

News & Notes

March 21–27, 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 TODAY.

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. **NOTE: Be sure to pick up an important letter from Pastor Rick.** If you don't have a mailbox, call the Office to request one.

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 (763-425-8587) 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.

Donate Prom Dresses

The City of Brooklyn Park is collecting gently used prom dresses (or bridesmaid dresses) to give to teens in need. Please drop them off in the front entry area at City Hall (85th and Regent Ave.) in the next couple of weeks.

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 . . .

Jim and Joyce Englund on the passing of Jim's sister.

Note of Thanks

"I just want to thank you for thinking and praying for me while I was in the nursing home. Thank you for the lovely plant of flowers and for your prayers and all your concerns. God bless you all." — In Christ, Elsie Fast

Dead Sea Scrolls

Bethel University is hosting lectures and offering discounted tickets for the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit at the Minnesota Science Museum. Lecture dates: Thursday, April 8 and Sunday, April 11; Exhibit date: Saturday, April 17. Find details at www.bethel.edu/church-ministries.

Housing Need

Do you have a room/basement/apartment to rent to Tim Abare from church? For references, talk to Pastor Rick or Pastor Dan.

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.

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 on the Information Desk—we'll reuse it! Thanks.

CARE MINISTRIES



Parish Nurse, Mary Van Der Werf
Ext. 30, 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.

Blood Pressure Screening TODAY

Do you know what your blood pressure runs? If not, take time today to stop by and have your blood pressure taken. Did you know that for each 20/10 point increase in blood pressure your risk for cardiovascular disease doubles?

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.



YOUNG ADULTS
(Ages 18—20-Something)
Pastor Josh Major, Ext. 14



**MISSIONARIES
OF THE WEEK**

Bobby & Linnet Gupta

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).

Hindustan Bible Institute
Bobby is President.

Praise God For:

- The inauguration of the Community Hall at New Kalpakkam Village. BPEFC has been involved in this village and the prayers and support have resulted in helping them build a Community Hall that will be used to conduct worship services, special tutorials for the children, and adult literacy. Part of the Community Hall also has a medical clinic.
- Enabling us to add 55 national village church-planters who will be targeting over 250 villages in the states of North India.
- Helping us to mobilize 65 pastors from the district of Kotagiri, and training them for church-planting.
- Opportunities to serve over 100 people through village medical clinics by one of our short-term teams. As a result, four families joined the local church.

Pray For:

- The recruitment of students for the Master of Divinity program for the next academic year.
- The registration of our school in Chennai, with the Matriculation Board of Education.
- The training of women from the state of Orissa (from Kandhamal), in forming self-help groups and micro-enterprising projects.
- The effectiveness of schools in Bihar, West Bengal and Kashmir, especially for the peaceful situation to prevail in Kashmir so that the children can come to school without fear.
- The ministry of our village church-planters, for God to help them see a great harvest and churches planted among the unreached.
- The establishment of Regional Training Centers in Karnataka and Maharashtra. Pray for the staff who have been recruited and trained for the Maharashtra Center.
- Bobby and Linnet's spring visit to the U.S., that God will use them to mobilize the churches for world missions and use Bobby to equip more than 150 people through Perspective Classes. Pray for their health and strength while in the U.S.
- Bobby and Linnet as they prepare for their furlough in 2011.
- Their children, that God will give them Godly spouses.
- Their son, Deepak, that he will be able to complete his commercial pilot training.



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

- 3/21 Parent Meeting:** 10:30 AM, Room 108/109, 15-minute Update
- 3/21 Summer Missions Meeting:** 12:15—1:30 PM
- 3/31 No Youth Group.**
- 4/4 No Youth Worship Service.** Join your family in the Sanctuary.

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.



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

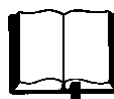
K.Z. Disciples Schedule—March 24: Lesson 22

6th Grade Missions Trip

Join us TODAY at 12:15 PM, in Room 106, for our first meeting regarding the 6th 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, is here TODAY. Come hear details about Camp and the fun you'll have. He'll also be available between and after the services. **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.



**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.