



# Eagle River Naz News

## ~From The Pastor's Desk~

**Loving Jesus, Loving People means:**  
The Eagle River Church of the Nazarene, as a member of the international Christian community, desires to be a holy people, anchored in God's Word for the purpose of worship, praise and the glorification of our Lord and Savior. We desire to reach the lost for Jesus Christ, establish and nurture new relationships, and assist in the discipling of all Christians.

The month of July was busy to say the least. With a camp happening during each of the four weeks of the month, it was hectic. It seemed just when those who went to one camp were back and in church, another group had taken off. Camps are a wonderful time and a great experience. I, for one, am glad that we have the opportunity to attend camp nearby and to truly meet God there. I spent a day at Children's Camp, Junior High Camp and Senior High Camp and I was amazed. Lives were being changed by the grace of God and that is cause for celebration!

With most of this crazy month behind us we look forward to a, thankfully less hectic, August. But do not be fooled, there are big

things going on. We must not forget the teen picnic basket fundraiser or the fact that the kids and teens go back to school in August. Perhaps largest on my radar screen is the church board retreat. Now you may or may not know much about



what goes on in the church board, but I hope this will be a time for the board of the church to come together and seek God's will and ideas for Eagle River Church of the Nazarene. The church board is a representative body of those elected by YOU the members of the church. So

if you have ideas, thoughts or any other dream for Eagle River Church of the Nazarene, share it with a board member.

Perhaps more important than sharing your ideas with the board (although that is important)

what we, as the body, need to be doing is seeking God's direction for our church. We have a mission already, given to us by Christ himself to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son

and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20). The good news is we do not have to figure out what God wants us to do...this is it. The bad news is that we do have to figure out how

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# NYI News

Nazarene Youth International

We're in the process of getting a new room ready for the teens! August 1st at 10:00 AM, Kim will be at church with work clothes on.



Come on down, and we'll put you to work cleaning or tearing out a wall or painting or hauling to the dump. It'll be tons of fun and lunch will be provided!

**SuperGlue Lock-In** -- August 17th noon to August 18th noon Superglue Lock-In at the Collins' house. We've been waiting all summer for our lock-in, and it's here!!! Don't miss the fun. Call Julie Wohrle if you need a ride, 696-5770. Call Kim Collins for more details 696-7266.



August 1st - Kickball Invitational - ERCN versus Jewel Lake Church, meet at our church at 5:00 PM to carpool in. They will provide Subway sandwiches for us!



August 3rd - NYI Activity Night hosted by the Scott family, 7:00-9:00 PM. Call the Scotts at 696-2956 for directions, to offer to bring something, or to RSVP if you'd like.



## NYI Youth Event Calendar

**August 1**—Work Day on SS Class Room  
10:00 AM Church Office

**August 1**—Kick Ball at Jewel Lake  
Dinner Provided, meet at our church 5 PM

**August 3**—NYI Activity Night @ the  
Scotts Home 7-9 PM

**August 10**—Couples & Friends Picnic  
See Kim for details on prep/setup time

**August 15**—Youth Service Project  
Meet at church at 6:30 PM

**August 17-18**—Super Glue Lock-In at  
Collins Home, 24 hours of Super Fun.  
Noon on Aug 17 through Noon on Aug 18.

Big announcement here. Couples and Friends Picnic Fundraiser, Friday, August 10th at 6:00 PM. Pick up your basket and head off to a cozy picnic spot with your sweetie, friend, or yourself. Childcare available for donation from 6:00 to 9:00 at church. Tickets available for purchase at church on 7/29 and 8/5, \$30 per basket. Childcare RSVP appreciated, Julie Wohrle 696-5770.

(Artwork by Ira Malone)

August 15th Youth Group Service Project. We will meet at church at 6:30 PM and travel to New Hope in Anchorage. Bring cans of food or \$\$\$ donation for us to bless New Hope with.



