

News & Notes

April 4–10, 2010

Brooklyn Park Evangelical Free Church
763-391-6140

ALL-CHURCH CORNER

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.

Missions Trip to Ghana

Operation Dignity is an organization that does work in Ghana, and is planning a building project/mission 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!

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 this 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.

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.

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. There are preview events scheduled for April 15 & 16 for prospective college students. Find details at www.tiu.edu.

Congratulations to . . .

Joe and Tricia Munson on the birth of a daughter, Nora Rose, born March 21, 2010.

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.

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 or call 651-454-3238.

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

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.

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.





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

4/4 No Youth Worship Service. Join your family in the Sanctuary.

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. Pick up a brochure for details. April 11 is the last day to register.

For the current Youth Calendar, see a brochure or www.BrooklynParkChurch.org/youth.



Pastor Leane Gondek, Ext. 27

Leanne Klein

Assistant Director, Ext. 38

K.Z. Disciples Schedule

April 7: Lesson 23

6th 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!



MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

Suzanne Kolstad

Kendra and Cayden

YWAM—Bishkek, Kyrgystan

Suzanne works with special needs children.

Praise God For:

- The weather warming up. Even though the house is cold, it is not like before.
- Kendra's opportunity to ride a horse two days a week. She likes it and is doing okay in the new system. She doesn't always understand what they are saying or doing, but she is at least trying.

Prayer Requests:

- We have applied for visas again. No decision has been made yet, but we are hopeful it will work out. They have only been giving us two-month visas so this is a never-ending process.
- I have started teacher training and it is going okay, but it is harder than when I did it before because the translators/helpers are not familiar with the material and are hesitant to jump in and help. The group is small, so there is less interaction and energy. The group is down to six. The problem is that they are all parents of special needs children and they lack babysitters. They seem to be interested in the information and methods though.
- Pray for wisdom. So many of my materials were ruined that I have had to remake them.
- The house that we had in the town of Kant needs to be sold. Please pray for God to orchestrate this.
- For our future direction. Many have to leave because their visas are not renewed; the same thing could happen to us. We want to serve God wherever He wants us. Pray for clear direction.
- We are returning this summer to meet again with Kendra's doctors. I am praying that the cleft team does not recommend another surgery.
- For my family issues in the States (with my nephew). This has been very hard for my family.



ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIPS

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.

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