



B U L L E T I N

GIVING FEET TO FAITH

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The mission

of Grace Evangelical Free Church is...

*"To make disciples by
reaching and teaching all people
with the life-changing message
of Jesus Christ."*

Sunday, March 14, 2010

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Today — March 14

- 8:30 am *Prayer at the Communion Table*
- 9:00 am *Worship Service, Nursery (0-2yrs), Preschool Church, and Adult Communities*
- 10:30 am *Worship Service, Nursery (0-2yrs), Preschool Church, Elementary and Youth Sunday School, and Adult Communities*
- 2:00 pm *Quiz Meet at the Lakes EFC*

Monday — March 15

- 6:00 pm *Alpha*
- 6:00 pm *Upward Basketball Practice*
- 7:00 pm *Food Distribution Volunteer Training*
- 8:00 pm *Adult Volleyball*

Tuesday — March 16

- 6:00 pm *Upward Basketball Practice*
- 6:30 pm *Remix band rehearsal*
- 7:00 pm *Elder Board Meeting*
- 7:00 pm *Women's Lenten Bible Study*

Wednesday — March 17

- 5:15 pm *Kids' Choir*
- 5:30 pm *Family Meal Time*
- 6:30 pm *AWANA*
- 6:30 pm *Remix (Youth Group)*
- 6:30 pm *Women's Bible Studies*
- 6:30 pm *Men's Bible Study*
- 8:00 pm *Orchestra Rehearsal*

Thursday — March 18

- 6:00 pm *Upward Basketball Practice*
- 6:30 pm *Chorale Rehearsal*
- 7:00 pm *Upward Cheerleading Practice*
- 8:00 pm *Men's Basketball*

Friday — March 19

- 7:00 am *Prayer time*
- 8:00 am *Bread Ministry*

Saturday — March 20

- 7:00 am *Prayer Time*
- 7:00 am *Men's Basketball*
- 9:30 am *Quiz Practice*
- 10:00 am *Upward Basketball Games*
- 10:00 am *Pastor's Class*
- 7:00 pm *Remix Mixer*

Upcoming Events

March 21

Communion Sunday

March 23

6:30 pm Administration Team Meeting

March 26-27

Quiz Tournament

March 27

10:00 am Pastor's Class

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Church Family:

- ❖ Pray for Carolyn & Jim Holmen's son-in-law, **Bob**. His belly was pierced by a 1 1/2" diameter board while he was working and it nicked his bladder. He underwent surgery. Pray for no infection from the sawdust on the board.
- ❖ Pray for **Gloria Puckett**. She suffering from health issues.
- ❖ Pray for Debbie Hintermeyer's cousin, **Susie**. She suffered a stroke on Feb. 28.
- ❖ Pray for Pam Olsen's mom, **Joyce Mikkelson**, who has been diagnosed with lung cancer.

Missions:

- ❖ FOCUS: 1. Michael, Mickey and Morgan Stevens - New Orleans EFCA TouchGlobal work team March 28-April 3. Pray for safety in traveling and working.
2. EFCA TouchGlobal is committed to long-term rebuilding in Haiti. See www.efca.org for giving and volunteering.
3. Continue to pray for rebuilding and revival in Haiti, Chile, Taiwan, Congo, etc.
- ❖ SERVING: Laura Hintermeyer - new assistant principal duties, teaching and a graduate course; Pavel Dzybanyuk in Siberia; Emily Gustafson finishing teaching in East Asia; MK's E and B K. - spring break short-term trips, an international student Chicago trip with Christian host families March 12-15, TESOL conference March 23-27
- ❖ Summer Opportunities: 1. Sister Church July 1-12 - Sports Day Camp for ages 11-15, featuring soccer, volleyball and baseball. Sport trainers/leaders are the biggest need. Pray about being part of the Riga team. Contact Liz Christie.
2. Mark Nygaard is looking for team members for an English Language camp in Czech Republic in August.

ITEMS OF INTEREST



The Mystery Meet

Are you missing out on meeting people on Sunday mornings? Need an excuse to get out and have some fun? Sign up to gather for an evening

of dinner and fellowship the weekend of March 19th & 20th. Your mystery host will contact you with the details (time and location) of the evening. All you need to do is sign up, show up, and find out who you'll be dining with! **Please circle M on the Connection Card or sign up at the Welcome Center.** Let's see how many homes we can fill!

\$50 CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS COUPONS

Coupons are available and are **ONLY** good for Camp Shamineau or Grindstone Lake Bible Camp. **Please circle letter C on the Connection Card** if you would like a camp coupon..