## Children's News



Children's camp was an awesome success!! God was most evident from the first day! Beginning Monday night, the altar was full of kids praying and asking Jesus into their hearts and praying for their families. In all, we had 13 children give their heart to Jesus for the first time and 9 that rededicated their lives

to Christ. In spite of all the rain we had, (3 out of 5 days,) God's light was shining!

The kids seemed to really have a good time with a kickball tournament, water balloon volleyball, canoe races, obstacle course, and swimming. The kids were split into four teams for competitions each day. They got points for winning, but also points for things such as good sportsmanship, citizenship, acts of compassion, etc. After watching the movie, "Facing the Giants" on Monday night, the kids were totally in tune with the principle "Honor God in everything we do". This was extremely evident in the many, many points rewarded for acts of kindness and compassion to each other from all four teams. In the end, the winning team won only by 10 points which were the points awarded for winning the kickball tournament. There was only a 25point difference in all four team scores because of all the compassion points awarded. It was a blessing to see the kids showing kindness and compassion to each other just for the sake of being kind. And then wanting to recognize each other for those acts during chapel each day. I felt honored to be a part of such a wonderful week.

Camp almost did not happen this year even up to the Tuesday before when a couple counselors cancelled. I was posed the question, "Do we pull the plug?" I had a huge burden on my heart that camp MUST go on. On faith, I proceeded and I now know why. God was there and moving among each child. Almost half of all the kids at camp had never been to a church camp ever before. Many had "Giants" in their lives to work thru. Two little girls had never had a Bible of their own, went home with a Bible and a devotion book!

Thank you so much, Eagle River Church, for answering the call to help with Children's Camp. And for being willing to help send 18 children to camp this year through scholarships. I would like to personally thank Stacy and Marshall Pickens for driving out to the camp every day to coordinate the "Olympic" activities; Kyong Woodward for coordinating crafts; Nancy Kinney for doing an awesome job with registration; Calen Wohrle for the days of videoing and nights of editing for our DVD and spending an entire night with Nancy Wold and Jeff Johnson burning DVD's. Thank you guys! Thank you Clark Woodward for the many hours spent cutting log "slices" and sanding them for a craft project and for transporting the inflatable. Thank you Keith Carnes, for rescuing me by showing up at 2 AM to get the inflatable prepared and cleaned for transport back to the base in a good condition (as well as just being my greatest support throughout the entire planning process). Many thanks to Jennifer Willyerd and Stacy Johnson for being counselors. Thank you Morgen Wohrle, Katrina Wold, Amelia Collins and Rachel Willyerd for working in the kitchen. Thank you to Julie Wohrle and Sonna Hanson for being prayer warriors for Children's Camp meeting at least once a week or more praying specifically for camp. Everyone's prayers were answered! I could not have asked for a better staff to work with. You are the greatest!

Serving Him,  
Susanne Carnes

### ATTN: KIDS GRADES 1-6 and their Parents

KIDS QUIZZING will be starting soon, and we need you! We will be studying the **book of Genesis** this year. There will be a brief kids' quizzing orientation meeting immediately following the morning service on **Sunday, August 19**. I'd like to see who is interested in quizzing this year, give out a schedule, hand out books, and sign up parent helpers. There will be some changes for this quiz year, so come check it out. If you have any questions before that date, please call Nancy Wold at 688-8744 or email at [nwold@mtaonline.net](mailto:nwold@mtaonline.net).



