



NEWSLETTER

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He's Risen!

NEWSLETTER and BULLETIN DEADLINES

Items for the May Newsletter must be turned in by: **April 15**

The Weekly Bulletin Deadline is: **Noon on Wednesdays**



MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

Thursday, April 9th
7:00 pm

ANNUAL COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, April 10th
At 12:00 noon



At the United Methodist Church

You are also invited to lunch.
Please choose one of the lunch options:
Lunch Option #1: 11:30-12:00
Service: 12:00-12:30
Lunch Option #2: 12:30-1:00



EASTER SUNDAY

April 12

Worship Services
8:30 am & 10:30 am

Continental Breakfast Served at 9:45 am

With Special Music presented by the EFC Choir:
"Happy Day"
"Revive Us Again / Hallelujah, Thine the Glory"

The Message by Pastor Bruce Fischer

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." 2 Corinthians 13:14

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS, and INFORMATION

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS FUNDRAISER:



SPAGHETTI DINNER

Palm Sunday, April 5

After church an offering basket will be available to support our Short Term Team to China, Young Adults' Urbana Trip, and other opportunities God might bring to our door. Give Mom a meal off and build God's kingdom at the same time.

CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY

Keep your photogenic face ready. You're going to need it **April 28 - May 1, 12-13.**

More info in the works on your time to say, "Cheese!"



"FIREPROOF" YOUR MARRIAGE



Friday, May 1:
Movie "Fireproof" will be shown at River of Life Church at 7PM

Saturday, May 2:
Small group sessions held at the Free Church
9am - Noon and 1 - 4pm

Tickets: \$15 (per couple) in advance
\$20 (per couple) at the door

Childcare will be available

Mark your calendars and invite friends whose marriage could use a boost (isn't that true of every marriage?). Great outreach opportunity!



CHANCELLORS QUARTET

EFC Worship
Center
Sunday, April 26th
4:00 p.m.
Freewill Donation

The **Chancellors Quartet** has been singing Southern Gospel throughout the United States and much of Canada since 1970. The quartet spent more than a decade in fulltime touring which included numerous radio and television appearances, and in recent years has been in a special weekend ministry, performing at special events, and recording. This highly recommended group is known for it's extraordinary vocal range from high tenor to deep bass, complex arrangements, southern style rhythms, and dynamic presentation.

Audiences love the full harmony and spiritual uplift they receive from the program rich in music, humor, and challenge. Their latest recordings, "**Happy Rhythm**", "**Great is Thy Faithfulness**", "**My Lord & I**", "**Hide Thou Me**", and "**Home for Christmas**" demonstrate their versatility and ability to inspire and minister. Come and enjoy Southern Gospel music, sung the way you love to hear it!

Calling the Church Office during Staff Meetings

The church staff has their weekly meeting and prayer time on Mondays from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. If you call the church office during this time and do not get an answer, please leave your name and number on the answering machine and someone will return your call as soon as possible. Thank you!

SINCERE SYMPATHY TO...

... Ross & Glenda Olson and family on the passing of Ross' mother, Dorothy Olson. Dorothy passed away at the age of 74 on March 2. Her funeral was held at Trinity Lutheran Church in TRF on March 7.

... the family of Tim Boyer as they mourn the loss of Tim's mother, Doris Mikkelson. Doris passed away on March 12 at the age of 76. Her funeral was in Roseau on March 17.

... to Julie Olson in the loss of her significant other, Joseph Nelson. Joseph passed away on March 14 at the age of 62. His funeral was held at Johnson Funeral Service in TRF on March 21.

THANK YOU

We want to thank all of you for your prayers, calls of concern and your kindness - how good and faithful God is! We are thankful for the scars as they will be tangible reminders of God's faithfulness and protection should we ever need it in the future (which I am sure we will!). Again, thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ to our family in this time of need. We are humbled and grateful to be a part of such a loving church body - the Bride of Christ! God bless! ~Jon and Tiffany Edwards and family

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

...Chris & Val Shulstad on the birth of a baby boy! Hayden Christopher was born on March 11 at 11:07 p.m. He weighed in at 8 lbs. 3 oz. and measured 21".

... 1st time great-grandmother, Eunice Rolandson! Eunice's granddaughter, Katie Moreno gave birth to Elayna Rose on March 11. Elayna weighed in at 8 lbs. 4.9 oz. and measured 19.5".

