

Eagle River Naz News



~From The Pastor's Desk~

Loving Jesus, Loving People means:

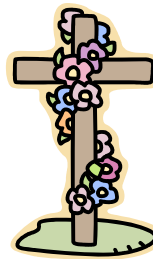
The Eagle River Church of the Nazarene, as a member of the international Christian community, desires to be a holy people, anchored in God's Word for the purpose of worship, praise and the glorification of our Lord and Savior. We desire to reach the lost for Jesus Christ, establish and nurture new relationships,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

Spring is a season of hope and newness. I have to admit I never really understood that until now. Most of the places I have ever lived have had early spring. That is to say, most of the places I have lived in my life have had relatively mild winters. As such, I have usually complained about the relative shortness of the winter season. For most of my life, spring was not a welcomed event, but the cruel termination of my wintertime pursuits. Then I moved to Alaska.

Ok, so I still wish winter was longer (or just perhaps that there was more snow), however, for the first time in my life, I can understand the feeling of hope that spring brings. After all, temperatures dipped below freezing almost 6 months ago! We have been covered by a layer of white snow for almost 4 months. Even to a lover of snow, like myself, I am looking forward to an

Alaskan summer.

As a student of church history as I am, I can now see why early on in the history of Christianity, Easter was planned for spring. Like Christmas day, the day of Easter is a rather arbitrary designation.



Most of us realize that Jesus Christ was probably not born on the 25th of December and that Christ did not literally raise from the dead on Easter Sunday. Given the lack of information on exact dates of these events, the early church chose to celebrate the birth of Jesus on a certain day and the resurrection on a certain day. But these decisions were not arbitrary or lightly made.

Though all the reasons for choosing spring time for Easter may be lost (at least to me) I can now see why spring time was chosen.

There is no greater parallel to the resurrection of Jesus than the seeming resurrection of nature in the spring. For me, living in Alaska, has made that correlation all the more obvious. Because here, it is about April (at least from my observations) that things really begin to thaw out around here. It is right about Easter time when buds on the trees appear. It is about this time that those with Seasonal Affective Disorder are putting away their full-spectrum lights and taking in the 12 hours of sunshine!

I guess my point is that for the first time in my life, I feel the 'despair' of winter and the longing for the warmth of summer. I equate this to the same feeling that the disciples must have felt when Jesus was arrested and crucified. Three days probably seemed like long years to

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NYI News

Results of NYI Election

President - Kim Collins
 Vice President - Calen Wohrle
 Secretary - Ashten Wohrle
 Treasurer - Stacy Pickens
 College/Career Rep -
 Martin Graves
 College/Career Rep -
 Christian Whitman
 Sr. High Rep - Madison Collins
 Sr. High Rep - Bryce Scott
 Jr. High Rep - Nicole Carroll
 Jr. High Rep - Parker Collins

District Main Event Report

District Main Event is a once-yearly meeting of all the teens on the district in Jr. and Sr. High. Our speaker was Pastor Chris Williamson from Homer. He talked about us all being pigs, but in the Master's hand he can work us into a beautiful creation. As well as having a speaker and worship times, our kids also competed in athletic and talent events. Bryce was on a basketball team and placed in the top 5. Madison was on a volleyball team and placed in the top 5. Ira submitted a drawing and painting, and Angie submitted a duct tape entry, all of which received awards. Great job, teens!

Resurrection Trail Hike

June 4-9th is the Res Trail Hike. Applications need to be to Dennis Strait no later than May 25th for the early registration \$15 fee, and after that will be accepted on an as-space-available basis and will be \$30. For more information, see the below link for details:
<http://www.alaskanazarene.org/Resources/Trail%20Guide%20Memo%202007.pdf>

NYI Youth Event Calendar

As of printing, we have not had our NYI Council meeting to schedule events. Once we have a calendar, we will send out upcoming events in an e-mail and a flier with your bulletin. Have ideas for events, activities, hopes, dreams, etc? Let Kim or another member of your NYI Council know.

Wednesdays, 7:00 PM
 March, April, and May
 Youth Group at the White House

Just a head's up, FYI. Look to what's ahead.

We have dates for Jr. and Sr. High Camp:
Jr. High Camp -- July 16-21, 2007
Sr. High Camp -- July 23-28, 2007

We do not yet have registration forms or know what the cost for camp will be, but when I find out, I will pass along the information. We need two men sponsors and two women sponsors for each week of camp. If you or someone you know is interested in being a sponsor, let me know and I will get them a sponsor packet.

