

News & Notes

December 13—19, 2009

Brooklyn Park Evangelical Free Church
763-391-6140

ALL-CHURCH CORNER

Love Offering For Jesus

Just a reminder regarding the letter you received recently. We are asking that you give an extra financial gift this month, to go toward the general fund deficit we are facing. Please use the special offering envelope that was included, or designate your donation to "Love Offering For Jesus." Donations must be received by December 29. God bless.

Church Cookbooks

Need a Christmas gift? Want new recipes for yourself? Pick up a BPEFC cookbook for just \$10 at the Info Desk!

Youth Fundraising

Stop by the Student Ministries Kiosk to show support:

- *L.P. Café*—Sunday Mornings, 8:45—10:45 AM
- *Snack Machines* in the back hallway—buy a treat and support the youth!

Sound Tech Needed

Support Groups meet on Tuesday evenings, and they are in need of a sound tech to help out. Whether you have experience or need to be trained, we can use you. Please contact Pastor Rick if you are interested.

Special Request

Recently we found out that we need to replace two of our four heating boilers. This is a pressing need. Would you consider giving an extra financial gift this week, to help cover the \$9,500 cost? On your check memo line, please mark it "Boiler Fund." Questions? Talk with Pastor Jeff.

Christmas Caroling

Shannon Trunk and Melissa Carey are organizing two nights of caroling. If you are interested, please e-mail shan.banan@yahoo.com, and we'll let you know when and where!

Offering Envelopes

On Sunday, December 20 & 27, please pick up your box of numbered offering envelopes. If you do not have envelopes, you can sign up for some at that time. Using these envelopes is a great help with recordkeeping.

Stephen Ministry Training in January

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, 2010. Please stop by the Care Ministry Kiosk to sign up or if you have questions.

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.

Laptop Computers for Africa

We are looking for donations of laptop computers in good, working condition, for pastors in Africa. You could also give a cash donation. Talk with Pastor Rick to help.

Operation Christmas Child Update

We donated 60 shoeboxes full of gifts!! Thank you!!

Our Sympathy to . . .

- Martha Rogers on the passing of her cousin.
- Margaret Stoesz on the passing of her father.

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

Remembrance Tree

Remember your loved ones who you are missing this Christmas. Stop by the Care Kiosk to make an ornament with their names on it.

Special Delivery Packages

Pick up a package or two at the Care Kiosk TODAY to deliver to families from our church (before Christmas).

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.



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).



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Pastor David Durey, Ext. 13, 763-391-6140

Cheryl Southard, Team Leader

Laurel Jenson, Co-Leader

Plymouth Playhouse Production

Plan to see *Away in the Basement* at the Plymouth Playhouse on January 15, at 7:00 PM. Sign up for tickets today at the Adult Ministry Kiosk. Don't miss out on a great dinner and performance!

Women's Bible Studies

Studies will resume on Wednesday, January 6 and Thursday, January 7.

- 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*

Sign up today at the Adult Ministry Kiosk in the Foyer.

Upcoming in 2010

- Mark your calendar for Friday/Saturday, February 5/6, for a Marriage & Singles Seminar.
- Need a good laugh? Don't miss the Family Night with a Sports Comedy Show on Saturday, March 6.
- Women's Retreat: October 1—3. Praise God . . . we have a location confirmed—Ruttgers Resort in the Brainerd area. Thanks for praying about that. Check out the resort at www.Ruttgers.com. Don't forget to be saving money for the retreat weekend.

Details to come—keep watching!



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

12/16 Christmas Party: 6:30—8:00 PM. Bring a "white elephant gift" and get ready to have fun!

1/1-2 Youth Lock In: \$20 for all-night fun. Bring friends!

NOTE: No Small Groups/Music Practice

Wednesday, December 23 or 30

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

December 9: Review (Lesson 12)

December 23 & 30: Christmas Break—No K.Z.

January 6: Celebration Night (no lesson)

Studio K.Z. — Christmas Music and Drama

- Thanks to everyone who helped to make the musical a success! Way to go, kids!
- Place your order for the kids' **Christmas Musical DVD**. Sign up at the Kids' ZONE Kiosk.



MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Jerry Skifstad

SEND International

Working with youth, and church-planting in Poland

Praise God:

- For all His provisions, beginning with a good and safe trip to Wroclaw, Poland and to Lubin.
- That I was able to find another great place to live, with an extra bedroom for guests—the only negative here is the 81 steps to get to it. :)
- I'm thoroughly enjoying the interaction with my mission team and looking forward to seeing what God is going to do next.
- Krzysick and Ela came to visit me three weekends ago. They are good friends from Wroclaw who were just married the middle of August. And then Andrzej and Marlena came this weekend. It has been a great time of encouraging them to continue on developing their love relationship with the Lord.

Pray for:

- My knee to completely heal. It's still causing pain (three months after arthroscopic surgery) and I'm having problems straightening it.
- The students with whom we are working—especially Kaisa, whose parents are alcoholics, and Anita, Kaisa's friend. Both come from difficult backgrounds.
- Our church building situation—the lease expires in 10 months. We need to find a different building or consider a building program. Pray that we clearly see God's leading on the matter, as we don't want to become distracted from ministry.
- Me to continue to do well on my TESL (teaching English as a second language) correspondence course, and that I am able to complete it as quickly as possible so I can completely focus on ministry.
- My visa application (residence card) to be approved without delay.
- Artur—that he would develop a passion for God, and that the Lord would draw him to Himself. His dad has been in a coma for the 2 1/2 years now.
- My continual spiritual and personal growth—that I'll stay in close relationship with the Lord.

If you would like to email Jerry, his email is jerry@skifstad.com.



ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIPS

Looking for a place to belong? Check out an ABF on Sunday mornings.

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.