

News & Notes

January 24—30, 2010

Brooklyn Park Evangelical Free Church
763-391-6140

ALL-CHURCH CORNER

Multi-Cultural Fellowship

You are invited for a time of food, fellowship and friends TODAY at 12:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome!

Tuesday Morning Men's Groups

Several new men's small groups are meeting at church on Tuesdays from 6:00—7:15 AM. If you're not already involved in a small group, this is a perfect opportunity for you! Talk with Pastors Josh or Rick if you have questions.

Celebration Jam Volunteers Needed

This Saturday, January 30, in the evening, we will host a FREE dinner and concert event for our church and community, but it will take a lot of help. We are looking for help in areas such as kitchen, hospitality, clean-up, etc. Stop by the Information Desk for details and to sign up. Questions? Contact Steve Tizzano at 763-433-0422.

Stephen Ministry Training Soon!

Stephen ministers are caring people who have received training to walk alongside others in a confidential way, during times of crisis. If you have a heart to care for and listen to others, perhaps Stephen Ministry is for you. Training will be offered beginning January 29. Please stop by the Care Ministry Kiosk to sign up or if you have questions.

Celebration Choir Rehearsal

The next choir rehearsal is February 7, from 5:00—7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. (NOTE: This is a new date.) Choir will sing *Hallelujah, Anyhow* on Sunday, February 14. Talk with Pastor David Durey if you have questions.

Financial Giving Praises

The Haiti offering last week totaled close to \$5,000! Thank you for your compassion to God's people around the world. Also, our Boiler Fund now has almost \$10,000 in it to help with the cost of replacing two of our four boilers. Thank you!

Baptism

If you desire to be baptized, the next time it will be offered is Sunday, February 14. If you are interested, contact Connie at the Church Office: 763-391-6140, ext. 24 or chafar@bpefc.org.

Volunteer Administrative Help Needed

Pastor Rick is looking for someone to help in the office twice a week, with various administrative jobs. Please talk with him if you are interested.

Helping in Haiti

The EFCA is accepting donations to help with the needs in Haiti. Donate on-line at www.efca.org or send donations to EFCA Earthquake Relief #21709-3970, 901 78th St. Mpls, MN 55420-1300. If you are interested in going on a relief team, call 985-893-0218, ext. 7.

Life Coaches Mentoring Opportunities

Has God been calling you to get more involved? With limited financial resources, are you looking for a creative way to give? Give the gift of time, and reap rewards! Make a difference in the life of a child or join the *Life Coaches* Leadership Team. All are welcome! The leadership team meets two times a month to strategize on how to connect kids/teens from single-parent homes in our community with adult "mentors," to be a friend and a positive influence in their lives. Want more information on either the leadership team or mentoring? Contact Wokie Freeman at 763-458-8229 or Barb Gagnon at 612-916-7340.

Extra Offering Envelopes?

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



CARE MINISTRIES

Parish Nurse, Mary Van Der Werf
Ext. 30, maryv@bpefc.org

First Place Weight-Loss Group Orientation

For first-timers who will be attending this weight-loss support group on Tuesday evenings, there will be an orientation on Tuesday, January 26, at 6:00 PM. Begin a healthy lifestyle this new year! Group is open to both men and ladies, and begins February 2.

Immigrant Support Group

This week, on Tuesday, January 26, at 7:00 PM, the Immigrant Support Group resumes. Join this caring community.

Handicapped Parking Reminder

Remember that only cars with disability designation should park in our designated handicapped parking spaces, even when the signs may be snow-covered! Also a reminder not to leave your car in front of the curb "cut outs" at each entrance. We need to have these available for those with wheelchairs to be able to enter our building.

Grief and Divorce Groups Begin 2/2

The *DivorceCare* Support Group reaches out to those who are separated or divorced. *GriefShare* helps you understand grief no matter how long ago your loved one passed away. Mark your calendar now for these 13-week groups.

Counseling Services Through BPEFC

If you are in need of counseling services, please know that we're here to help. (counselor/specialties)

- Linda Gale—adults, couples, adolescents, marriage, abuse, anxiety, loss. Call 612-501-9515.
 - Jim Farm—marriage, family, depression, anger, special needs children, men. Call 952-484-2485.
 - Dave Harthan—marriage, depression, anger, grief. Call 763-425-3625.
 - Leane Gondek—children and family systems. Call 763-391-6140, ext. 27
 - Rachael Gusaas—couples, family, military reintegration, women, aging, grief. Call 763-614-7148.
- For more information, visit www.BrooklynParkChurch.org.





WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Pastor David Durey, Ext. 13, 763-391-6140
Cheryl Southard, Team Leader
Laurel Jenson, Co-Leader

Women's Bible Studies—Join us!