Children's News

Quizzing Schedule—Mar—Apl

March 28 – REVIEW 11-15 – Leslie Lowrie
 April 4 – REVIEW 6-10 – Cona Carroll
 April—11—REVIEW 1-5—Volunteer Needed
APRIL 14 – FINAL QUIZ MEET 10 AM
(over the whole book) @ Jewel Lake Nazarene
 April 18 – End of Quiz Party! ☺

Kids Day!

There are several positions to be filled and need to be started ASAP. Some jobs needed are men to design and build some simple booths for games. We need someone to work on advertising, both designing posters and looking into advertising ideas. Ministry ideas, help with food, prizes and a few other things. We would like heads for all departments and then committees to help work out all the details. The event is June 9th and although that seems to be a while off, time goes by quickly and we can't allow it to sneak up on us. Without help we will have to downscale this event or make it our own church event instead of the community. PLEASE sign up to help us out in whatever way you can. There will be a planning meeting on March 26th at 7:00 PM at the church, please be there!!

ANY QUESTIONS??? email Bev at bev1130@hotmail.com or give me a call at 696-8395

Thank You for all your help and please be in prayer for this event and all the planners..... In Christ, Bev

March 10 Quiz Results Blue Level – 1st Place Team Ribbon

(Grades 4-6)

- *Katrina Wold – perfect score
- *Morgen Wohrle – perfect score
- Maceala Carnes – 1st place ribbon
- Sara Wold – 1st place ribbon
- Sarah Wold – 1st place ribbon
- Samuel Malone – 1st place ribbon
- * - Team Captains

Red Level (Grades 1-3)

- Landen Wohrle – 3rd place ribbon
- Logen Wohrle – 2nd place ribbon
- Laura Wold – 4th place ribbon
- Faith Carroll – 3rd place ribbon
- Emilia van Weel – 4th place ribbon

Final Quiz Meet over Lessons 1-20 of Acts
 – DATE CHANGE –
 Saturday, April 14 @ 10 a.m. at
 Jewel Lake Church of the Nazarene.



That will also means that the End of Quizzing Party will be on the following Wednesday (April 18).

Children's Church Rules:

Walk

No Running



◆ 1st time the consequence will be a reminder.



Feet on the Ground
 No Climbing

◆ 2nd time you will sit and be able to think about it.

Inside Voices



◆ 3rd time you will go spend time with your parent(s).



Hands & Feet to Yourself

Boys & Girls' Camp is June 11-15



There is a need for a director of these Camps.

NMI News

March NMI Focus is: W.E.F.—Easter Offering

What is Easter Offering?

The Easter Offering is for World Evangelism Fund (WEF). Traditionally, WEF is collected through two large offerings each year—the Thanksgiving and Easter offerings.

What Is the World Evangelism Fund?

The World Evangelism Fund is the cooperative genius of the mission enterprise of the Church of the Nazarene. It is based on the concept that we can do more working together than could ever be done working alone.

Why do we have World Evangelism Fund?

Missions in the Church of the Nazarene is a large enterprise. To accomplish the Great Commission—spreading the gospel and the message of holiness around the world—requires money.

In "faith" missions, missionaries must spend valuable time raising financial support. They conduct services, take offerings, receive pledges of support, and then pray the amount raised covers living expenses. Sometimes if the money runs out, missionaries are forced to return home and begin the process again. In this type of support, churches do not always share equally in the mission work. Larger churches are sometimes visited by more missionaries than they could possibly help, while some smaller churches are overlooked.

The World Evangelism Fund was created to allow missionaries to work more effectively and to encourage all churches to support missions.

How does the World Evangelism Fund work?

Full-time missionaries (excluding volunteers) in the Church of the Nazarene are employed by the World Mission Department. Each missionary receives a monthly paycheck based on a standard amount plus a cost-of-living adjustment.

Missionaries also receive medical insurance, a pension provision, and other items (such as housing and travel costs).

The World Evangelism Fund comes from Nazarene churches around the world. Each church is challenged to give an amount based on its income as its participation in the world mission enterprise. Ap-

proximately 75% of the World Evangelism Fund is used for world evangelization in one form or another. The remainder supports the structure of the system through such ministries as office administration, literature, and other resources.

April NMI Focus is: Mission Education

Why Mission education?

Knowledge is key to involvement. With an understanding of the needs of the world and what the church is doing to meet those needs, we are more likely to commit to the support of missions through prayer, giving, communication, and going.

