



INFO CENTRAL

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SENIOR PASTOR INFORMATION

I have lots of mixed emotions as I write this Info Central note today. Sandie and I just returned home from saying our goodbyes to our son Luke – returning to the Marine Corps Base in Hawaii. He will “report for duty” tomorrow morning (Wed. Jan 9th). His “unit” will begin the next training regimen for readiness for another deployment to Iraq (at least that’s the plan now) sometime in the next 8 months or so. We had a wonderful time together as a family over the Christmas and New Year’s holidays. On New Year’s Eve, we all went to New Hope Church (formerly Crystal Evangelical Free Church) where our son and daughter in law (Matthew and Brigid) are members. They open the church fellowship room for people to come and pray and take communion if they would like to do so. The Kerns just pulled chairs into a circle and we held hands and prayed together. Then we shared the Lord’s Table together. That incredibly enjoyable and meaningful time served as a sort of “anchor” for me - completing 2007 and entering 2008. I hope and pray that you had some kind of opportunity to create some meaningful, spiritual memories with your loved ones over the holiday season as well.

I was excited to see the amount of work that was done by the Celebrate The Life set construction crew on Saturday (Jan 5th). I sure appreciate all of you who have already “reported for duty.” We had a great “first practice” for CTL on Sunday afternoon. I asked all those who were “first-timers” in CTL to raise their hands. I was amazed to see almost a fourth of the crowd raise their hands. What a delight! Not only is CTL a wonderful outreach with the Good News into our community and surrounding area, but it is an amazing ministry of spiritual growth and fellowship within our FEFC family as well.

Our Student Ministries will be heading for Cooperstown Camp for their annual Snow Camp this weekend. Please pray for this important time set aside for spiritual training, encouragement, and fellowship. Pray for safety and for a wonderful time together for every student and staff member. Pray that this will also be a weekend of significant, positive spiritual impact and refreshment as well. And please pray for Pastor Jamie as he leads the Student Ministries and this Snow Camp weekend.

I have some exciting news to share with you. Our Associate Pastor of Adult Ministries Search Committee has been quietly but carefully doing its work over the last few months. They have been in contact with a Pastor who is a

very strong candidate. Plans are being made right now for that family to make a candidating visit to Bismarck in February. I will share more details as I have them. This is another very important decision for the future of our church life and ministry. Please keep this matter in your daily prayers as well.

We will be celebrating the Lord’s Table together this Sunday. Please prepare yourself for this very meaningful, spiritually encouraging time (invariably) of worshipping and remembering our Savior. I look forward to seeing you and rejoicing in our glorious Savior’s love together.

Maranatha,
Pastor Terry Kern <><

NP DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The 2008 Northern Plains District Conference will be hosted by Trinity Church in Minot, ND on Feb. 22 - 23, 2008. The conference theme is “Reaching Our Samaria” with guest speakers, Dr. William J. Hamel, President of the EFCA and Jackie Redmond, National Women’s Ministries Director, EFCA. The business of the Northern Plains District Association will be conducted during the business meeting on Friday, Feb. 22, at 3:00 pm. We need to provide delegates to vote during the business meeting. If you can attend this conference Feb. 22- 23, 2007, please contact the church office by Feb. 3, 2008.

DISCOVER FEFC/MEMBER CLASS

January 27 and February 3, 2008

It’s two-fold purpose is:

Provide an informal setting for those new to the church and those interested in knowing what we believe as a church.

Provide information and opportunity for those who choose to become members here to be personally contacted by an elder and assist them in finding their way into one or more of the church’s various ministries.

If you are interested in being a part of the Discover FEFC class, please pre-register by calling the church office at 223-3330 or email gracia@firstefree.com.

January 27th - Know more about FEFC

February 3rd - Membership Emphasis

9:00 - 10:15 a.m. and 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

You will need to attend both days in order to fulfill the membership requirements. Lunch will be provided for both dates.

INFO CENTRAL EXTRA

WOMEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT

Join us Jan. 26, 2008, on "A Journey to Moab" by studying "A message from Ruth." Speaker Kitty Magee, graduate of Providence Bible Institute with a B.A. from Seattle Pacific University and 21 years experience in the mission field, will be taking us on this journey through Ruth's time in history. Kitty, a vibrant and entertaining speaker, is truly devoted to God. There is not one who wouldn't benefit and be stretched by her teaching.

