

# **News & Notes**

## **April 11–17, 2010**

Brooklyn Park Evangelical Free Church  
763-391-6140

### **ALL-CHURCH CORNER**

#### **Get in Shape—Run a Half Marathon!**

Join Pastor Rick and other members of our church to train and run in a half marathon (about 13 miles) with *Team World Vision* on Sunday, August 22. To learn more, come to an informational meeting on Sunday, April 18, at 12:15 PM. For more information, visit [www.teamworldvision.org](http://www.teamworldvision.org), or contact Alaina Grose at [algrose@comcast.net](mailto:algrose@comcast.net).

#### **Missions Trip to Ghana**

*Operation Dignity* is an organization that does work in Ghana, and is planning a building project/missions trip for August of 2010. BPEFC members Jim and Kathy Sullivan are the founders of this organization, and would like to extend an invitation to BPEFC people to join them. There will be an informational meeting for those interested on Sunday, April 25, at 12:15 PM in the Conference Room.

#### **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!

#### **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 (85<sup>th</sup> and Regent Ave.) in the next couple of weeks.

#### **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 is a preview event scheduled for April 15 & 16 for prospective college students. Students in Grades 9–12, check out the *Emerging Student Leaders Conference* on April 23–24. Find details at [www.tiu.edu](http://www.tiu.edu).

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

Chris and Megan Rongrud on the birth of a son, William Christopher, born March 29, 2010.

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

- Allison Puckett on the passing of her grandmother.
- Matt and Kris Steven on the passing of Kris' grandmother.
- MaryAnn Hagg on the passing of her brother.

#### **Marriage Encounter Weekend**

Spring into a marvelous marriage! Attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend on April 17–18 in Eagan. For details, visit [www.marriages.org](http://www.marriages.org) or call 651-454-3238.

#### **National Day of Prayer Breakfast**

Our church is hosting a table for the breakfast on Thursday, May 6, from 6:00–8:00 AM, at the Medina Ballroom. Cost is \$16. Contact Carla Peterson if you are interested in going: [carlapeterson@juno.com](mailto:carlapeterson@juno.com). We will be sending in our table request by April 23.

#### **Robbinsdale Women's Center Request**

RWC is looking for volunteers to do light housekeeping for our Center. If you have 1–2 hours available every other week, once each month, or every other month, you would be such a blessing to us! Please contact Joanne Eklund at (763) 531-9554 and let her know when you might be available.

#### **Bass Player Needed**

Our worship team is in need of another skilled bass guitar player to add to the worship band schedule. If you have a strong musical background and experience playing in a band, please call Worship Director Luke Turner at 763-391-6140, ext. 37, to schedule an audition. Thanks!

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

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

Would you be willing to serve in the kitchen on Tuesdays from 6:00–7:00 PM on a rotating basis (about once a month)? If so, contact Mary Van Der Werf in the Church Office.

#### **Immigrant Support Group**

This supportive, revitalized group meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM! Join other immigrants to share your stories and discover ways to strengthen your coping mechanisms.

#### **Homebound**

We desire to know those in our church who are unable to be in our worship services on a regular basis. Give Mary Van Der Werf their names so we can include them in our ministries.



#### **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).



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



**MISSIONARIES  
OF THE WEEK**

**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).

**Julie Anderson  
Ellie**

**Adventures in Missions (AIM)  
Swaziland, Africa**

**Praise God:**

- We have had no car problems for over two months!
- Ellie loves school and has gotten great reports.
- We had a wonderful vacation in Cape Town in March. It was very relaxing, and it was a great time with just Ellie and me.
- Interest in Timbali Crafts continues to grow, and we have some potential opportunities for growth in the works.

**Pray For:**

- Balance and God's guidance in all I do in ministry and as a mom.
- Continued growth of Timbali Crafts, and wisdom to know how to keep discipleship central as we add more women.



**LIVING PROOF**  
Student Ministries  
Pastor Jena Pietari, 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**

- 4/12 Youth Staff Meeting (Adult Small Group Leaders):** Pietari House, 7:00—8:30 PM.
- 4/21 Photo Scavenger Hunt Youth Event:** 6:30—8:00 PM. Need extra drivers—talk to Jena.

**District Conference Coming in April**

Mark your calendar for April 23—25 in Rochester.  
Cost: \$80 plus four meals. Turn in your money and forms to Jena!

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



Pastor Leane Gondek, Ext. 27  
Leanne Klein  
Assistant Director, Ext. 38

**K.Z. Disciples Schedule**

April 14: Lesson 24                      April 21: Carnival

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

Join us for our next meeting on Sunday, April 18, at 12:15 PM, in Room 106. Lunch will be provided for kids for \$3. Questions? Talk with Leane Gondek.

**Summer Brochures**

Pick up a brochure for all the summer camps and activities going on here! Invite a friend!

*"Cast your cares on the Lord  
and He will sustain you;  
He will never let the righteous fall."  
Psalm 55:22*

**BPEFC Staff Phone Extensions:**

Amanda Fluth	VM 32	Joyce Vagle	35
Carol Carlson	28	Judy Kadlac	23
Connie Hafar	24	Leane Gondek	27
Dan Carlson	12	Leanne Klein	38
David Durey	13	Luke Turner	37
David Myles	29	Mary Van Der Werf	30
Jeff Gagnon	22	Receptionist	10
Jena Pietari	15	Rick Ensrud	11
Josh Major	14	Shannon Trunk	VM 31
		Theron Fraser	26



**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.