

News & Notes

January 15—21, 2012

Brooklyn Park Evangelical Free Church
763-391-6140

ALL-CHURCH CORNER

Numbered Offering Envelopes Are Here

Stop by the table in the Foyer to pick up your envelopes. If you would like to sign up to receive envelopes, there is a sign-up sheet there, too. Thanks for your patience in waiting for them to arrive!

Angel Tree Update

We recently finished our 8th season of Angel Tree Ministry. In 2011, we served 24 families of incarcerated individuals. We purchased and distributed 98 gifts to 49 children. Because of the unbelievable cash donations, we were able to buy storybook Bibles for all of the kids. It is such a blessing to be a part of this ministry to see how much love is given and received.

My thanks goes out to all of the many volunteers who:

- purchased and wrapped gifts.
- set up and tore down the fellowship hall for the party.
- worked at the party.
- delivered the remaining gifts after the party.
- made phone calls to all of the families.
- attended the party and brought goodies for all.

Thanks to my wife, Linda, for the beautiful table decorations, and to Corrine Rucks for providing the Christmas craft. The ministry was a success because of God's love shown by everyone involved. I personally thank God for continuing to bless this ministry. I look forward to 2012 to see what God has in store for the Angel Tree Ministry.
— Tom Grose

In-Betweeners ABF

If you are 55 years and older, you are invited to join the In-Betweeners ABF on Sunday mornings in Room 112/113 at 10:30 AM as Jim Cullen teaches lessons from the book of Esther for the next eight weeks. We also have a time for fellowship with good treats at the beginning of class.

Remembering Our Military Family

A bulletin board is posted in the church to remind us to pray for our service men and women. If you know of someone to include, please contact Laurel Jenson at 763-424-5685 or laurelaj@comcast.net.

Extra Offering Envelopes?

If you don't use the offering envelope found in the Bulletin, please drop it off in the basket at the Information Desk—we'll reuse it! Thanks.

Cancellation Information

If the Worship Services or church activities are cancelled, information will be available through KTIS Radio (98.5 FM or www.ktis.fm), the church's web site (www.BrooklynParkChurch.org) and the church's voicemail system.

Please Let Us Know

Please fill out a Prayer Card or notify someone in the Church Office if there is a birth/death in your family, if someone is hospitalized, or if someone is having surgery.



CARE MINISTRIES

Parish Nurse, Judy Petersen
Ext. 30, jpetersen@bpefc.org

Support Groups

New sessions begin soon: Tuesday, January 24, 7:00 PM

- **First Place** (weight-loss and healthy living)
Newcomer Orientation: Tuesday, January 17, 7:00 PM
- **Divorce Care** (for those divorced or separated)
- **Encouragement Group** (for those living with chronic pain/illness) 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month
- **Grief Share** (for those who have lost a loved one)
NOT meeting this winter session at our church, but you are invited to go to Maple Grove Free Church, 8585 Rice Lake Rd., Maple Grove, 55439. You can register at www.griefshare.org. Course begins on Tuesday, February 14, at 6:30 PM.

Volunteer Opportunities for Nurses

Would you be interested in helping with monthly blood pressure screenings on Sunday mornings or at the Second Harvest Food Giveaways? If so, contact Parish Nurse Judy Petersen at the Office.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Pastor David Durey, Ext. 13
Barbara Sweany, Leader

New Women's Bible Study

Join us on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM for a new study by Beth Moore, *Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent*. Group meets in the Upper Prayer Room. See you there!



LIVING PROOF
Student Ministries Pastor
Nate Miller, Ext. 15



**MISSIONARIES
OF THE WEEK**

Kermit and Jan Sutherland
Prayer Breakfast Network

**Kermit organizes Prayer Breakfasts
for cities nationwide.**

Praise God For:

- His wonderfully providing for and meeting our PBN year-end budget.
- Enabling the former Governor of Montana to speak at the Fremont, California Mayor's Prayer Breakfast in April.

Pray For:

- Us to be able to fill the request for speakers in Long Beach, California on Good Friday, and Great Falls, Montana in early May.
- Healing for Kermit's left thumb; it took seven stitches to sew up a bench-saw mishap.
- The ongoing effectiveness of PBN to significantly impact lives for Jesus Christ.
- The events in Moses Lake, Washington and Whittier, California where PBN speakers are scheduled. Pray for health and safety for speakers and their families.
- The preparation of the PBN Golf Tournament—for the details of the event and for God to raise up golfers and finances.

Weekly Events

Living Proof—Sundays, 10:30 AM, Youth Room

Small Groups—Wednesdays, 6:30 PM, Youth Room

Upcoming Special Events

1/29 Snow Tubing at Elm Creek

2/17-19 Grades 10–12 Winter Retreat: Have fun at Camp Lebanon.

Youth Parents Meeting TODAY at 10:30 AM

Come to Room 114 to hear about the youth ministry for the coming year. Some of the other pastors will be there to share about the upcoming new worship service.

Lock-In Thanks

Thank you to everyone who helped make the overnight a success! Thanks to those who donated items and helped during the lock-in and with the clean-up afterwards.

Challenge 2012: July 1–6

Sign-up is now open. There are 12 spots available for students Grades 9–12. Hold your spot with a \$50 deposit, due NOW.

**For the current Youth Events, see a Calendar or
www.BrooklynParkChurch.org/youth.**



Pastor Leane Gondek, Ext. 27
Leanne Klein,
Assistant Director, Ext. 38

Awana Calendar

January 18 — Inside-Out Night

January 25 — Stuffed Animal Night

Upward Sports Has Begun!

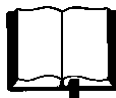
Kids — It's not too late to register!

Youth & Adults — We still have volunteer positions available, i.e. greeters, concession stand, host families, referees. We're also still taking scholarships!

See Leane Gondek at the Route 252 Kiosk or contact her at the Church Office for details.

Pinewood Derby Time!

K–Grade 6: It's almost time for the Derby! Cars are available for \$7 at the Route 252 Kiosk. There are also sign-ups for workshop days if you need help cutting out your car. The Derby is open to all kids in Kindergarten–Grade 6 and Sunday AM and Wednesday leaders.



**ADULT BIBLE
FELLOWSHIPS**

Mosaic: Singles/Marrieds, All Ages. Meets at 9:00 AM, Room 112/113.

Salt: Parents of pre-teens through young adults. Meets at 10:30 AM, Room 114.

In-Betweeners: Singles/Marrieds, 55+. Meets at 10:30 AM, Room 112/113.

Prime Timers: Singles/Marrieds, 70+. Meets at 10:30 AM, Room 108/109.

