

# INFO CENTRAL

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## SENIOR PASTOR INFO

It takes months to put up the set and put together the program. It involves thousands and thousands of collective hours of loving, careful work, planning, practicing, and investment and then Celebrate The Life (CTL) comes together. Many people in our church suspend or curtail a great deal of their life in order to participate at the level they do. But it is an investment with payoff both now and in the future. What a marvelous gift our Loving Father has given to us as a church family.

CTL ministers to everyone involved. I just stand and watch people of all ages in our FEFC Family interact, serve together, smile at each other, talk together and sing together. I was sitting on the floor in the prayer time and two young boys, each from a different church family came and plopped themselves down right beside me, one on each side. They both just sat down, so completely comfortably that I just put my arm around each of them – feeling much like each of their Grandpa. I saw that kind of beautiful interaction occurring over and over again – one large family of kids, adults of all ages and teens; all just enjoying sharing the love of our Blessed Savior with each other and with the thousands and thousands of people who came to the CTL performances. You know, I didn't hear one mean-spirited or unkind comment or see one interaction that distressed me throughout the entire CTL performances. There were lots of times of corralling the children, there were a number of people struggling with illnesses, there were a couple of very scary moments (when the big panel fell off the top level, or when one of our young moms took a nasty fall with a baby in her arms), there were times when things did not go very well, but I don't recall seeing one interaction that I found troubling. I suspect there were some but I didn't witness them. But all in all, it was probably the best CTL we have ever done. And our Father in Heaven blessed us with larger crowds than ever before. There are always a few negative responses (there are of course, people who come and only see things they would criticize – that is expected when there are this many people involved). But overall, the responses were absolutely heartwarming and uplifting. We had more first time believer's responses than ever before. We know that there are many, many more who made spiritual decisions, many that we will never know about. Financially, it looks as if we are going to come out quite well and be able to give the Chad Goldade family a substantial love gift from the proceeds of the ticket sales (By the way, please pray for Chad and Tori and their family especially this week. They had some very discouraging news at the end of last week. They will be meeting with Drs. this week to discuss treatment course going forward. So please pray for our Gracious and Good, God to help them and give them peace, wisdom and direction. Pray for wisdom for the Drs. that are treating Chad as well).

The CTL set is down. There was a young couple that just moved to Bismarck on Good Friday (yes, in the snowstorm), attended our Easter Service on Sunday morning, (never having attended CTL), heard the announcement about the CTL teardown on Monday

evening, came and stayed and helped with the teardown for the entire evening. What a delightful young couple.

Easter Sunday was an absolutely glorious time of "Celebrating the Life" of Jesus and the Life He gives to all who believe in Him. These are troubling days in some ways (some would say "many ways"). But our Sovereign and Gracious Lord is still very much in control of the affairs of the entire world and we can trust in His unfailing love, His wisdom and righteousness and His glorious promises given so freely and fully in His Word. This Sunday, our District Superintendent, Daryl Thompson will be giving the message and a Northern Plains District ministry update. I will be "walking where Jesus walked" – Deo Volente.

Maranatha, Pastor Terry Kern <><

## NP DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The 2010 Northern Plains District Conference will be hosted by Bethel Church of Fargo on April 8 - 10, 2010. The conference theme is "Understanding the Times: Knowing what the Church Should Do" with guest speakers Pastor David T. Olson, Director of the American Research Project. The world is changing. The culture of America is changing. That change influences how the gospel is communicated. In his three sessions, Pastor Olson will help us learn how to build cultural connections, create authentic passion for ministry and help our churches focus their energy on their strengths. Registration forms are available at npd.efca.org or at the Information Center at the church.

## SO LONG INSECURITY

For over a decade, Beth Moore's teaching has touched the hearts of women worldwide. In her new message, "**So Long Insecurity**", Beth is sure to make yet another remarkable impact on women today and for generations to come as she exposes the lies that have debilitated women for ages.

In this one-day simulcast event, women will learn to conquer fear and doubt and will discover the liberating confidence and security that can only be found in Christ. Worship throughout the day will be led by Travis Cottrell.

Join us at First Evangelical Free church (205 43rd Ave. NE ) for this free women's event. Doors open at 8:30 and the program will end at 2:30. Go to [www.firstefree.com](http://www.firstefree.com) for more information or call 223-3330.

## CRAFTMANIA

Craftmania will be SPRINGing into action on Friday, April 9th from 6 to 11 pm at the church. Snacks are provided. Just bring your favorite beverage, your craft projects and a friend. Hope to see you. Call Kathy V. if you have any questions.

**Annual Meeting**  
**April 12 at 7:00 pm**

*412 Ministries*

**PRIMETIME:** Sunday for Jr. High & Sr. High @ 9:00 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT : 6:15 – 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

**CONDOMINIUM FOR SALE**

Our church has a condominium for sale. It has two bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, a small laundry room, living room, dining room, kitchen, two small decks and a single garage (1,128 square feet). All appliances, stove, refrigerator, washer and dryer are included. Please contact Pat at 223-3330 for more details.

**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 - April 8** First Place 4 Health - 6:00 pm  
Escape the Coming Night Men's Study - 6:30 pm  
Young Adult Bible Study - 7:00 pm  
Women's Ministry Team Meeting - 7:00 pm
- FRI - April 9** JOY Club @ McDonalds by Kmart - 9:30 am  
Craftmania - 6:00 pm
- SAT - April 10** First Place 4 Health - 9:00 am
- SUN - April 11** Worship Service/Sunday School/Primetime/Adult Community/The Growing years - 9:00 am  
Fellowship - 10:15 am  
Worship Service/Sunday School - 10:45 am
- MON - April 12** Men's Living Stone Study - 6:30 am  
Annual Meeting - 7:00 pm
- TUE - April 13** Men's Study Group - 7:00 pm
- WED - April 14** White Cross - 10:00 am  
412 Ministries R.A.G.E. & The Example - 6:30 pm  
Worship Team Rehearsal - 7:45 am

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