... proud grandparents, John & Esther Gallagher! Josh & Jennica Mabe gave birth to Reece Marie on March 15, 2009. Reece weighed in at 6 lbs. 8 oz. and measured 18".



URBANA '09

We're looking for next fall's high school seniors - and older - who want to seek God in setting their life direction.

What's Urbana?

- ◆ It is a conference for young adults who are serious about following Jesus.
- ◆ It is only offered once every 3 years.
- ◆ It is put on by Intersarsity.
- ◆ It has the largest exhibit of ministry organizations at any one time and place. It is the event where more people hear God's call on their life than any other - just ask a missionary. In 2006, over 25,000 gathered in St. Louis for several great days of worship, challenge, teaching, engaging and seeking God's will.
- ◆ It's between Christmas and New Years.

The best registration deals begin in June. If you feel called, our leadership wants to do all we can to see you go. Get more info from Pastor Bruce.

"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."
2 Corinthians 5:17

Encouraging Our Service Men

Please pray for those serving in the military



Mark & Audrey Hanson's son-in-law, Brent
Serving in Afghanistan.

Anthony Bolduc
Serving in Iraq.

Shon Beito
Training with the National Guard.

Malvin Peters on's nephew, Jessie
Serving in the Army.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

"What does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your god, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to SERVE the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul." Deuteronomy 10:12

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

Monthly Women's Ministries Meeting

Ladies, please join us on
Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 pm
We will meet at church.
All ladies are welcome to attend!

White Cross

Thursday, April 9 at 10:00 am
Room #14

White Cross will meet as usual with a potluck noon meal and devotions. We will be working on cutting squares for quilts, cutting kimonos, and a NEW PROJECT: making dresses and shorts for the Congo children.
Hope to see you there!

Library Work Night

Monday, April 20 at 6:30 pm

All welcome to come out and help! Questions, contact Kathy Erickson @ 681-7283

Tickets on sale through Sunday, April 12th!

"Spring Fling"

Inn at Maple Crossing
Luncheon
Saturday, April 25th
Will leave church at 10:30 am
Cost- \$13.00



You have two choices for your dining pleasure:

- **Fruited Chicken:** Chicken breast served on a bed of medley rice with a fruited sauce and side salad
- **Soup and Sandwich:** Chicken wild rice soup and New York Deli Melt open face sandwich-turkey, ham, melted Swiss, kosher-dill pickle & mustard

Both choices come with Beverage and Dessert-Sherbet and Ginger Cookies

Must purchase ticket to attend! Offering will be taken!

Tickets available from: Kathy Erickson, Loreen Hanson, Noni Hultgren, Lona Trochmann, Jan Trontvet



April Birthdays & Anniversaries



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Italics denote Missionaries</i>			1 Mike Phillips Celine Friesen	2 <i>Lauren Manges</i> <i>Micah Unruh</i>	3 Josiah Anderson Patti Barth Trevor Miles Ron & Judy Ruston Anniversary	4 Brian Forber Brian & Debbie Steenerson Anniversary
5 Jenelle Espe Janell Hudson Jeremiah & Holly Vad Anniversary	6 Thelma Dahl <i>Jacob Wadsworth</i>	7 Anna Marie Hestad Kameren Johnson <i>Brandon Wadsworth</i>	8	9	10 Anna Skjerven	11 Amelia Lorensen
12	13 Sandra Anderson Taylor Flom Robert & Karis Antikainen Anniversary	14 Celeste Boyer Dan Christianson Rick & Vikky Stigen Anniversary	15	16 Wanda Nelson Caleb Rosendahl <i>Steve Torgerson</i>	17 Don Bernard Emma Fagerstrom Bernice Skime	18 <i>Marcy Nies</i>
19	20	21	22 Janice Anderson Andy Senum Mya Zutz	23 Aaron Backlance Hailey Rosendahl Chris & Valerie Shulstad Anniversary	24 Tim Boyer	25 Darrel Nelson
26 Kimi Rosendahl David Stromlund	27 Robert Antikainen	28 Holly Vad	29 Rachel Tveiten	30	Attention: If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, or is incorrect, please notify the church office at 681-3855.	