How Does Mission Education Take Place?

Learning takes place in a variety of venues. Experiences, listening to and reading stories, and getting to know missionaries on a personal level enhance mission awareness. Your local NMI president or mission education secretary can tell you of the many exciting opportunities for mission education.

- Use of age-appropriate curricula and NMI reading books/tapes provide learning opportunities and activities designed to engage people of all ages in missions.—Children's Mission Education—Youth Mission Education—Adult Mission Education
- For multicultural congregations, the *International Mission Education Journal* is a curriculum piece that includes mission education lessons for adults and children. It is produced in English, French, Spanish, and Portuguese. Churches should contact their district NMI president for more information on this resource.
- The hands-on experiences of Volunteer Opportunities programs often provide opportunities for people to see missions firsthand.
- Audiovisuals offer people the ability to "see and hear" missions. Each church receives an annual audiovisual catalog.

Deputation services, Faith Promise conventions, district-sponsored events with a missionary speaker, and the presence of missionaries-in-residence at youth and children's camps allow for interaction between missionaries and the people who support them through their giving and prayers.

Church News

Happy Birthday/Anniversary to...

March

5 Gary Stafford
Jennifer Yost
Jeremy Wiese
9 Donna Malone
11 Thom & Mirjam
Jennings
12 David King
14 Matthew Contrael
Nichole Contrael
15 Sara Wold
16 Lydia Hanson
17 Nancy Kinney
24 Hayden Carroll
Brad Lee
31 Landen Wohrle
Logen Wohrle

April

2 Brandon Welch
5 Morgen Wohrle
6 Tom & Nancy Walker
7 Cole Spooner
9 Pete Carroll
10 Dylan Case
11 Emilia van Weel
15 David & Bonnie King
16 Nancy Wold
16 Rebekah Lily Short
19 Leslie Lowrie
20 Valerie Weaver
Gary Berndt

21 Billie Hemphill
23 Shawna King
25 Craig & Sonna Hanson
Christian Whitman
26 Marvin & Cheryl
Kroener
27 Faith Carroll
Jeff Johnson

May

2 Andrea Allen
Nicole Carroll
4 Julie Case
Dick & Cal Stiefken
5 Dan Wiese
6 Dale Whitman
7 Mirjam Jennings
8 Veeda Pinneta
12 Mary Spencer
13 Cal Stiefken
Emily Wood
15 Keith Carnes
Craig & Stephanie
Lightle
16 Timothy Kuklis
17 Stephen Carnes
Bob Clemens
18 Greg Wohrle
20 Jody & Trisha Lanham
Marshall & Stacy Pickens
24 Vince Frazier
Christie VandenDries

26 Benjamin King
Susan Sander
27 Josh Hanson
Rebecca King
Samuel Malone
Linda Wiese
28 Krista Wold
31 Bill & Connie Flanders
David Hansen



April 11-15
Revival with Dan League at
Palmer Church of the Nazarene

Shawna will be out of the
office April 20-23

Pastor Mike Yost will be out of
the office April 27-29

Church Maintenance



Completed:

- ◆ Door with window purchased for Pastor's office, Now installed and stained thank you Gary Stafford and Benjamin King
- ◆ Pastor's office painted, thank you Jenn Yost.
- ◆ Girls Bathroom downstairs painted and decorated, thank you Nancy Wold.
- ◆ New Carpet Ordered
Monday, April 9
Demolition of the old carpet & installation of the new carpet.

General Office Hours for Administrative Assistant * Shawna King

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

I will be out of the office April 20-23

If you need to contact me my email at the church has not changed it is ernazs@pobox.mtaonline.net or you may call the church at **694-9423**. Thank you, Shawna

Church News

Spring Women's Ministry Events:

Saturday, March 31st, Women and Teen Ladies Breakfast
10-11am, Johann's Restaurant, 11901 Old Glenn Hwy

Monday, April 23rd, Women's Events Planning Mtg. for Spring/Summer
7-8pm, Jitters, All women welcome to attend

Saturday, May 12th, Mother's Day Bruncheon
10:30a-12pm, Bring a Friend! Theme: Savoring God's Love



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them. After all, what do you do when your Master...the one you thought would be your Messiah, is killed? Even the daytime must have seemed cold and inhospitable to them. After all, for them, there was not much hope...kind of like Alaska in mid-February!

