

INFO CENTRAL

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SENIOR PASTOR INFORMATION

All of the members of FEFC received the proposed 2009-2010 budget in the mail this week. Our Stewardship Board and Elders prayed and discussed and worked and agonized over the process of preparing this budget. In fact, the difficulty of preparing this budget was greater than any I can recall at any time in my 21 years here as Senior Pastor at FEFC. I am literally heartsick over the need to propose a budget containing cuts in our support to our missionaries and mission organizations. But at the same time, I know that as good stewards, we cannot propose to provide support that we don't have. There are so many fixed costs in operating a large church ministry and those are rising. Some of them are hitting us very hard (especially the specials on the streets surrounding the church property). In fact, in our Missions and Outreach Board meeting last night, someone mentioned that the proposed cuts in our support to Missions are about the same amount as our special assessments for this next year.

I just had the privilege of reading the Annual Report submitted by our Elder of Stewardship, Dr. Jon Hanson. It will be published in our Annual Report being prepared even this week. I am going to encourage "us" to make it available to our entire congregation, not just the members. Jon did such a great job of explaining the situation we are facing and summarizing some of the biblical principles of giving, that I would like it available to everyone who considers FEFC their church home.

As I awakened very early this morning and began to pray about this whole situation, I found the Lord encouraging my heart in that, although these may be challenging times for us, they are wonderful opportunities to continue to "grow in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." I remembered days when Sandie and I were in seminary, when we literally did not know where the money for our next meal was going to come from. I went to the seminary to register for the next semester and I didn't have so much as \$10 with which to register for a full semester of seminary. I went to my mailbox on my way to the registration table and in my mailbox was an anonymous gift in the exact amount of my registration costs. To this day, I have no idea who gave it or how anyone could have possibly known the exact amount of my registration. Obviously, Yahweh Yireh/Jehovah Jireh ("the Lord who sees- the Lord who will see to it") knew. That is all that mattered. That is all that was needed. I am not saying that it is easy to trust in the Lord. Oftentimes there is an uneasiness of soul that is quite the internal struggle in the arena of trusting God. But He is trustworthy and, we Americans especially, have not had to exercise our faith very much so it has sort of atrophied. But now is a good time to do it. I recommend Philipians 4:6 as a good starting place.

This Sunday, our District Superintendent, Daryl Thompson, will be giving the message. I know he will have a very important message from the Scriptures and from the Lord for us to hear. In

addition, I want to alert you to the fact that we will be taking a special offering for the Northern Plains District Ministry. I do sincerely look forward to seeing you.

Maranatha, Pastor Terry Kern <><

March 30, 2009

FEFC Annual Meeting @ 7 pm

MARCH MADNESS PARTY

Calling all young couples! The Sotebeers have graciously opened their home to the young couples of FEFC! Since March Madness will be kicking off, we thought it would be a fun time to get together for a social event on Saturday, March 21 at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP to jaynawiens@yahoo.com for further details and information!

MISSIONS & OUTREACH BUDGET

Please note the Missions and Outreach Budget changes to reflect the support for Arlyn Nies (Awana) in the amount of \$500, decreased Tandala Hospital to \$650, Discretionary to \$1,250 and Local Outreach to \$1,400.

BREAKFAST BENEFIT FOR KATIE SCHINDLER

Sunday, March 22, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Shiloh Christian School. Katie has been diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing surgery in Houston in April. Money raised from the benefit will be to help the family with medical and travel expenses. A silent auction will also be held. An account at Starion Financial under Katie Schindler's name is set up for donations.

KIDS K-6TH GRADE FUNDRAISER

Sunday, March 29 between Parableloza performances, there will be a dessert fundraiser. The money will be used for different events for the K-6th grade Sunday School children. Please contact Linnet Walter at 223-3330 with any questions.

FAMILY MOVIE & DISCUSSION

All are welcome to this church family event! Sunday, March 22 at 3:00 p.m. in the Community Room, we will be showing the newly released movie "The Velveteen Rabbit." Review the movie at www.thevelveteenrabbitmovie.com. For questions, contact Linnet Walter at 223-3330.

S.O.S

Seeking Out Someone who would like to help out in the 3rd grade, first hour Sunday School class. If you would like to help out, please contact Linnet Walter at 223-3330.

HOMECOMING FOR LUKE KERN

You are invited to join us on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. at the Bismarck Airport to welcome back Luke, who is returning home from his final deployment to Iraq. Luke is the youngest son of Pastor Terry and Sandie Kern.

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



COOK'S NIGHT OFF

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

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

March 18 - Sloppy Joes, vegetables, fruit and dessert

March 25 - Lasagna, bread, vegetables, fruit and dessert



PHOTOGRAPHERS WANTED

Do you like photography? How's your focus? Do you have an eye for a shot? If yes, then contact Wendy Backman today at 223-3330 or e-mail her at wendy@firstefree.com, she would like to speak to you.

WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO

- THU - March 19 Young Adult Bible Study - 6:30 pm
Adult Baptism Class - 6:30 pm
Men's Revelation Study - :00 pm
- FRI - March 20 Joy Club @ McDonald's (by K-Mart) - 9:30 am
Friday Night Singles - 6:30 pm
- SUN - March 22 Worship Service - 9:00 am
Sunday School/Adult Community - 9:00 am
Fellowship - 10:15 am
Worship Service - 10:45 am
Parableloozza Rehearsal - 10:45 am
Family Movie & Discussion - 3:00 pm
- MON - March 23 Living Stones Men's Study - 6:30 am
Council of Overseers - 7:00 pm
- TUE - March 24 Women's Bible Study - 9:00 am
Women's Bible Study - 6:30 pm
- WED - March 25 MOPS - 9:00 am
Cooks Nite Off - 5:00 pm
412 R.A.G.E. & The Example - 6:30 pm
All Church Prayer - 6:30 pm
Awana - 6:30 pm
Men's Bible Study - 6:30 pm
Women's Bible Study - 6:30 pm

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