CRAFTMANIA

Will be held Friday, January 11, from 6:00 - 11:00 p.m. and Saturday January 12, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the church. Bring a snack to share. Saturday lunch on your own. "Knitting Basics for Scarf Making" will be presented Saturday morning, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, by Raylene Alexander and Peggy Martin. Open to anyone interested in learning to knit. Please bring 1 pair knitting needles US Size 10-15 or 6-10 mm and 1 spool of basic yarn. If you have any questions please contact Kathy Vander Vorst .

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Three times a year, the ancient Israelites traveled to the temple in Jerusalem. Now it's your turn! Through an in-depth look at Psalms 120-134, participants in this study can pray, reflect and write a personal rendition of these ancient choruses. Themes such as unity, joy and gratitude, redemption, repentance, the power of blessings, facing ridicule, and more are explored in detail. Modern-day believers can learn much from these treasured Psalms in their journey toward greater intimacy. Wednesday night starts January 9th at 6:30 pm in room 200. Tuesday Morning at 9:00 am and Tuesday Evening at 6:30 p.m. will meet in the Community room beginning January 15th.

NORTH DAKOTA FAMILY ALLIANCE BENEFIT CONCERT

The mission of the North Dakota Family Alliance is to strengthen families and to protect our family values and religious freedoms. We do so by equipping, informing, and educating policy leaders and concerned citizens on the issues that impact the family. You are invited to a free concert featuring The Glen Schmidt Family. The family will perform your favorite gospel music with a variety of instruments from guitars, violin, mandolin and harmonica. So make plans to attend Sunday, January 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. here at the church.

CONGRATULATIONS

Erin and Keith Nelson on the birth of their daughter, Eva Kay born December 27th. Big brother is Aidan and grandparents are Wayne and Sue Markegard.

BACKPACKS FOR CHILDREN

Did You Know...There were 300 homeless children identified throughout Bismarck schools in 2006. These children often go hungry in the evening and on weekends while away from school.

Did you know...Community Action program designed to help these homeless children, called "Backpacks-for-Kids" was started. Backpacks are filled with nutritional food items each Friday and delivered to those in need.

Did you know...We can help! A bin has been set up in the church foyer for donated items to be collected. If everyone in our church family bought just one extra item every week at the grocery store and donated it to the Backpack program, we would be able to fill a lot of backpacks. Just think of how wonderful it would be if everyone could donate even just a little more.

If you would like to help feed these children, please bring any of the following items and leave them in the bin. They will be delivered to Community Action weekly. Items needed: peanut butter, bread, juice boxes, jelly, cereal, granola/fruit bars, crackers, cheese, fruit cups, applesauce, cookies, and Chef Boyardee meals.

Please make sure that you purchase items such as juice, peanut butter and jelly in plastic containers and the cereal, crackers and other items (except bread) in single serve packages (like the small cereal boxes and cheese/cracker packages).

If you are planning to make a large donation, please purchase several of the same item. Thank you so much.

THANK YOU!

Dear Church Family,

Thanks so much for the cards I received from some of you. My mom was a wonderful Christian. I was honored to be her daughter. May God Bless all of you richly.

Your friend in Christ,
Kim Roach

HOUSING NEED

Temporary housing is needed for one of our church members. Do you know someone in the Fargo area who would be interested in taking in a temporary renter (Christian, married man), Monday - Friday for a few months? Contact the church office .

MEN'S RETREAT

Men's Retreat at Cooperstown Bible Camp

January 18-20, 2008

All men are invited!

Contact Grant at 701-797-2174 to register

See you there!

Celebrate the Life 2008



Celebrate the Life 2008 Dates to Remember

Performance Dates:	Times:	Day of the Week:
March 14, 2008	7:30 PM	Friday
March 15, 2008	3:00 PM	Saturday
March 16, 2008	10:00 AM	Sunday
March 16, 2008	3:00 PM	Sunday
March 19, 2008	7:30 PM	Wednesday
March 20, 2008	7:30 PM	Thursday
March 21, 2008	7:30 PM	Friday

