

News & Notes

September 11–17, 2011

Brooklyn Park Evangelical Free Church
763-391-6140

ALL-CHURCH CORNER

Looking for Lighting and Video Tech Help

Would you be interested in helping during our Sunday morning services, on a rotating basis? Training will be provided. Talk with Curt Harmon for more information: 763-428-0117.

Host Homes Needed For Homeless Youth

Oasis for Youth, along with a collaboration of many organizations, desires to find safe, stable host homes for homeless students in the Hennepin County area. Informational meetings will be held the week of September 15–22 in various locations. For specifics, visit www.suburbanhosthome.org or call 612-767-4658.

Note of Thanks/Open House Invitation

“We have been so blessed by all of your prayers, and by the amount of time spent helping us with our house. We cannot say thank you enough! You are invited to an Open House on Saturday, September 17, from Noon–6:00 PM. If you said a prayer, raised a hammer or contributed to the project, please stop by!” — Al & Lynne Ideson 7308 West Broadway Ave, Brooklyn Park, 763-493-3184

Let’s Meet Our New Neighbors

Join us on Saturday, September 17, at 9:30 AM, as we visit new families who have moved to the area. We welcome them with a fresh-baked loaf of bread and BPEFC literature. It’s easy and fun and a great way to show others that we care. *Let’s Go Loafing!* If you have questions, contact Pastor Dan.

Parent Connect

A new class will begin on Sunday, September 18, at 9:00 AM, in Room 112/113. *Parent Connect* exists to help parents raise their kids, using Biblical foundations of child-raising. This is for expectant parents through those raising grade school kids. Join us—no need to register. To preview the curriculum, stop by the table in the Foyer or talk with Pastor Josh.

“Sharing Hope in Crisis”

The Billy Graham Rapid Response Team will hold a one-day seminar that will prepare you to respond helpfully and appropriately to hurting people, bringing the love and hope of Christ. Date: September 24. Location: Bethany Church in Bloomington. Cost: \$35. Register/Info: www.billygraham.org/rrt.

Men’s Small Groups

The Tuesday 6:00 AM Bible studies will begin new studies on September 27. Stop by the table in the Foyer to check out the curriculum choices, or talk with Pastor Josh.

Katrina Work Trip This Fall

Trip Dates: October 28–November 5. If you are interested, talk with Scott Mannstedt or Pastor Jeff.

Second Harvest Leadership Team

We are hoping to add some new members to our Leadership Team. If you have a heart for Second Harvest and the ministry it has in our community, please contact Joey Lash for more information: 612-600-4130.

Congratulations to . . .

- Ben and Bethany Garvin on the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Hannah, born August 8, 2011.
- Joe and Tricia Munson on the birth of a son, Henry Joseph, born August 21, 2011.
- Matt and Caroline Barnes on the birth of a daughter, Katelyn Ruth, born August 26, 2011.

Notes of Thanks

- “Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers. And thank you for the lovely plant. Losing my youngest sister was difficult. She was always ready to laugh and smile. We’ll miss her.” — Linman Family
- “Thank you so much for your prayers and concern when I had my surgery. The plant you sent was beautiful. If you think to pray for me, I’d appreciate prayers for my therapy as I recover. Thanks for blessing me.” — Evie Osterberg

Our Sympathy to . . .

- Tom and Mary Linman and family on the passing of Mary’s sister.
- Phil and Barb Gundale on the passing of Phil’s sister.

Extra Offering Envelopes?

If you don’t use the offering envelope found in the Bulletin, please drop it off in the basket at the Information Desk—we’ll reuse it! 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.



CARE MINISTRIES

Parish Nurse, Judy Petersen
Ext. 30, jpetersen@bpefc.org

Support Groups for the Fall are Starting this Tuesday, September 13

Check out which one you should be a part of! You can come for dinner at 6:00 PM and worship at 6:45 PM. Groups start at 7:00 PM.

- **DivorceCare** is a video seminar series featuring some of the nation’s foremost Christian experts on divorce and recovery topics as seen from a Biblical perspective. The video seminars are combined with support group discussion of the material presented during the video.
- **GriefShare** is designed to help you recover from deep hurt and loss. Your *GriefShare* experience also includes video seminars and a support group.
- **First Place** is a support group for healthy living, putting Christ first in caring for your physical body, emotional and spiritual well-being. You will learn to eat healthy and exercise your body, soul and spirit. Stop by the Care Ministries Kiosk to pick up a brochure or talk with someone who can answer your questions.

