

INFO CENTRAL

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SENIOR PASTOR INFO

This past weekend was a big one in the lives of the people of FEFC of Bismarck, ND. We participated in a candidating weekend for the position of Associate Pastor of Student Ministries (Youth Pastor). Pastor Chad Englund was our candidate (Pastor Chad's wife is Nikki and they have three boys). Pastor Chad taught several sessions/lessons to both students and adults, conducted a couple of open forum type question-and-answer sessions, gave his testimony and general approach to youth ministry in the Sunday morning services, and generally interacted with many people and engaged in a great deal of conversation and discussion. Pastor Chad and Nikki demonstrated their Christian character and spiritual maturity throughout the weekend. It was constantly evident that Pastor Chad has had a great deal of experience in Youth Ministry and is a capable and quality leader. After a very thorough candidating weekend, the congregation voted to extend a call to Pastor Chad to become FEFC's new Youth Pastor. I met with Pastor Chad on Monday for a short time just before their family began their trip back to the Twin Cities area and he seemed very positive and encouraged – albeit quite exhausted after a very strenuous weekend. The formalities of providing a written offer to Pastor Chad, including all the details discussed throughout the process of interviewing and candidating, are in process as of this writing. Pastor Chad will, upon reception of that letter of offer, have to make the final decision about whether to sign it. It is my prayer that by the time you read this he will have already signed the letter and we will have our next Associate Pastor of Student Ministries at FEFC.

As Pastor Chad and I visited briefly on Monday afternoon, we agreed together that it appears the Lord has some very good things in mind and in store for FEFC. The development and strengthening of our youth ministries, alongside all of the other important ministries of the church, will certainly strengthen and deepen FEFC's effectiveness in the ministry of the Gospel in this community/region. I would like to particularly mention and thank Dr. Bob Schindler, who so capably led the search committee and search process. And a hearty thanks to all who served on the search committee. And, of course, it is very important to thank our Elder of Education, Randy Alexander, for his leadership of Youth Ministry during the time without a Youth Pastor. Randy and the Adult Ministry Team have done such a great job. Thanks to everyone. We know that the Englund's fourth child is due to be delivered sometime around the beginning of July. They wouldn't be moving to Bismarck before that time. So please keep our Youth Ministry in your prayers, keep the Englund's in your prayers, keep our Adult Ministry Team in your prayers and let's all pray for one another and for "His Kingdom to COME!" And, please pray for CTL as well. As of this writing, there are nearly 900 tickets sold. We are about one sixth of the way (the Sunday morning performance is not ticketed). Please be praying and inviting, praying and inviting and praying and inviting some more. This Sunday we will celebrate the Lord's Table in our Worship Services. Please keep

that in mind and prepare your heart for this important time of worship. I do so very much look forward to seeing you on Sunday – D. V. Maranatha, Pastor Terry Kern <><

BAPTISM

Our next baptism service is scheduled for Sunday, May 2, 2010. If you are interested in being baptized or would like to know more about baptism, please attend any one of these classes for adults and youth: Sunday, March 14 at 12:00 noon or Thursday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m. Class for children is on Wednesday, March 17 at 6:30 p.m. Call the church office to sign up.

PART TIME JANITORIAL POSITION

A part-time janitorial person is needed at the church. If you or someone you know are interested, please contact Pat at the church office.

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Adult and high school instrumentalists: we would like to put together a group of brass, violins, flute, clarinet for our Easter service. We will be rehearsing Saturday, March 20, at 10:00 a.m. If you are interested, please email/call Barb at barb@firstefree.com or 223-3330.

CTL NEEDS

We need a few individuals during each performance of CTL to help with child care. This is only for children whose parents are involved in the performance. Please let Barb or the church office know if you can help at 223-3330 or barb@firstefree.com.

FEFC BENEVOLENCE FUND

Perhaps it would help to rename it, "The 610 Fund" after Galatians 6:10 – "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith." This is exactly why our Benevolence Fund exists - to do good to others and, especially, to those who have special needs within our own church family. The fund is administered by our Fellowship and Caring Board, the Elder Board and at least one of our Pastors. The fund is maintained almost solely by the cash gifts given in the retiring offering received at the Worship Center doors at the close of our communion services. The Benevolence Fund offering is usually not even publicly mentioned but there have always been enough funds given by generous and caring people to maintain enough of a balance in the fund to help with the needs that come to our attention.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

It is that time of year where we move our clocks ahead one hour. Saturday before you go to bed, make sure you change your clocks or else you will be running behind all day.

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



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.



If you no longer wish to receive Info Central, please contact the church office at 223-3330 or email Wendy Backman at wendy@firstefree.com.



WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO

THU - Mar 11 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 - Mar 12 JOY Club @ McDonalds by Kmart - 9:30 am

SAT - Mar 13 First Place 4 Health - 9:00 am
CTL Full Rehearsal - 9:00 am

TIME CHANGE MOVE YOUR CLOCK FORWARD 1 HOUR

SUN - Mar 14 Communion Service/Sunday School/Primetime/Adult Community/The Growing Years - 9:00 am
Fellowship - 10:15 am
Communion Service/Sunday School - 10:45 am
Baptism Class - 12:00 noon
CTL Full Rehearsal - 3:00 pm

MON - Mar 15 Men's Living Stone Study - 6:30 am
Missions & Outreach Board - 7:00 pm

TUE - Mar 16 Women's Bible Study - 9:00 am
Women's Bible Study - 6:30 pm
Men's Study Group - 7:00 pm

WED - Mar 17 MOPS Steering - 9:00 am
412 R.A.G.E. & The Example - 6:15 pm
Children's Baptism Class - 6:30 pm
Worship Team Rehearsal - 7:45 pm

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