Rehearsal Dates:	Times:	Day of the Week:	Participants:
January 6, 2008	2:30 - 5:30 PM	Sunday	Everyone
January 13, 2008	3:30 - 5:00 PM	Sunday	Choir
	2:30 - 6:00 PM		Selected Drama
January 20, 2008	2:30 - 5:30 PM	Sunday	Choir
	2:30 - 6:00 PM		Selected Drama
January 27, 2008	3:30 - 5:00 PM	Sunday	Choir
	2:30 - 6:00 PM		Selected Drama
February 3, 2008	3:30 - 5:00 PM	Sunday	Choir
	2:30 - 6:00 PM		Selected Drama
February 10, 2008	3:30 - 5:00 PM	Sunday	Choir
	2:30 - 6:00 PM		Selected Drama
February 17, 2008	3:30 - 5:00 PM	Sunday	Choir
	2:30 - 6:00 PM		Selected Drama

Full Rehearsal Dates:	Times:	Day of the Week:	Description:
February 23, 2008	9:30 - 12:00 Noon	Saturday	First half walk through
February 24, 2008	3:00 - 6:00 PM	Sunday	Second half walk through
March 2, 2008	3:00 - 6:00 PM	Sunday	Full Rehearsal
March 6, 2008	6:30 PM -	Thursday	Tech Rehearsal (No Cast)
March 9, 2008	3:00 - 6:00 PM	Sunday	Full Rehearsal
March 10, 2008	6:00 - 9:00 PM	Monday	Full Dress Rehearsal
March 11, 2008	6:30 PM -	Tuesday	Tech Rehearsal (No Cast)
March 12, 2008	6:00 - 9:00 PM	Wednesday	Final Dress Rehearsal
March 13, 2008	6:00 - 9:00 PM	Thursday	Possible Selected Scenes

Performance Evenings Schedule:	Times:	Description:
	6:00 PM	Makeup
	6:30 PM	Choir Warm-up
	7:00 PM	Prayer Time

Costumes:	Times:	Description:
February 10, 2008	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Drama Roles—Roman Soldiers, Kings & Attendants, Pharisees, Simeon, Nicodemus, Barabus, Leper
February 17, 2008	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Choir Men, Drama Men, Youth Angels
February 23, 2008	12:00 - 2:00 pm	Choir Women, Drama Women, children (following the 2nd half walk through)

412 Ministries

Primetime

Sunday morning for Jr. High and Sr. High 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday Night 6:30-8:30 p.m.

R.A.G.E.

Jr. High Youth (7th & 8th grades)

The Example

Sr. High Youth (9th - 12th grades)

WINTER RETREAT!!!

January 11, 12, & 13 at Cooperstown Bible Camp.

For details contact Pastor Jamie

C Life College Ministry

Tuesdays for College Students (18 - 20 something) at 7:00 p.m. at the church in the youth room downstairs.

PRAYER CHAIN INFO

Please call the Phone Prayer Chain Captains and e-mail your requests to Laurie Grosz at the e-mail address below to activate your prayer requests.

EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN INFO

prayer@firstefree.com

PHONE PRAYER CHAIN CAPTAINS INFO

DAYTIME : Catherine Grosz

EVENING : Doris Ann Van Beek

WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO

- FRI - Jan. 11 Joy Club @ Mc Donald's (K-Mart); 9:30 a.m.
Craftmania; 6:00 p.m.
Youth Winter Retreat @ Cooperstown Bible Camp
- SAT - Jan. 12 Craftmania; 9:00 a.m.
Youth Winter Retreat @ Cooperstown Bible Camp
- SUN - Jan. 13 Communion/Worship Service; 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School; 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship; 10:15 a.m.
Communion/Worship Service; 10:45 a.m.
Children's Church; 10:45 a.m.
CTL Drama Rehearsal; 2:30 p.m.
CTL Choir Rehearsal; 3:30 p.m.
NDFA Concert; 7:00 p.m.
- MON - Jan. 14 Men's Bible Study; 6:30 a.m.
All Board Meeting; 6:00 p.m.
Stewardship Board; 8:00 p.m.
Education Board; 8:00 p.m.
- TUE - Jan. 15 Women's Bible Study; 9:00 a.m.
Women's Bible Study; 6:30 p.m.
C-Life College Ministry; 7:00 p.m.
Men's Top Gun Study; 7:00 p.m.
- WED - Jan. 16 White Cross; 10:00 a.m.
All Church Prayer; 6:30 p.m.
Awana; 6:30 p.m.
R.A.G.E.; 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
The Example; 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Men's Bible Study; 6:30 p.m.
Women's Bible Study; 6:30 p.m.
Worship Team Rehearsal; 7:45 p.m.

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