding you to stop procrastinating and check out a life group, this is a perfect time. You can see all our groups on our website at harvestefree.org, check out the brochure in the main hallway, or contact Pastor Jim.

**Ministry Leaders**

**Pastors:**
- Steve Frykholm
  - Oversees preaching, worship, men’s and women’s ministries
- Jim Levitt
  - Oversees discipleship, life groups, connection and outreach, adult learning
- Dikran Koundakjian
  - Oversees student ministries, children’s ministries and missions

**Deacons:**
- *Dave Fisher*
- Dave Granzow
- Paul Oakland
- Mark Rickels
- Warren Straszheim
- Richard White

**Elders:**
- *Ron Ehrenberg*
- Kurt Erickson
- Jess Robinson
- Jerry Seydell
- Don Walters
- James Webb

* CHAIRMAN

**AWANA Commander:**
- Lisa Webb

**Children’s Ministry:**
- Jess Berggren

**Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry:**
- Lori Voss-Siders

**Local Outreach Leader:**
- Pastor Jim

**Missions Team Leader:**
- Susan Parker

**MOPS Leaders:**
- Annie Fink
- Anjuleah Knutson

**Life Groups:**
- Andy Webb

**Women’s Ministry:**
- Samantha Frykholm

**Worship Coordinator:**
- Matt Shaw

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Saturday, August 19th, 10 am - 12 noon Harvest is scheduled to work in the food pantry. This is a great way to serve our community! Would you consider joining us in making a difference in the lives of those here in Story City? If you have any questions please contact Lori Voss-Sider at 515-708-2653 or voss.lori1@gmail.com