UPCOMING YOUTH FUND RAISER -

A fund raiser is planned that won't cost you anything, but will help you clean out your closets. Garage sale is at Jere and Patti Jacobson's home at 13001 Fillmore St NE on Thurs., Fri., and Sat., May 6, 7, and 8. There will be collection boxes by the main entrances of the church. For more information see the newsletter.

Dead Sea Scroll Exhibit Opportunity

For more information go to www.bethel.edu/alumni/events/2009/dead-sea-scrolls.

Items from our **Lost & Found** will be displayed in the Gym, each Sunday the rest of March. Items not claimed in March will go to the Youth Garage Sale.

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday Service April 1 at 7:00 pm

Encounter at the Cross 12 Hours of Prayer Saturday, April 3, 2010 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010

8:00 am - Easter Worship Celebration *led by the youth*

9:00 am - Easter Breakfast Buffet is served (scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, french toast, bacon)

10:30 am - Easter Worship Celebration



Berean Joyce was born to Julie and Noah Bock on Sunday, March 7, weighing 7 lbs. 10 ozs. and 20 inches long. Proud grandparents are Roger and Pam Olsen.

We know that several members of the congregation are unemployed or underemployed. We would like to post the type of work you are looking for on the bulletin board and encourage church family members to forward possibilities to you. Please contact the church office to have your information posted.



Hear ye! Hear ye!

All ye interested in being part of GEFC Drama Ministry, **please circle D on the Connection**

Card and you will be contacted. We need people on stage, backstage, settings, costumes, props, make-up, video, audio, etc.

As a ministry to the church, if you would like to volunteer to help with the facilities, be it cleaning or as security, please contact the church office or **Circle letter V on the Connection Card.** The building is getting busier and busier, and there is a need for additional help.

Food Distribution

Volunteer Training Required

Join us for a 1 hour training session on any **one** of the following dates:

March 15 at 7:00 pm

April 17 at 10:00 am

Starting in May, if you have not attended training, you **will not be eligible for volunteering.** So, make plans to attend one of these important training dates.

VISITOR INFORMATION

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Welcome, new and visiting parents and children!
Contact the office 763-784-7199

- Sunday School for Preschool - 5th grade meets at 10:30 am on the second floor (Sept. - May)
- Preschool Church is available during both services.
- Kids' Choir 5:15 pm Wednesdays for 1st - 6th graders. September - April Meets in room 301
- AWANA, our outreach Bible club, on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 pm for ages 3 through grade 5. (Sept. - May)
- Nursery is available Sundays and Wednesdays for children 2 and younger.
Contact: Amber Henrikson 763-571-9196 or Debbie Wong 763-757-9487
- Upward Basketball & Cheerleading for children K - 5th grade. (January - March)

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Grace's programs for grades 6-12 aim to ground each young person in a solid relationship with Jesus Christ and with Christian friends. Middle School and High School are separate groups.
Contact Jordan Seiffert 651-216-9799

- Sunday mornings at 10:30 am: High School meets in the Upper Room and Middle School in the Fellowship Hall (Sept. - May) .
- Remix (Student Ministries mid-week gathering) on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. (Sept. - May)
- A Bible quiz team meets Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm (Sept. - May)

WEDNESDAY FAMILY MEALS (Sept. - April)

Meals are served at 5:30 pm, cost: \$3 for 7th grade and up, \$1.50 for children 6th grade and under, a \$10 family max.

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

Bible Studies meet on Wednesdays Sept. - May.

- Women's morning study meets at 9:30 am and is studying Esther, It's Tough Being a Woman.
- Women's evening studies meet at 6:30 pm. Study of the book of Nehemiah meets in room 302. Discovering What the Future Holds meets in room 306.
- Men's evening study meets at 6:30 pm and is studying Hebrews in room 303.

ADULT COMMUNITIES

9:00 am - *Hilltoppers* (seniors) Room 303

Mosaic (all stages of life) Room 302

10:30 am - *FISH* (young adults) Room 301

CROSSwalk (Parents) Room 302

Second Wind (Sermon based) Room 303

ALPHA

Meets Monday evenings from 6:00 - 8:30 pm in the Upper Room. Contact Julie Hunstad 763-784-8339

OPEN BASKETBALL FOR MEN

Thursdays from 8:00 - 10:00 pm and Saturday 7:00 - 10:30 am for High School age and older in the gym.

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FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE UPDATE 3/7

	Budget	Last Sunday	YTD Giving	YTD Budget
General Fund	\$ 10,538.00	\$ 9,033.00	\$ 94,512.00	\$ 105,380.00
Faith Promise	\$ 1,538.00	\$ 1,732.00	\$ 14,738.00	\$ 15,380.00
Opening New Doors Total Giving to Date			\$ 441,997.04	

Attendance on March 7, 2010

Sunday School/Adult Communities—132 Worship Service—221

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