# Church News

## Happy Birthday/Anniversary to...

### August

- 3 Brad & Lori Lee  
Charles Short  
Ben Turner  
5 Katie Kuklis  
7 Dan Wagner  
9 Bridget Hemphill  
Joanna Daisy Short  
11 Kim & Dale Collins  
Rachel Hanson  
12 Hadley Sheaffer  
Shannon Wold  
13 Daniel Allen  
14 Joe & Paulette Lanham  
17 Milton Cornelius  
18 Joe Lanham  
19 Keith & Donna Malone  
Rick Bearden & Christine  
Contrael  
21 Benjamin & Shawna King  
Kris & Nancy Kinney  
22 Chris Scott  
23 Larry Bradley  
Clark & Billie Hemphill  
25 Ira & Bridget Hemphill  
27 Jessica Vargo  
28 Blake Contrael  
29 Bryce Scott  
30 Marlin & Susan Sander  
Joshua Wiese

### September

- 1 Joe Anne Vanover  
2 Audrey Hill  
3 Tom Walker  
4 Marlin Sander  
5 Megan Carnes  
9 Tim Scott  
10 Marvin Kroener  
Dan & Kriss Wagner  
11 Marshall Pickens  
15 Melia Case  
16 John & Kim Kuklis  
17 Doug Sheaffer  
18 Hilda Kroener  
19 Brianna Wold  
20 Valerie Sheaffer  
21 Dale & Bev Whitman  
24 Cheryl Kroener  
26 Michael Allen  
Lindsay Ralph  
29 Paulette Lanham  
Stephanie Lightle



## Coming Soon!

An introduction to the Church of the Nazarene, by Pastor Mike. This class offers an introduction to the history and beliefs of the church of the Nazarene. See Pastor Mike for further details.

**Pastor Mike will be on vacation  
July 28—August 4**

E-mail Change for Pastor Mike

New Email:  
pastormike@mtaonline.net

## Church Maintenance



### In Progress:

- ◆ Window in stairwell
- ◆ Carpet in stairwell
- ◆ Fencing around play area
- ◆ Sunday school classroom work in the office
- ◆ Crawl space cleaning
- ◆ Garage organizing
- ◆ Concrete slabs moved
- ◆ Electrical work in platform and sound booth
- ◆ Old paint to the landfill

We need HELP with maintaining the church yard...raking, fertilizing and mowing. If you can help out in this area please see Kris Kinney.

### General Office Hours for

### Administrative Assistant \* Shawna King

I will be in the office Monday through Friday from  
9:30 AM—12:30 PM

If you need to contact me my email at the church is  
**ernazs@pobox.mtaonline.net** or you may call the church  
at **694-9423**. Thank you, Shawna

# Church News

## Summer Women's Ministry Events:

August Event: Super Suppers outing to prepare for the new school year!



Hi everyone:

I have been leading worship for over a year now at ERCN. It's been a growing experience and one that I have truly treasured. Worshiping God brings me more joy than anything I can imagine. He is so faithful with his promises. Especially the one in James where He says if we will draw near to Him, He will draw near to us. It is so true. All we have to do is take a babystep towards Him and He is there with arms wide open.

All that to say - being on the worship team brings me such joy. Those of us on the worship team have grown so close and we all look forward to the times we are together. Each practice time is a fellowship time not only with ourselves, but a fellowship time with our Father.

There are many different areas of a worship team. Not only are there vocalists and musicians, but there are sound people and those that enter the songs and scripture to help lead the entire congregation into worship each Sunday. It's a TEAM effort.

Our TEAM needs help !!!!

1. We are in need of those who can enter songs into Media Shout. This is an easy process as the songs are already in a data-base, but just need to be pulled up each week. This person would enter the songs.

2. We are in need of those who can operate Media Shout on Sunday mornings. This is extremely easy. All you have to do is push the space bar. All the songs and scriptures are already entered .

3. We are in **DESPERATE** need of more sound board operators. We only have 2 at this point. My goal would be to have 8 people - men, women, teenagers - who can operate the sound board on Sunday mornings; therefore, serving once every 2 months. This is so vital, as the instruments could get too loud and vocalists couldn't be heard, or vice-versa. When someone is talking and the microphone needs to be turned up so they can be heard - a person needs to be at the sound board to make sure their voice is be-

ing projected.

