

# **News & Notes**

## **March 14—20, 2010**

Brooklyn Park Evangelical Free Church  
763-391-6140

### **ALL-CHURCH CORNER**

#### **Easter Memorial Garden**

On Easter Sunday, April 4, we will display a memorial garden of flowering plants. To order a plant in memory of a loved one, find an order form in your church mailbox or at the Information Desk. Orders/payment are due March 21.

#### **Chicago Missions/Work Team**

The trip is set for April 24—May 1, at Circle Urban Ministries/Rock Church. We are looking for men and women (skilled and unskilled) to do renovation, building maintenance, and general cleanup projects. Interested? Contact Larry Carlson at 763-533-8057.

#### **Church Mailboxes**

If you have a church mailbox, please be sure to check it weekly. You'll find good information to help you keep up-to-date with what's going on here at church. If you don't have a mailbox, call the Office to request one.

#### **Glorybound Ministries Fundraising Event**

We'd appreciate your support at the annual banquet on Friday, March 19, 2010, at the Ramada Plaza. The Silent Auction & Reception begins at 6:00 PM and dinner will be served at 7:00 PM. The night includes Sara Renner, Christian recording artist, and Dave Clutter, of KTIS radio. The church has a table for eight . . . if you are interested, purchase a ticket for \$25 at the Info Desk.

#### **Men's Softball 2010**

Guys, dust off those bats and oil those gloves, because a new softball season will be here soon! Please sign up at the Adult Ministries Kiosk or connect with Steve Harrington (763-425-8547) for more details. Must be 18 and over. We are looking forward to another great season!

#### **Stephen Ministry Workshop**

The workshop will be informative and instructive in explaining this Christ-centered ministry and how it can be effective for those in any leadership position at church or in business, and especially if you are interested in serving any Care Ministry. Join us on Saturday, April 10, from 9:00 AM—1:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. The workshop is free to all who attend Brooklyn Park Church. Sign up at the Care Ministry Kiosk.

#### **Boiler Update**

While we had expected to replace only two of our boilers, it turned out that all four boilers needed to be replaced. We are thankful that things are running well again! Thank you to everyone who gave money toward the boiler fund. But because of the unexpected replacement of two additional boilers, we are still \$2,000 short in covering the cost. Please consider donating toward that fund.

—With much thanks, Pastor Jeff

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

Kathy Wagner on the passing of her brother, Jim.

#### **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.

#### **Trinity International University**

If you are looking into higher education, be sure to consider the Evangelical Free Church's college and graduate school programs at TIU in Illinois. There are preview events scheduled for March 28 & 29 and April 15 & 16 for prospective college students. Find details at [www.tiu.edu](http://www.tiu.edu).

#### **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)

#### **Tuesday Night Kitchen Volunteers Needed**

Would you be willing to serve in the kitchen on Tuesdays, from 6:00—7:00 PM, on a rotating schedule, about once a month? Contact Mary Van Der Werf if you are interested.

#### **Support Group Leader Training**

Are you interested in being a support group leader in the future? Join us on Monday, March 15, at 6:30 PM, for training. Teaching will include ways to be an effective, understanding leader with results.

#### **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](http://www.BrooklynParkChurch.org).



#### **WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**

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

#### **New Website Information**

If you haven't looked at the Women's Ministry pages on our website lately, now is a good time to do it! Check 'em out: [www.BrooklynParkChurch.org/women](http://www.BrooklynParkChurch.org/women).

#### **Update: Spring Spruce Up**

Thanks to everyone who came and helped clean and organize the church kitchen! We appreciate that you gave your time and talents as unto the Lord, helping us take care of what God has given to us. We look forward to forming "Kitchen Circles" of ladies willing to help keep the kitchen maintained. Watch for details about that.



**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).



**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**

- 3/14 SLT Meeting:** 12:15—1:45 PM, Youth Room. Bring your own lunch.
- 3/15 Challenge '10 & Summer Missions Experience Deposit Due**
- 3/17 Variety Show:** 6:30—8:00 PM. Get your act together and sign up!
- 3/21 Parent Meeting:** 10:30 AM, Room 108/109, 15-minute Update
- 3/21 Summer Missions Meeting:** 12:15—1:30 PM

**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. A \$40 deposit is due by March 24. That also makes you eligible for a drawing to cover the other half for free!

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 Schedule**—March 17: Lesson 21

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Missions Trip**

Join us Sunday, March 21, at 12:15 PM, in Room 106, for our first meeting regarding the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Missions Trip in May. Lunch will be provided for kids for \$3. Questions? Talk with Leane Gondek.

**Camp Lebanon Information**

- **Camp Lebanon Registrations** are here and due March 28. Join our church kids this year from July 18—22. Check out the Kids' Kiosk for registration forms and information regarding being in a cabin with our group.
- **Special Camp Lebanon Guest** Pete Mades, Program Director, will be here this Wednesday, March 17 and next Sunday, March 21. Come hear details about Camp and the fun you'll have. He'll also be available between and after the services on Sunday. **Parents: This is a great opportunity to ask all your camp questions.**
- **Camp Scholarships** are available from Camp Lebanon. Payment plans are another option. The camp doesn't want money to be the reason for not attending.



**MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK**

**Dave and Cathrin Osterhus**  
Jakob and Jana

**EFCM Austria, working with the Austrian youth**

**“Thank you so much for your partnership with us in bringing the Gospel back to Austria and mobilizing Austrian youth for Jesus! We greatly appreciate and depend on your prayers and financial support as we keep on the lookout for God in beautiful expectancy! May the Lord bless you greatly!”**

**Praise God:**

- We're all pretty healthy and doing well. Cathrin completed her final immune system therapy in December. There is no more cancer to be found, but she will be watched for the next three years.
- This week we are moving to a village right outside of Innsbruck! We are able to buy an apartment with a yard to play and grill in!
- Our Innsbruck team re-gained a valuable member recently as Tara Sharp reached over 100% of her needed support. She arrived here on the second. Carrie and Tara found an apartment together and are busy recruiting and planning for English Camps 2010, as well as working among the youth and young adults of Innsbruck. We thank God for these two!

**Pray For:**

- Our monthly “Love Innsbruck” reaches out to a nursing home and to refugee children/youth. Pray for our outreach “Friends Evenings” and for our small group Bible studies.
- Revival in the hearts of our youth, that many would return and gain God's heart for each other and for their lost peers.
- A project we are dreaming and praying about: a Lighthouse Café & Youth Center—the combined visions of Pascal (one of our youth), Dave and others. Please pray that God will give us a facility where His love and hope will shine brightly in this dark city.
- Dave, as he just joined our transitional church leadership team to lend some much-needed support to the three-person team, at least for 2010. Pray for Dave to have clear leading on ministry priorities and find the right people to lead in ministries.



**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.