



Info Central

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SENIOR PASTOR

The Annual Meeting on Sunday was a great time of fellowship, adding new members, conducting the church business for another year and even making the significant decision to add a Children's Ministries Pastor to our Pastoral Staff. Hiring a Children's Pastor is a discussion we have been having for over a year. Now the decision has been affirmed by the congregation with more than an 81% vote. So, our search process is already at full intensity. Qualified Children's Ministries Pastors are not prevalent, especially in EFCA circles. So it is almost certain we will end up with someone outside of EFCA background. Dr. Bob Schindler and myself will be taking a trip this week in order to have an extensive face-to-face visit with a man who has already applied for this position. A few weeks ago in this column I told you about this man. He is a well-qualified candidate who has roots here in the Bismarck/Mandan area and is very interested in this ministry position. But, since neither he nor his wife has an EFCA background or experience, we want to do our due diligence by spending a significant amount of time discussing theological and biblical beliefs with him. We must be satisfied that we are compatible in these foundational and fundamental matters. We want to be as convinced as possible that we are "on the same page" in our theological convictions before we move into the next stages of the candidating process. Bob and I, as well as the candidate and his wife, would really appreciate your prayers over this meeting. Please pray that we will have God's wisdom, guidance and the leading of the Holy Spirit in these discussions. Please pray that we will all have sound and clear minds and that our time together would be very profitable and clarifying as well as edifying and encouraging. We will be giving updates on a regular basis as to where we are in the process. And we sure do beg you all to be praying for God's help and for "the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" in every step of this important process.

Also, please watch the bulletin and the InfoCentral for more information about changes in times of the worship services in the weeks ahead. The baptism service on April 17 will be absolutely inspiring; they always are. Easter Sunday is coming soon too - Hallelujah! This Sunday Pastor Jeremy will be giving the message and FEFC Student Ministries will be leading the worship services. I'm sure looking forward to hearing from Pastor Jeremy and the Student Ministries and to the opportunity to be edified and equipped together. See you Sunday, D. V!

Maranatha, PTK <<<

BABYSITTERS NEEDED FOR NPD CONFERENCE

We are looking for babysitters for the April conference:

- ⇒ Thursday, April 28: 3:30-5:00 p.m. & 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Friday, April 29: 9:00-11:00 a.m., 1:00-3:00 p.m., 3:30-5:00 p.m., & 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- ⇒ Saturday, April 30: 8:30-12:30 p.m.

Babysitting is for kids three years old and under and babysitters will be paid \$15/hour. Please RSVP to the church office by April 17.

DELEGATES NEEDED FOR NPD CONFERENCE

Delegates need to be members. If you would like to be a delegate for the April 28-30th conference, contact Sandie @ 223-3330 by April 20th.

COOPERSTOWN BIBLE CAMP

Welcome to another summer of camping at Cooperstown Bible Camp! We are excited and thankful for the privilege of sharing the Gospel Message of Jesus as we strive to develop relationships between campers and Christ. This summer we are challenging campers to become "ALIVE" in Christ (Ephesians 2:4-5). For more information, pick up a brochure at the information desk or www.cooperstownbiblecamp.com.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Greater Focus on showing God's love to those in our community and getting more involved in our community is one of the goals of the Capital Campaign. Perhaps you've heard the old saying, actions speak louder than words. If you have, then you probably understand how important it is for our church to be active within our community. Nothing draws people closer to Christ then the realization that what He offers meets their needs. When we reach out to the hurting people around us and meet some real needs, they will begin to hunger for all Christ has to offer them. Elimination of our debt would position us to do just that. Please prayerfully consider fulfilling your purpose within the Capital Campaign.

BAPTISM CLASSES

Our next baptism service is scheduled for Sunday, April 17, 2011. 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 Wednesday, April 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room. *Call the church office at 223-3330 to sign up.*

EASTER CARAMEL ROLL FUNDRAISER, April 24

We're on a roll! Come and fix your eyes and stomach on some delicious, mouth-watering caramel rolls while supporting the student ministries. **The rolls will be served before the service from 9:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. in the Community Room.** A sign-up sheet will be at the information desk and on the youth board in the hallway for those who can bring caramel rolls! Thanks!

EASTER CHILDREN'S CHURCH ACCOMPANIED BY HUGE EGG HUNT

The new Veggie Tales movie, "Twas the Night Before Easter" will be featured after worship at 10:30 a.m. followed by the egg hunt in the community room. Prizes to be won! See you there!

**EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 24
ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M.**

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT COMMUNITY

Bill Swan will be speaking about he and his family's experience with the recent tsunami in Japan this Sunday morning.

RECREATIONAL EVENT

Saturday, April 9, there will be an open gym from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Community Room. Girls and guys, freshman and older, come on out and enjoy some basketball/fellowship! You may come and go as you please! Pizza and pop will be provided after 12:30. Let your friends know! contact Roger at 426-9165 or Brent at 793-4490.

ONE SERVICE BEGINS MAY 29 AT 10:00 A.M.