So, please pray and see if God would have you enter this ministry. He deserves our praise & our worship so very much. Everything - from our voices being lifted up, to those playing instruments, to those entering the songs each week, and those pushing the space bar on the computer each Sunday... all this is a way of worshiping our God. You may think this is such a "little" thing...**BUT LITTLE IS MUCH WHEN GOD IS IN IT.**

Having more to join our worship team family would be absolutely wonderful. We welcome those who would help us each week.

Thanks so very much for your consideration of this. It is an honor and blessing serving you, my church family, each week.

Love you all,  
Donna G. Malone

# SDMI News

## Sunday School Discipleship Ministries International

Sunday School in the Church of the Nazarene has a new name and acronym! We are now "**Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International**" or **SDMI** (kind of goes with NYI and NMI). The rationale is that Sunday School is the educational arm of the local church encompassing more than Sunday School. It includes Christian Life Training, Discipleship Classes, Small Groups, and so forth.

### Sunday School Team

Ashten Wohrle  
Toddler/Preschool Class  
Bev Whitman & Nancy Kinney  
K-1<sup>st</sup> Grade Class  
Christine Contrael &  
Leslie Lowrie  
2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class  
Jenn Yost  
4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class  
Dale Collins – Teen Class  
Greg Wohrle – Adult Class

### Childrens' Ministry

Children's Ministry  
Coordinator – Jenn Yost  
Nursery Coordinator  
Leslie Lowrie  
Little Lambs Coordinator  
Nancy Kinney  
2007-08 Children's Quizzing  
Director – Nancy Wold  
We'll be adding more folks!!!

### Home Group Information

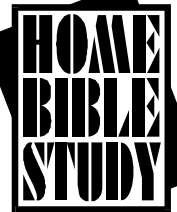
Tuesdays: 7:00 PM

**SPAN Group** – contact Pastor Mike at 351 -7101. Bible Discussions– Topics Change Weekly

Wednesdays: 7:00 PM

**Kinney Home Group** – contact Kris Kinney at 694-0833 - meets most Wednesday evenings at 7 PM through the summer. They are studying "Decisions: Finding God's Will".

**Wohrle Home Group** – contact Greg Wohrle at 696-5770 - meets most Wednesday evenings at 7 PM. They are studying "Dreaming With God".



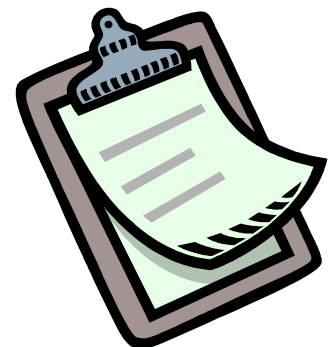
### Visitation/Follow Up Committee

continues to meet Monday evenings at 6 PM in the annex upstairs. We learned at District Conventions that when visitors are contacted within 24 hours there is a much higher rate of return. We have four folks meeting to write cards and make phone calls to our visitors and those absent from regular attendance. We would like to be able to have folks who would deliver warm bread or cookies to our visitors to welcome them into our church family. Please let Pastor Mike or Nancy Kinney know if you would be interested in either baking or delivering.



### Sunday School Discipleship Ministry International Survey

Remember to fill out your survey. If you did not receive a survey at church or in the email there is a copy of the survey in the newsletter on pages 7 and 8. You can return the filled out survey to the labeled box in the church foyer or to the church office.







# NMI News

## Nazarene Missions International

### LINKS stands for "Loving, Interested Nazarenes, Knowing and Sharing."

The LINKS program of the Church of the Nazarene is a network of personal connections between missionaries and Nazarenes around the world. Missionaries are assigned to districts and, then on the district level, connected to local churches. This gives each church an opportunity to become personally acquainted with the missionary family and their field of service. Typically, churches send packages, cash gifts, cards, and other remembrances to their LINKS missionaries.

In return, the churches feel a sense of involvement with the world mission enterprise of the church

through regular correspondence from the missionaries, updates from their field, and even through deputation services while the missionaries are on furlough. The missionaries are encouraged, knowing people care and pray for them. The relationships built over time personalize names and faces that both the missionaries and their LINKS churches value highly.

