

News & Notes

December 11–17, 2011

Brooklyn Park Evangelical Free Church
763-391-6140

ALL-CHURCH CORNER

Last Chance to Join the Christmas Choir

You are invited to join the Celebration Choir for the “Sounds of Christmas” on December 18. Music/CDs are available. Rehearsal will be held TONIGHT from 5:30–7:00 PM. See you there!

New Prayer Chain Coordinator

If you have a prayer request you’d like to pass along to the church, contact Holly Jenson at 763-424-7677 or hollyjenson@gmail.com.

Interested in Being a Snow Blower?

CEAP is in need of snow blowers for its Senior Chores Program. \$15 per hour. Must be 18 years of age or older. For more information, or questions, please call Diane at 763-450-3667. There is a flyer posted in the back hall display case.

Teen Challenge Christmas Concerts

MN Teen Challenge, featuring Mac Powell, will be at Grace Church in Eden Prairie on Sunday, December 18, at 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Tickets \$10 in advance; \$15 at the door (if available). Limited VIP tickets \$20. More info: www.mntc.org/christmas.

Need a Christmas Gift?

Church cookbooks are available for \$10. Stop by the Information Desk.

Pro-Life Victory!

Praise God . . . the abortuary within Regions Hospital in St. Paul closed this week! This is the first abortion facility to close in Minnesota due to pro-life efforts. Thanks to many of you who have prayed! More info through Pro-Life Action Ministries at www.plam.org.

Our Sympathy to . . .

- Kathy Manemann on the passing of her father.
- Ishmael and Oretha Jones on the passing of Oretha’s father.

Reminder About Second Harvest

We will not hold a food giveaway in December. Mark your calendar for January 27, 2012.

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers are caring people who have received training to walk alongside you in a confidential way during your time of crisis. If you are experiencing grief, job loss, difficult family/work relationships, depression or other tough issues, you may request a Stephen Minister. Call the Church Office at 763-391-6140 to talk with Pastor Dan (ext. 12) or Theron Fraser (ext. 26).

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.

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.



CARE MINISTRIES

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

Deliver Gifts

Joni and Friends has again provided us with gifts this year for those in our congregation who deal with chronic illness, being shut in, and other health issues. Please help us deliver these gifts at your convenience. Pick them up TODAY at the Care Ministries Kiosk.

Can You Help?

A family needs a queen boxspring and mattress. If you are able to fulfill this need, please call Judy Petersen.

Don’t Miss a Word

Assisted hearing devices are available for you to use during the Worship Services. They can be checked out from the Information Desk.



YOUNG ADULTS
(Ages 18–20-Somethings)
Pastor Josh Major, Ext. 14

20–30 Somethings ABF

Join us Sundays from 9:00–10:15 AM in Room 112/113. Enjoy breakfast, fellowship, prayer and a study before the 10:30 AM Celebration Service. (Focus: Parenting)



LIVING PROOF
Student Ministries Pastor
Nate Miller, Ext. 15



**MISSIONARIES
OF THE WEEK**

Weekly Events

Living Proof—Sundays, 10:30 AM, Youth Room
Small Groups—Wednesdays, 6:30 PM, Youth Room

Upcoming Special Events

12/14 Christmas Party: 6:30—8:00 PM. Wear Christmas colors/attire, bring cookies to share and a white elephant gift to exchange.
1/13-14 All Youth Lock-In: 9:00 PM—6:00 AM

Lock-In Donations Needed

Don't want to stay up all night and run around with 100 teens? You can still help by donating food items and large cardboard boxes. Stop by the Student Ministries Kiosk to see a list of items needed. Thanks!

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 January 1, 2012.

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 Themes:

December 14 — Red & Green Night (Uniforms don't count!)
December 21 & 28 — No Awana, Christmas Break
January 4 — Crazy Sock Night

Upward Sports Basketball is Almost Here!

We are in need of people to fill the following roles: Coaches, Referees, Half-time Captains, Host Families, Greeters and people to work the concession stand. We'll provide training in December for each of these roles. Practices begin in January and the first game is January 28. (The program runs through the end of March.) Come be a part of an amazing opportunity to share Jesus! See the Route 252 Kiosk for detailed descriptions of these roles. Questions? Talk with Richard Woods regarding the coach and referee positions, and Leane Gondek for the Half-time Captains, Host Families and Greeter positions.

Scholarship Update

We are so thankful to those of you who have given scholarships for Upward Sports! It has been a privilege to offer scholarships to families who wouldn't normally be able to send their kids to this program because of cost. We will continue to accept scholarships (\$55) because we'll be able to accept registrations through January. Questions? Talk with Leane Gondek.

Suzanne Kolstad
Kendra and Cayden
YWAM

Suzanne works with YWAM's University of the Nations Field-Based Teacher Training Developmental Team.

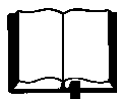
"We are so thankful for those who are praying for us and helping us financially. I know the economy is difficult and that it is a sacrifice to give. We are very grateful to you."

Praise God:

- The teacher-training program I am helping with was field tested in Nigeria. The field test of the training went well and many lives were changed. Several countries have requested the training, and revisions are coming along well.
- Kendra has her braces, which is the next phase of treatment for her. Surgery will be decided on later, but we are praying she won't need it.
- Cayden's asthma is being controlled and there have not been any more emergency room visits.

Pray For:

- Me to be able to find some good courses to increase my skills.
- Our financial needs. Pray that we will be able to increase our support to cover our basic needs.
- Kendra and Cayden to be able to find friends and adjust to this new phase of life.
- The future training sessions and all the participants and trainers.
- Me to continue to contribute to the teaching program through YWAM and do more with special education.
- An opportunity to possibly go to Kiev this summer and do the teacher training we have been helping with. I would co-lead with the head of the project, then take over as project manager. Please pray for us to be able to bring Christian-based education there.



**ADULT BIBLE
FELLOWSHIPS**

20—30 Somethings: Meets at 9:00 AM, Room 112/113. Fall Topic: *Parent Connect*.

Mosaic: Singles/Marrieds, All Ages. Meets at 9:00 AM, Room 108/109.

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.