

News & Notes

April 18–24, 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 TODAY at 12:15 PM, in the Conference Room. For more details, visit www.teamworldvision.org, or contact Alaina Grose at alagrose@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. For more information, contact Carla Peterson at 763-537-4599.

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. We will be sending in our table request by April 23.

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. Students in Grades 9–12, check out the *Emerging Student Leaders Conference* on April 23–24. Find details at www.tiu.edu.

Taste of Brooklyn Park & Celebration Jam Concert

Come Saturday, May 15, at 6:00 PM and enjoy foods that represent the cultures of Brooklyn Park, followed by an awesome concert at 7:00 PM! If you'd like to bring an Ethnic dish to share (Polish Sausage, Lefsa, Curried dishes, etc.), please contact Judy Kadlac or Pastor Jeff in the Church Office by May 1.

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.
- A "Walk for Life" takes place on Saturday, May 8 at 9:00 AM. By asking your friends, family, and co-workers for sponsorship, RWC is able to provide many services at no cost. You can make a difference by walking! For more information, visit the Care Ministry Kiosk for a flyer, call 763-531-9554 or go to www.robbinsdalewomen.org.

Weekend Fishing Adventure

Sign up now for summer family fishing fun on June 4–6 at Camp Lebanon! Cost: Teens & Adults: \$65; Elementary Kids: \$35. For more information and registration form, visit the Special Events Kiosk.

Celebrate Recovery Garage Sale

On the weekend of June 4–5, BPEFC *Celebrate Recovery* is having a garage sale! Donate your gently used clothing to help support this ministry. Watch for drop off dates.

Sportsmen's Banquet Update

What a great event . . . 180 people attended and \$3,200 was raised for kids' summer activities scholarships! If you missed out on the fun this year, join us next year at the same time. Thanks to all who helped make this a success!

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!

Job Search Seminar

Learn fresh ideas for your job search in the new economy. Details: Thursday, April 29, 8:30 AM–Noon, at Grace Fellowship (101st & Hwy 169). Registration is necessary and limited to 100 attendees. To register, go to <http://bit.ly/9dtYZm> (case sensitive). Seminar is sponsored by J. Alan Financial of Maple Grove. (For more, see flyer on back bulletin board.)

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.



CARE MINISTRIES

Parish Nurse, Mary Van Der Werf
Ext. 30, maryv@bpefc.org

Coming this Summer

There will be sessions for *GriefShare* and *First Place* (weight-loss) this summer on Tuesday nights. Watch for specific dates. Consider joining one of these groups or inviting others with whom you come in contact.

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.

Job Transition Support

Wooddale Church's Job Transition Support Group provides prayer, spiritual support and motivation to people who are unemployed, underemployed or looking for a new job. The group meets Mondays at 7:15 AM at Wooddale Church, 6630 Shady Oak Drive, Eden Prairie, Room 283 (enter through Door 1). Call 952-656-1075 for more information.



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

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
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

- 4/21 Photo Scavenger Hunt Youth Event:**
6:30—8:00 PM. Need extra drivers—talk to Jena.
- 5/2 Challenge '10 Meeting:** 12:15—1:30 PM, Youth Room. We'll order pizza—bring \$5.

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.



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

K.Z. Disciples Carnival

Don't miss it . . . this Wednesday, April 21 at 6:30—8:00 PM!
Parents—You are asked to stay with your kids during the carnival, as the small group leaders are running the games and unable to supervise your kids.

K.Z. Disciples Awards Ceremony

Parents and family members are encouraged to support their kids by attending the Awards Ceremony on Sunday, April 25, at 6:30 PM.

6th Grade Missions Trip

Join us for our next meeting TODAY 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!



MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

Dan & Carrie Ritzman
Jeremie & Nathaniel

EFCM—Belgium
Here are some urgent prayer requests for the Iranian Church.

Praise God For:

- A wonderful Iranian New Year's worship service. We had 125 people present from three different churches around the country. It was a wonderful celebration of our new life in Christ. There was even talk among the leaders of intentionally joining our forces to plant new groups around the country.
- An almost-smooth move to our new facility. The French-speaking church bought a place and is renovating it. Roughly half the building is almost finished...so we had Easter service with a generator making electricity and a construction heat blower providing heat before and after service (freezing in between). In a week or two, that will be better!
- Two Iranian men who are leading small groups. This is a great blessing for the church.

Pray For:

- Our adjustment to the new building. We have had to purchase a new sound system and other items for the new place. It is still pretty rustic...so a bit of a challenge, but still the best option we have.
- Hyeyoung, our colleague's wife. She is losing sight in one eye. They are currently in the USA going through specialists trying to find out what is wrong. Pray that a solution would be found and that she might be healed of this.
- A good solution for the church while we are gone for six months on home assignment. If our colleagues can be back, great; if not, we need to have another option available, as the church cannot survive on its own yet.
- The scheduling of our home assignment.
- Our boys as they need to finish up the school year well.
- Our housing for home assignment. We have a couple of options, but nothing concrete.



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.