#### How Can I Be Involved?

- Ask your local NMI president who your LINKS missionaries are.
- Write your LINKS missionaries and assure them of your prayers, asking for personal requests.
- Send remembrances for special days like birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays. Remember, surface mail takes quite a while

to arrive in some locations, so plan accordingly.

- Children and youth find it especially meaningful to become personally acquainted with a missionary or a missionary's child. Encourage young people to send cards, small gifts, pictures, videos, and audiocassettes to your church's LINKS missionaries.
- If you wish to send a cash gift, make the check payable to "General Treasurer," note the missionary's name on the check, as well as what it's for (birthday, Christmas, etc.) and send it to:

Global Treasury Services  
6401 The Paseo  
Kansas City, MO 64131

### Christmas Shopping for our LINKS Families.



August is a good time to start shopping for

the LINKS families. Christmas is just around the corner.

The boxes will need to be shipped by the end of August to mid September.

Watch your church bulletins for the families Christmas lists... coming soon!

### School Pal-Paks!

A School Pal-Pak will serve two students. The cost of each Pal-Pak is approximately \$10.00. This is only \$5.00 per child.

#### Packing Instructions:

Gather **NEW** items in quantities listed below. Assemble Paks and seal the zip-lock bags. Include **only those items listed** on the inventory.

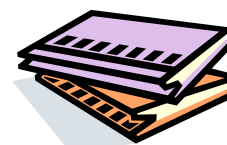
Pack contents below into a 1-gallon zip-loc bag:

- ◆ 2 MEAD or composition notebooks
- ◆ 1 package of 10-12 #2 pencils
- ◆ 1 package of 10-12 black pens
- ◆ 2 pink erasers, 2-3" long
- ◆ 2 6" rulers (with metric)

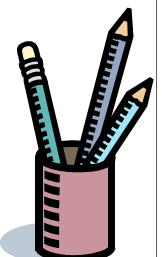
- ◆ 1 package of 12-15 colored pencils
- ◆ 1 pair of blunt-nosed scissors
- ◆ 1 hand-held pencil sharpener

These contents will give each student a composition notebook, 5-6 pencils, 5-6 pens, an eraser, and a ruler. Two students will share the colored pencils, sharpener, and scissors.

Zip-Lock Bags with the lists are in the foyer of the church. When you get your zip—locks filled you can bring them back to the church and leave them in the designated box in the foyer.



See  
Shawna  
King for  
more info.



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to do it here in Eagle River, Alaska.

I must tell you, however, that it is not my job to figure out what God wants this church to do. Rather, it is my job to pray, to seek God, to fast and to try to find out WITH EACH OF YOU what God wants to do in this church. Michael Yost is not Eagle River Church of the Nazarene. Rather, we, together, make up Eagle River Church of the Nazarene. And God speaks to US not just me and not just you. My goal, my hope, my desire, is that we can discern together how God would desire us to fulfill this mission.

We will start at a board and leadership level. In the board we will seek to discern how God is calling us to follow His mission in each of our leadership areas. That is why it is so important that you

seek God with us, that you would pray with (and for) us, and that you would share your ideas with us.

This is God's church. Only as we seek together what God would have us do will we truly be all that God would have us be. Will you commit to praying with us? Will you commit to seeking God's face with us? The retreat is on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of August. I hope that in your time of prayer between now and then you will seek God's will with us. And if you are interested, we have been gathering at 8:30 AM on Saturday mornings to seek God's face together. It is a wonderful time of prayer. Please, let's join together as a church and see where God would have us go.

### Church Staff

Michael Yost—Pastor  
Shawna King—Admin. Assistant

### Church Board

Terri Berndt—Steward  
Frank Clemens—Board Secretary  
Kim Collins—NYI President  
Benjamin King—Trustee  
Kris Kinney—Trustee  
Nancy Kinney—SS Superintendent



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