

INFO CENTRAL

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SENIOR PASTOR ~

I attended a very special event this past week. It was my Mom's 98th birthday party. My Mom still cares for herself, hears well, gets around quite easily, enjoys life, she has lots of friends and she ministers to people. Please understand that I have no desire to live to be 98 years old, but if that is in God's plan for me, I sure hope I can grow old as gracefully as my Mom. At her party, everyone was significantly younger than her as everyone her age has long since passed away. There were lots of cards and gifts and after the party; we (my sisters, brother, I and our spouses) sat in Mom's apartment as she opened all her cards. There were lots of cards from people I didn't know. As Mom read her cards aloud to us, I began to marvel at how many of the cards spoke of the way Mom had ministered to them. She had been an inspiration to one, an encouragement to another, and one lady who is young enough to be Mom's daughter spoke of how much she cherished her "friendship" with my Mom. And I recall that a couple of the card writers expressed something of how my Mom's faith had made an impact on their spiritual lives.

Now understand, that in my growing up years, I remember Mom working all of the time. She gardened, she cooked, she cleaned and washed clothes, and often worked outside the home, as well. Sometimes she had to drive many miles every day to go to work, but she did it faithfully. I don't ever remember my Mom having time for friendships during my growing up years. But now in her twilight years, she obviously has time for personal friendships and she still gives herself to the encouragement of others along the way. It was an inspiration to me to witness the inspiration that my mom is still bringing into the lives of other people; even at 98 years old. She is "showing the love of Christ" to others and still making a difference in her world. We all know that growing old is often a very difficult road to travel. It is good to see that it is not always a negative process. Way to go Mom! May God bless you and may His grace be sufficient for you today. May He continue to use you for His glory and may more of us be like you and show God's awesome love to others. Maranatha!! PTK <><

Dear Church Family,

After many months of preparation we are entering the implementation phase of our church's Caring Ministry. This letter is to inform you about what comes next.

On Sunday October 3rd at 2 PM to 3:30 PM we have our second session of Spiritual Gift assessment. This is the first step for you to assess or reassess your gifts. You will find this session led by Pastor Kevin, informative and enjoyable whether you have completed a Spiritual Gift assessment before or if this is your first time. This assessment is designed to confirm your known Spiritual gifts and to point out new Spiritual gifts.

After you are clear on your spiritual gifts, the second step is to learn skills and techniques to encourage and enable you in their use. The education sessions will cover: understanding grief and loss, how feelings affect us as we go through trials, how to be an effective listener and what a person going through trials needs in a friend. The sessions will be led by Val Lange on feelings, Ruth Williams on listening skills, and Pastor Kevin on grief. This information is useful personally as well as when ministering to others. If interested in being a part of the one-on-one ministry, hospital visiting ministry or grief ministry, this training is necessary. Please sign up for one of the sessions on October 8 (7-9 PM) and October 9 (9 AM 12 noon) or October 22 (7 to 9 PM) and October 23 (9 AM to 12 noon). You can sign up at the Caring Ministry table in the foyer, in the church office, or by calling Deborah Weibel or Peggy Martin



Step three in our process will be to identify teams of 3 or 4 persons to head up each Caring Ministry. We are excited for your participation in this ministry that is vital to the life of our church community.

Together in His service,

Pastor Kevin, Deborah Weibel, and Peggy Martin

GLOBAL OUTREACH SUMMIT

Coming Saturday, October 16th here at the church

This summit is to help us more effectively reach the lost for Christ locally and around the world, the NPD and EFCA CONNECT is offering the GO Summit, a one-day missions training event. We are bringing together a team of missions practitioners to encourage you, stimulate your thinking, offer ideas, and facilitate networking with others. Watch Info Central and the bulletin for more info.

Family Fun Fair:

Family Fun Fair will be held Sunday, October 31st from 6:00pm – 8pm. We will begin collecting candy (for Family Fun Fair) this Sunday, October 3rd in the Foyer. Questions call Linnet 223-3330

Preschool and Elementary Photo Retakes:

Sunday, October 10th during the 1st hour Sunday School class some of the classes will have to have their pictures retaken due to some complications. Questions call Linnet 223-3330

2nd Hour Sunday School:

At 10:45 in Room #201 (K-4th grade) and Room #203 (preschoolers) we are doing a VeggieTales Sunday School program. We do a Bible lesson, Puppets, short VeggieTales DVD and snack. Kids come join the fun! Questions contact Nanette for preschoolers and Linnet for elementary at 223-3330.

Creative Arts Class:

This creative arts class is for 5th & 6th graders. We will be working with puppets, skits, music and so much more. Come and use your gifts and talents that God has gifted you with. Questions contact Linnet at 223-3330.

Wednesday Night Club:

Come join the fun on Wednesday night!

5:00pm – 6:00pm Cooks night off

6:15pm we kick off with our Praise and Worship time.

6:30pm – 7:30pm God Squad Adventure (preschoolers)
God Squad Extreme (elementary)

5th-6th graders are assigned as coaches and help out during Praise and Worship and Large Group lesson time. At **7:00pm** the 5th and 6th graders will go to their room (#105) for Pre Youth Group.

Celebration Dinner~

North Dakota Teen Challenge Celebration Dinner, **Oct 21st**, at The Element (Evangel's Youth Building) 3220 N 19th St, Bismarck, ND. Registration is at 6 pm; Dinner and program to follow at 7pm. Come and enjoy a catered meal and hear the inspiring stories of God's love and redemption from the destruction of drug and alcohol addictions. Call 667-2131 to register. Tickets are \$15.00; a table of 8 is \$120.00.

OPERATION CHILD SHOEBOX PARTY~

We have five (5) "Pack a Shoebox Party" kits being shipped. Please contact Chuck @ 202-5960 if you would like one of these packets. The packets have all the material needed to host your own pack a shoebox party. The "official" shoeboxes have also arrived for distribution.