SERVING in APRIL				
	April 5	April 12 Easter Sunday	April 19	April 26
Children's Church	Jon & Melissa Bushy	10:30 Service TBA	Jon & Tiffany Edwards	Rod & Lisa Hinrichs
Sunday School Greeter	Joan Abercrombie	No Sunday School	Lona Trochmann	Jan Lee
Worship Service Greeters	David Trontvet Dan & Jan Trontvet Rob & Mary Almquist	8:30 Service Dan & Jan Trontvet Rick & Karmon Trontvet 10:30 Service Ron & Carolyn Trontvet Gary & Rachel Tveiten Julie Bolduc	Jeremiah & Holly Vad Rodney & Arlyce Twistol Randy & Mary Fran Twistol	Terry & Tammy VanHof Joaquin & Michelle Westerman Marshall & Jennifer Vagle
9:15 Nursery	Chris & Val Shulstad	8:30 Service Rob & Mary Almquist 10:30 Service Randy & Mary Fran Twistol Troy & Susan Halvorson	Jason & Lacey Simoneau	Scott & Courtney rud
10:30 Nursery	Thane & Jenelle Espe Randy & Patti Barth		John & Esther Gallagher Kevin & Bonnie Barth	Mark & Joan Abercrombie Elisa Anderson
Sound Tech	Ehren Hanson	Bob Hultgren	Steve Westerman	Chris Shulstad
Visual Tech	Jason Simoneau	Shane Zutz	Michael Barnhart	Shane Heirle
Ushers	Doug Barth Kevin Barth Dan Barth	8:30 Service TBA 10:30 Service Doug Barth Kevin Barth, & Dan Barth	Doug Barth Kevin Barth Dan Barth	Doug Barth Kevin Barth Dan Barth

Reminder: If you are unable to fill your scheduled spot, please find a replacement for yourself by calling someone else on the schedule that was given you. Then, you can call the church office and let the secretary know who is filling in for you. Thank you!

"EVERYONE IN MINISTRY FAIR"

Sunday, April 26

What makes this church go? People! You and me, children, youth, and adults, coming together at various times each week throughout the year, to worship and pray, to learn from the teaching and preaching of God's Word, to enjoy fellowship and to love and care for one another. And much of these activities require that we serve one another in ministry. That is why the leaders of each commission and the pastors want to encourage you to be a part of a special "Ministry Fair" happening on Sunday, April 26. The church commissions will be at tables ready to explain what their work is, and how each one of you can be involved.

Our hope is that the majority of people in our church will be willing and available to serve in a way that will bring joy to you, and also advance the work of God's church in Thief River Falls and beyond. "Everyone in Ministry" surveys will be available and we encourage everyone to indicate your willingness to serve in the future by completing a survey.

We're a busy church. There is much work to do. We need your help. Don't miss this challenging and fun event!



EFC LIBRARY NEWS

There are a number of new books in the library! Please come and check them out. When you do would you please write your first and last name also the month/day/year that they checked them out. Parents - please help your young children with checking out the books so the library workers can read and know who is checking out the book.

Also, check around your homes now when you are doing spring house cleaning and see if you have books, videos, DVD's that you know belong to the church and please bring them back. We have lots of them long overdue. Thank you!

"Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." 1 Corinthians 15:58

Short Term Missions Help Needed in Turkey

Stem Ministries, partnering with EFC ReachGlobal, desires to fill out a team going to Central Turkey and Istanbul August 29-September 12.

For more info, talk to Pastor Bruce.

Dear Members & Friends,



We need you to make our new family album complete

Help us put faces with names. Our Directory Committee has chosen Lifetouch to help us connect our members and tell our story.



Each family will receive a *Complimentary 8x10 portrait & directory* for participating.

Convenient

Lifetouch sets up their photography studio *at our location.*

In your one-hour session you will:

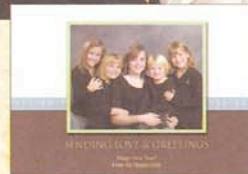
- Check-in
- Be professionally photographed: *No sitting Fees*
- Immediately view your portraits
- Have an opportunity to purchase additional portraits

When was the last time you or your family had a professional portrait taken?

Your portraits are sure to become valued family keepsakes. You will have the opportunity to schedule your portrait session soon. Watch for your *Portrait Guide* or visit www.lifetouch.com for tips on how to prepare for your portrait session.

We look forward to seeing you in our new family album,

Your Directory Committee



Greeting cards available in many design choices.

Photography Sessions

Tuesday, April 28	2:30-9pm
Wednesday, April 29	2:30-9pm
Thursday, April 30	2:30-9pm
Friday, May 1	2:30-9pm
Saturday, May 2	10am – 4:30 pm
Tuesday, May 12	2:30-9pm
Wednesday, May 13	2:30-9pm

Sign up after church on Sundays or call the church office at 681-3855.