

INFO CENTRAL

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SENIOR PASTOR

I just read the headlines. The Dow Industrial Average has dropped 778 points making Monday, September 29, 2008 the largest single day drop in the Dow in history. While it is far from the largest percentage drop in a single day, this is a very significant event. Many, many of our fellow Americans are in despair. They are filled with fear and anxiousness. I encourage you to refuse to be in that number. I can't help but think about this verse of Scripture: "Some trust in chariots and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the Lord our God." (Psalm 20:7) In David's day chariots and horses represented "security." The nation with an army boasting large numbers of chariots and horses was a nation whose people lived in the comfort of security and thus they enjoyed the ease and blessings of prosperity. But, the people of Israel needed to remember not to put their trust in those chariots and horses. God's people needed to remember the name of the Lord their God (Yahweh Elohim). In Psalm 20:1-2, David said, "May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble. May the name of the God of Jacob defend you. May He send you help from the sanctuary and strengthen you out of Zion..." David was directing the people of Israel to turn their thoughts toward God and to find their security and help in Him. This is a time for us Americans (especially for Christians) to determine what it is that we "trust in" as well. Many of us would have to admit that we "trust in" a strong U.S. economy, the U.S. government, or our "bank or retirement account." And when the stock market takes the largest single day plunge in history and when our government is embroiled in so much political rancor & hostile finger-pointing that it is paralyzed, we learn that these things don't deserve our trust. But the Lord our God does! And "we will remember the name of the Lord our God" - at least I hope and pray that we will.

Please remember to pray especially for our Childrens' and our Youth Ministries (and Pastor Jamie) these days. These two areas of our FEFC life are facing significant challenges these days. A great way to pray for these two ministries (and for our entire church ministry) is to pray that Philippians 2:1-4 is lived out in all our lives. I feel quite certain that the Lord is taking us all through a kind of refining process to help us rightly focus our attention & effort and to prepare us for significantly greater ministry in the days ahead. Pray that we would all humbly and rightly respond to what the Lord is doing in our individual lives and our corporate ministry. And please pray for the finances of the church as well. These are very challenging days in all our lives and that is, of course, reflected in the finances of the church as well.

Pastor Kevin Lardy will be preaching this Sunday (October 4th). Sandie and I have been invited by very dear friends to share a week of vacation with them at a timeshare in Mexico. We'll be gone for 9 days. I can't tell you how much we are looking forward to this time away. Next Sunday (October 12th) Nick Hall, Director of Pulse Ministries will be giving the message and sharing some of the exciting things that God is doing in youth ministries around

the state of North Dakota. May God encourage you and strengthen you for the ministry that He has for you this week.
Maranatha Pastor Terry Kern <><

THE EVENT

Sunday, October 5, 2008, "The Event - How Great Is Our God." This is a contemporary worship & teaching from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. with a meal at 5:30 p.m. for all young adults.

LOCAL AREA OUT-REACH EVENT

Come and join the Missions and Outreach Board in serving a meal. "The Banquet" at Trinity Lutheran Church on October 23 from 5:00 - 7:30 pm. The meal is for those in the Bismarck/Mandan area who are in need of a hot meal. We need 30 people to help serve the meal and fellowship with these people while they eat their meal. God may open a door to allow us to share our faith with someone that evening. If you are interested please contact Don Walter.

FAMILY FUN FAIR

Family Fun Fair will be Friday, October 31, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Community Room at First Evangelical Free Church. This is a free family event that is open to the public. We will have a free hot dog supper along with lots of games, prizes, candy and fun! We will need lots of donated candy for this event so if you could please help us out in this area, it would be greatly appreciated. Starting this Sunday, we will have a trash can out in the Foyer in which you can place your candy donations. Thank you so much and if you have any questions you may contact Linnet Walter.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Sunday, October 19, after the second service, we will be having a Soup Kick-Off. If you would like to bring soup, sign up at the Information Center on Sunday. All entries are welcomed. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Jamie.

THANK YOU

Thank you Pastors and church family for your prayers, cards and flowers. Because of your prayers I did not have to have open heart surgery - just 4 stints - Praise the Lord! *Debie Seibold*

GRIEFSHARE

GRIEFSHARE is a new ministry at FEFC. The weekly meetings will then be on Tuesday evenings from 6:45 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Griefshare is a support group for individuals who have lost loved ones and need the help of others who are going through the same difficulties in dealing with their loss. Griefshare lasts for 13 weeks, with each session containing video teaching by some of the leading Christian leaders in the world. Small group time will be led by Deborah Weibel, a trained leader, who has led many of these groups in the past. If you have any questions or are interested in joining this group, please contact Pastor Kevin Lardy at 223-3330 or kevin@firstefree.com. Each participant will receive a manual that will be a valuable resource during the sessions and for the time outside of the group

412 Ministries

PRIMETIME

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

R.A.G.E. Jr. High (7th & 8th grades)

THE EXAMPLE Sr. High (9th & 12th grades)

October 8 - Family Fire at the Civic Center

C Life Merged with Campus Crusade

Tuesdays for college students (18 - 20 something) at 8:00 p.m. at BSC in the Student Union.



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



COOKS NIGHT OFF

Wednesday from 5:00-6:00! Sign up at the Info Desk on Sunday or call Sandie at 223-3330.

\$2.00 per person with a \$10.00 per family maximum!

Oct. 1 - Tacos, refried beans, fruit and dessert

Oct. 8 - Hamburger, vegetable soup, knephla soup, crackers, Bread, fruit and dessert

WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO

- THU - Oct. 2 Young Adult Bible Study; 7:00 pm
- FRI - Oct. 3 Joy Club @ Mc Donald's (by K-Mart); 9:30 am
Steer Conference
- SAT - Oct. 4 Steer Conference
- SUN - Oct. 5 Worship Service; 9:00 am
Sunday School; 9:00 am
Fellowship; 10:15 am
Power of Prayer; 10:20 am
Worship Service; 10:45 am
Children's Church; 10:45 am
The Event; 5:30 pm
- MON - Oct. 6 Men's Study; 6:30 am
Fellowship & Caring Board; 7:00 pm
- TUE - Oct. 7 Women's Bible Study; 9:00 am
Women's Bible Study; 6:30 pm
Griefshare; 6:45 pm
C-Life College Ministry; 8:00 pm
- WED - Oct. 8 MOPS; 9:00 am
Cooks Nite Off; 5:00 pm
King's Kids Choir; 5:30 pm
All Church Prayer; 6:30 pm
Awana; 6:30 pm
Family Fire; 6:30 pm
Women's Bible Study; 6:30 pm
Men's Bible Study; 6:30 pm
Worship Team Rehearsal; 7:45 pm



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