

# **News & Notes**

## **December 27—January 2, 2009**

Brooklyn Park Evangelical Free Church  
763-391-6140

### **ALL-CHURCH CORNER**

#### **Holiday Office Hours**

The Church Office will be open on New Year's Eve until Noon, then closed New Year's Day.

#### **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.

#### **Sunday Morning Greeters Needed**

We are looking for friendly people who will welcome folks to church with a handshake and a "Hello!" We need help from 8:45—9:10 AM, before the first worship service, on a rotating basis. If you are interested, contact Amanda at the Church Office: [afluth@bpefc.org](mailto:afluth@bpefc.org).

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **Laptop Computers for Africa**

We are looking for donations of laptop computers in good, working condition (with *XP* or *Windows 7*), for pastors in Africa. You could also give a cash donation. Talk with Pastor Rick to help.

#### **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](mailto:laurelaj@comcast.net).

#### **Congratulations to . . .**

Rich and Stacy Iverson on the birth of a son, Richard Ethan, born December 14, 2009.

#### **Our Sympathy to . . .**

Dave and Joy Lhotka on the passing of Dave's grandmother.

#### **Note of Thanks**

"I want to thank the church and its leaders for the love shown us upon the death of my brother. Your thoughts and prayers are very much appreciated. It is truly the work of the Body of Christ that helps the world see His love."  
—Charles Nehme

#### **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](http://www.ktis.fm)), the church's web site ([www.BrooklynParkChurch.org](http://www.BrooklynParkChurch.org)) and the church's voicemail system.

#### **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](mailto:maryv@bpefc.org)

#### **Care-giving Help Needed**

Janet Hanson is in need of people to be with her during the day. If you can do that for a day or half-day shift, please contact Mary Van Der Werf at 612-385-3495.

#### **Missing Hearing Devices**

We are missing two of our hearing devices from the Information Desk. If you took one home in error, please return it right away to the Information Desk or Office. Thanks much!



**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!

**Women's Bible Studies Resume 1/6 & 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—Rutgers Resort in the Brainerd area. Thanks for praying about that. Check out the resort at [www.Rutgers.com](http://www.Rutgers.com). Don't forget to be saving money!



**LIVING PROOF**

Student Ministries  
Jena Pietari, Director, Ext. 15

**Weekly Events**

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

**Upcoming**

**1/1-2 Youth Lock In:** \$20 for all-night fun! Bring friends! (Parents, we are looking for 5—6 people to help with cleanup from 5:30—7:00 AM. Talk with Jena.)

**NOTE: No Small Groups/Music Practice**

Wednesday, December 30

For the current Youth Calendar, see a brochure or [www.BrooklynParkChurch.org/youth](http://www.BrooklynParkChurch.org/youth).



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

**K.Z. Disciples**

December 30: Christmas Break—No *K.Z. Disciples*  
January 6: Celebration Night (no lesson)



**MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK**

**Ishak & Christine Ghatas**

Timo, Miriam, Manal, Daniel & Markus

**Ministering to Muslims with the Global Outreach Mission in Belgium**

**Praise God For:**

- Partners like you who stand with us all these years, praying and supporting us.
- The December 25<sup>th</sup> reception at church where non-Christian friends are invited for fellowship.
- The new people who joined the church in 2009. Seven were baptized and are active church members.

**Pray For:**

- Family members who do not know Jesus as Savior.
- The December 31<sup>st</sup> church midnight service. Pray that the Lord will bless our commitments for 2010.
- Ministries in prison this season; we have four choirs singing in different prisons. Pray for good acceptance.
- Ishak's trip to North Africa to teach in a Bible school. He will be carrying books for a library. Pray for protection during this trip that will be at the end of January to the beginning of February.
- Christine's parents to come to know the Lord.



**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.