

News & Notes

December 18—24, 2011

Brooklyn Park Evangelical Free Church
763-391-6140

ALL-CHURCH CORNER

Teen Challenge Christmas Concerts

MN Teen Challenge, featuring Mac Powell, will be at Grace Church in Eden Prairie TONIGHT 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.

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.

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.

Reminder About Second Harvest

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

2012 Calendars For Sale

The Student Ministries is selling beautiful calendars for just \$6.00. Be sure to stop by the Kiosk in the Foyer to purchase yours today. They make great Christmas gifts!

Need a Christmas Gift?

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

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.

'Tis the Season to Pass Viral Infections

There have been recent outbreaks of Norovirus across Minnesota. Early symptom identification is needed (onset of nausea, vomiting and diarrhea) as well as vigilant attention to infection control measures. That is essential to reduce the risk of transmission. Infection control consists of hand-washing with soap and water, and disinfecting surfaces that come in contact with bodily fluid. May you have a HEALTHY and MERRY CHRISTMAS.

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
**NOTE: There will be no Youth Group on
December 21, 25, 28 and January 1.**

Upcoming Special Events

1/13-14 All Youth Lock-In: 9:00 PM—6:00 AM. \$20.
1/29 Snow Tubing at Elm Creek
2/17-19 Grades 10—12 Winter Retreat:
Camp Lebanon

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

Christmas Sunday, December 25

There will be NO CLASSES for children, ages 5 through Grade 6. We invite all children to attend the main service with their families in the Sanctuary.

New Year's Sunday, January 1

There will be NO CLASSES for children in Grades 1—6 at either the 9:00 AM or 10:30 AM services. We invite all children to attend the main service with their families in the Sanctuary.

Awana Calendar

December 21 & 28 — No Awana, Christmas Break
January 4 — Crazy Sock Night

Upward Sports is Coming Soon!

Kids—It's not too late to register! Scholarships are still available. Youth & Adults—We still have volunteer positions available, i.e. coaches, 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!

Andy & Barb Krause
Leah, Joanna and Sarah

ReachGlobal
Indonesia and SE Asia Regional Advocate

Praise God For:

- A delightful time we had with our children all home for Thanksgiving; and for the upcoming opportunities Joanna will have to serve again on a team in Thailand, and Sarah will have in studying Arabic next semester in Amman, Jordan.
- The excellent English teaching training time with two YWAM teams that will be going to do ministry in Brazil and Thailand for two months.

Pray For:

- The formation of a consortium of churches to partner effectively with one of our City Teams in East Asia. Andy met with them in mid-November and early December. Ask God to lead this group of churches and workers around a common compelling vision and for God to raise up leaders from the church to champion this effort.
- Andy as he meets with his CONNECT ministry team this month to do annual ministry reviews. Ask God to use Andy to develop, empower and release his team to reach new levels of effectiveness for God's glory. The task of extending the Gospel to the nations is such a privilege, and we, as a team, really want to be used of God to help churches effectively engage in this marvelous privilege.
- God to raise up the right church leaders to go with Andy on a vision trip to Indonesia in March 2012. Andy is actively recruiting this team right now.



**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.