Encouragement Group

At 7:00 PM, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month, a group of men and women of all ages meet together to be a support to each other through life experiences, using Scriptural encouragement and prayer. We walk together through the daily suffering of chronic illness/disability.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Pastor David Durey, Ext. 13
Barbara Sweany, Leader

Women's Fall Kick-off Brunch

The brunch is this Saturday, September 17, at 10:00 AM. Guest speaker Rachelle Bernard will minister in music and share a message, *Confidence in Christ*, that will encourage your heart. Stop by the Women's Ministry table to reserve your spot or call Barbara at 612-749-1543.

Women's Bible Studies

- Beginning Wednesday, September 21, 6:30 PM: **Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted**, a Priscilla Shirer Study; and **Covenant (Precepts)**.
- Beginning Thursday, September 22, 9:30 AM: **Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent**, a Beth Moore study.

Sign-ups/materials are available to pick up in the Foyer.



LIVING PROOF

Student Ministries Pastor
Nate Miller, Ext. 15

Weekly Events

Living Proof—Sundays, 10:30 AM, Youth Room

Upcoming Special Event

9/25 Paintball: 12:30—6:30 PM. Cost: \$35 for three hours of play. More details in Youth Room.

Small Groups Kickoff Soon!

Join us on Wednesdays, from 6:30—8:00 PM, beginning September 21. Don't miss it!

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



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

On Your Mark, Get Set, Go Register!

Register for Awana and Upward Sports Basketball TODAY at the Route 252 Kiosk!

Spots Still Open For Nursery Workers

We are looking for help in the Nursery for one Sunday a month at 9:00 and 10:30 AM. Would you be willing to cuddle and care for our special kids? Contact Leanne Klein to help.

Pre-School Class Alert!

As of September 11, three of our five classes have no teacher! We don't want to close. Please pray about your part in the need.

Soul Surfer Movie Showing

- Kids, invite a friend to join us on Sunday, September 18, for a picnic at 5:00 PM and the movie at 6:00 PM. Bring a friend, and you'll get a cool prize!
- Parents, the movie is rated PG, so you may want to preview it or read the review at www.pluggin.com.

Are You One of the Five?

We are in need of three men to teach on Sunday mornings (1st, 4th and 5th/6th grade) and two men for Awana on Wednesdays (4th and 6th grade). Talk with Leane to help.



MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

Jerry Skifstad
SEND International

Working with youth and church-planting in Poland

Praise God For:

- A good report from Mayo on the condition of my heart.
- My daughter and son-in-law, Michelle & Greg. They are expecting their 5th child in February.
- Frank and Theresa, who have provided a place for me to stay at their house and a vehicle to drive while here in Minnesota. They've been very generous.
- A great time at our family reunion the first week in August. It was so good to see everyone.
- Our church in Poland. We received a portion of land from the local government so we can now construct a building.

Pray For:

- My health issues (stomach pain). I will hear the test results the end of September. Pray it's nothing serious.
- The SEND~REIGN partnership to continue to move towards fruition; that the leadership from the two ministries will be able to meet soon and work out some of the details of partnering together.
- My financial support. I'm in need of \$1,000 in additional monthly support in order to return to Poland by December 30. I have committed to 2½ more years of working in Lubin, Poland. Pray that the Lord provides what is needed so that I can return on schedule.
- My daughter, Renee, who's preparing to move to Kampala, Uganda, where she'll work with 80 widows who are trying to care for over 500 orphans. She's committed to at least two years in Kampala. Pray for the remaining \$500/monthly support to come in so she can depart by mid-October.
- Two projects in Poland that I'm working on: 1) For a work team to come to Lubin, Poland to put a roof on a building and build a balcony for a woman's shelter; 2) We're in need of about \$3,330 so we can purchase a much-needed PA system for our church ministry.



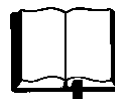
YOUNG ADULTS

(Ages 18—20-Somethings)

Pastor Josh Major, Ext. 14

20—30 Somethings ABF

Join us Sundays from 9:00—10:15 AM in Room 112/113. Enjoy breakfast, fellowship, prayer and a study before the 10:30 AM Celebration Service.



ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIPS

20—30 Somethings: 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: Parents of pre-teens through young adults. Meets at 10:30 AM, Room 114.

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 108/109.