- Wednesdays, 6:30—8:00 PM, Beth Moore study and *Genesis: Part 2*
- Thursdays, 9:15—11:30 AM, Janine Bear study, *How to Study the Bible: Book of Titus*

Women Of Worth News

- Women's Ministry Newsletter available: Pick one up at the Information Desk today!
- Mark your calendar for Friday/Saturday, February 5/6, for a **Marriage & Singles Seminar**, called **Love & Respect**, based on the book by the same title, by author Dr. Emerson Eggerichs. Learn how love and respect are vital in all relationships. To sign up or get more information, stop by the Special Events Kiosk.



LIVING PROOF

Student Ministries
Jena Pietari, Director, Ext. 15

Weekly Events

- **Youth Worship Service**
Sundays, 10:30 AM, Youth Room
- **Wednesday Small Groups**
6:30—8:00 PM, Youth Room (unless noted on Calendar)

Upcoming

2/12-13 Grades 10—12 Winter Fun Retreat: \$10, at Pietari House. Times: Friday, 5:30 PM—Saturday, 2:00 PM. Enjoy outdoor fun, board games and food. Join us! Sign up in YR.

District Conference Coming in April

Mark your calendar for April 23—25 in Rochester.
Cost: \$80 plus four meals. Pick up a brochure for details.

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



Leane Gondek
Children's Ministries Director, Ext. 27
Leanne Klein
Assistant Director, Ext. 38

K.Z. Disciples Schedule (note changes)

January 27: Lesson 15	February 17: Lesson 18
February 3: Lesson 16	February 24: Derby
February 10: Lesson 17	

6th Graders, Help at the Waffle Breakfast!

We are looking for volunteers on Saturday, January 30, from 7:30 AM—Noon. To help, talk with Leane Gondek.

Pinewood Derby

All kids in Grades 1—6 (NEW: younger grades just added!), from Sundays or Wednesdays, can make a car and race it on Wednesday, February 24, from 6:45—8:00 PM. Cars are on sale now for \$7.00. NOTE: Parents will need to accompany their children that night, as small group leaders are manning the race. This night is optional for kids and parents not participating in the derby. Kids may not be at the derby without a parent.

Mark Your Calendar with Summer Dates

Vacation Bible School: June 14—18
Camp Lebanon: July 18—22
Music Camp: August 16—20, 22



YOUNG ADULTS (Ages 18—20-Something)

Pastor Josh Major, Ext. 14

Young Marrieds and Young Adults ABF

Join us Sundays from 9:00—10:15 AM. Enjoy breakfast, fellowship, prayer and a study before the Celebration Service (Room 112/113).



MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Greg Santema

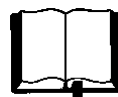
**Short-term trip to Niger, Africa
Left January 16, gone for three weeks**

Greg is leading a team to Niger, Africa, which consists of two professors, three physical therapy students and a wound care specialist. They are bringing physical therapy supplies including wound care supplies, miscellaneous physical therapy equipment, and educational materials. Greg is also taking the first three courses of the *T-Net Discipleship* material. He will present it to the leadership of the Evangelical Church of the Republic of Niger to see if they are interested in starting a pastor-training center.

Trip goals: 1) to solidify the relationships between the University of Abdou Moumouni and the U of M, 2) to solidify the relationship between the U of M and the Evangelical Church of the Republic of Niger, that has been our host in Niger. Greg's personal goal to get another step closer to establishing a discipleship training program for pastors in the country of Niger.

Pray That:

- God would work in the hearts of the team to show each one of us what He is about and how we can be used.
- Team members and Nigerians who do not know God in a personal way, would find Christ.
- Our goals could be met God's way and in His time.
- The effort of teaching physical therapy would benefit the injured and disabled of Niger.
- The minority Christian Church of Niger would be recognized by their countrymen as God's arm in bringing this education and the truth of God's love for them through Christ.
- We would be able to minister to the physical therapy needs of the missionary population in Niger.
- We could be an encouragement to our missionary hosts, Susan and Jeremy Beebout and Tom and Aichatou Johnson.
- We would maintain good health and safety going to and from Niger.
- We would make the necessary connections, flying to Niger and back home to the U.S.



ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIPS

Newly Marrieds: For young marrieds and engaged couples. Meets at 9:00 AM, Room 112/113.

Mosaic: Multi-ethnic, multi-generational, for singles and couples. Meets at 9:00 AM, Room 108/109.

Salt: Those raising elementary-age children and students Grades 7—12. Meets at 10:30 AM, Room 108/109.

In-Betweeners: Singles and couples, 50's and up. Meets at 10:30 AM, Room 112/113.

Prime Timers: Senior adults. Meets at 10:30 AM, Room 114.