

INFO CENTRAL

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SENIOR PASTOR INFO

I want to thank all of you who have expressed your sympathies to Sandie and me on the homegoing of Sandie's mom. Your kind words are deeply appreciated. I think Sandie's brother summed up the entire time well. After the funeral, the graveside service and the Polish family meal (a big Polish tradition), he told me through tears (a man who has always been distant and stoic) that, for the first time in his entire lifetime, "it felt like we are a family." He asked if it was possible for them to stay a couple of days longer just to extend that sense of family. I was sad that it was surrounding the death of their mom that it came to be but was so happy that it did occur. A "sense of being part of a family" is one of the most powerful and satisfying of all human experiences. Having loving parents and the closeness and commitment of brothers and sisters is wonderful. It is no accident that God "adopts" us as His children and gives us the right to be called by His Name. It is significant that when the Body of Christ was formed, we who are its members have become known to one another as "brothers and sisters in Christ."

Along this line, I am excited about a new "effort" that is in the works for our FEFC family on Wednesday nights this fall. Our entire FEFC staff has been working on a plan to "revamp" our Wednesday night "program" at church to be more "family oriented," to be focused on "more in-depth teaching of the Bible," and to provide a coordinated and cohesive biblical study opportunity for the entire family. We are putting together some of the pieces right now and preparing to present them to the Council of Overseers for their affirmation and approval. But I love the way the entire FEFC staff has come together to seek to improve the "family ministry" of our church life as well as seek to be more purposeful and intensive with biblical teaching and training at all ages. With our family meal already in place and a lot of changes already having taken place in our children's ministries, it seems to me like the Lord is leading our staff to continue to bring FEFC's "Complete In Christ" mission even more clearly into focus in our Wednesday night ministries.

With approval from our Elders, I have decided not to attend the EFCA National Conference this year in order to free up some dollars for our FEFC staff to attend a leadership conference at Bethel Evangelical Free Church in Fargo in August. Since Pastor Kevin is already slated to preach this Sunday, I will be spending this week trying to "restart" my work on my PhD dissertation. I would appreciate your prayers in this matter. I do look forward to seeing you as we gather to worship, study and fellowship; "...not forsak-

ing the assembling of ourselves together as is the habit of some...." (Hebrews 10:25). May the Lord bless you and keep you. Maranatha, Pastor Terry Kern <><

GOSPEL CAFE

The Gospel Café will be held on Sunday, June 28 at 6:30 p.m. The Gospel Café is open to all who want to sing hymns and gospel music. Everyone is asked to bring a plate of goodies to share.

ADULT COMMUNITY

The Mixed Group Community will be studying the book of the "Song of Solomon" starting July 12. This includes a workbook, so please sign-up at the Information Center on Sundays or contact Pastor Kevin.

ADULT COMMUNITY YOUNG FAMILIES

Mark your calendars for an evening of family fun on Friday, July 17. The Young Families/Couples group is having a picnic potluck at the Optimist Park (16th St. & Spaulding Ave.) starting at 6 p.m. Bring your own meat to grill and a salad to share! For questions you can call Jayna.

STUDY TOUR TO ISRAEL

We are planning a study tour to Israel in 2010, either in January or after Celebrate the Life in April. If you are interested in going on this trip, we will need to know by June 30. Limited seats available. The cost will be approximately \$3,000 per person to cover the cost of travel, lodging and class. Please contact Pastor Terry Kern at 223-3330 if you need more information or are interested in going.

LOST & FOUND ITEMS

If you have lost a set of keys, tie holder, bracelet, or rings, please contact the church office at 223-3330. You can also check the lost and found if you have misplaced any items here at the church. The lost and found is located at the bottom of the stairwell in the SE entrance.

ANNUAL STEER BARBECUE

Saturday, July 18, 2009, you are invited to attend STEER's annual barbecue for delicious food, wonderful fellowship and inspiring music, with the added bonus of an update on the ministry of STEER, Inc. Doors will open at 4 p.m. Please reserve a meal ticket by July 16. You can make a reservation by calling the STEER office at 701-258-4911 or email events@steerinc.com. The tickets can be picked up when you arrive for the barbecue. The featured musical group will be The Kingsmen.

The Kingsmen are nationally recognized as pioneers in the southern gospel music field. They've encouraged and uplifted listeners with their unique style since the quartet began in 1956.

**One Worship Service
July 5 at 10:00 a.m.
A Call to Fall in Humble Prayer**

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)



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.

E-MAIL PRAYER CHAIN INFO

prayer@firstefree.com

PHONE PRAYER CHAIN CAPTAINS INFO

DAYTIME : Catherine Grosz

EVENING : Doris Ann Van Beek



EMAIL INFO CENTRAL

The church office is looking for ways to help save costs. If you have an email account, we would sure love to put you on our email list for the newsletter. If you do not have an email account, we would love to keep mailing you the newsletter. To start receiving Info Central via email, please email Wendy Backman at wendy@firstefree.com.



WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO

- THU - June 25 1st Place for Health - 6:00 pm
Young Adult Bible Study - 7:00 pm
- FRI - June 26 Joy Club @ McDonald's (by K-Mart) - 9:30 am
Friday Night Singles - 6:30 pm
- SUN - June 28 Worship Service - 9:00 am
Sunday School/Adult Community/Primetime - 9 am
Fellowship - 10:15 am
Worship Service - 10:45 am
Sunday School - 10:45 am
Gospel Café - 6:30 pm
- MON - June 29 Living Stones Men's Study - 6:30 am
Council of Overseers - 7:00 pm
- TUE - June 30 Women's Bible Study - 9:30 am
Motorcycle Run @ Clark Station Exit 161 - 6:30 pm
- WED - July 1 412 R.A.G.E. - 6:30 pm
412 The Example - 6:30 pm
All Church Prayer - 6:30 pm
Men's Softball at Kelly #5 - 6:30 pm
Men's Bible Study - 7:00 pm
Worship Team Rehearsal - 7:45 pm

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