But for us, winter, especially late winter, is a time of expectant hope. We know summer is on the way. For us, the celebration of Easter is about the same. On Good Friday many of us will reflect, either in a formal service or in the depths of our own hearts, on the death of Jesus Christ. Some of us have been experiencing that since Ash Wednesday as we have been reflecting on the suffering of Christ. For us, however, the days leading up to Easter are ones of expectant hope, because we know what is coming. The crucifixion may have been on Friday, but we know Sunday is coming!

For me, winter helps me un-



derstand what it means to wait. Winter helps me to understand, however, that spring is on the way. So in this Easter season, let us reflect on hope. Let us 'feel' the despair of Good Friday. Let us feel the hope of the expectant resurrection. But let us also look to our world, which,

all things considered, is in a time of 'winter.' Things seem dead, without color, awash in the cold white and darkness of winter. Yet, we know that Christ's death and resurrection inaugurate a new way of being, a new kingdom in our world. And so, we wait for spring to come. We pray, that God's kingdom come on earth, as it is in heaven. And though we shiver with the cold of winter, we wait, with expectant hope, for the continuing transformation of our world. We wait, we hope, we prepare and we work, for Spring is near.

Ladies Retreat Survey

Please remember to fill out and return the ladies retreat survey that was emailed out to you, If you did not get a survey in the email please see Jenn Yost ASAP.

Church Cookbook

Billie Hemphill is trying to get the church cookbook done before going out of town on May 10.

So if everyone could get their recipes and pictures to Billie no later than April 15 it would be appreciated.



Please submit your recipes to Billie Hemphill at: mrs_mousie@hotmail.com

Church News

New Directory Information

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Email:
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David Allen
377th TSC, SPT OPS
APO, AE 09366

David would appreciate cards and letters showing our support. Treats are also appreciated.

Easter Offering for the World Evangelism Fund Will be on Easter Sunday, April 8.

Open House

Open House April 29 at 6 p.m. at New Hope. Besides having a 5th Sunday Sing, New Hope will highlight all of their programs. You will be able to participate in the Client Choice program as you go through the Food Pantry, learn about Life Skills while hearing from the director and DVDs, and play like wounded children at Royal Family Kids' Camp. Everyone will also get to meet the incredible army of volunteers and staff of New Hope. You will also be able to enjoy the many physical changes that have happened at New Hope. Paint does a remarkable thing! Refreshments will be served.

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. This class will begin in late April or Early May. See Pastor Mike for further details.

Dessert Extravaganza

April 20 at Grace Christian School. The Dessert Extravaganza is a fund raising event for Royal Family Kids' Camp. This event will highlight desserts from some of your favorite restaurants and Kaladi Brothers Coffee. Thank you to Kaladi for their very generous donation. More information is forthcoming.



Home Group Information

Wednesdays:

7:00 PM—Wohrle Prayer Group
Contact Greg at 696-5770
Prayer and Discussion

7:00 PM—Kinney Home Group
Contact Kris at 694-0833
Studying Romans

Thursdays:

7:00 PM—SPAN Bible Study
Contact Pastor Mike at 6949423
Bible Discussions— Topics Change Weekly

Food Pantry Drive

Let the competition begin! It is a food drive for New Hope's Food Pantry. Chapel of the Cross and Hillcrest have challenged us to raise 12,000 pounds of food by April 30. The competition is fierce. To create a competition of fun at our church, we have divided into two teams. Women, girls...all females are led by Megan Scott and men, boys...all males are led by Bryce Scott. Each team has a starting amount of food of about 150 lbs. Clean out those pantries, cupboards and freezers. All food is welcome except for opened packages or home canned foods. Frozen fish and wild game is great!

Bring that food in Men... Women... Hillcrest... Chapel... Eagle River... Who will win??? Let the competition begin!!!

Feinstein \$1,000,000 Giveaway

From March 1 through April 30, the Feinstein Foundation is giving away \$1,000,000 to Food Pantries across the nation. The Giveaway's mission is to encourage donating to food pantries and increasing the awareness of the hungry and the working poor. Chapel of the Cross has challenged their congregation to raise 12,000 lbs of food. Chapel in turn has challenged Hillcrest. The competition is on!!! Financial donations need to be marked "Food Pantry". Pledges will also be accepted.



Faith Promise
Weekend
May 18-20

Let God increase your faith! Please plan to attend. Faith Promise events will begin Friday evening, May 18 and continue through Sunday, May 20

What is Faith Promise?

The Church of the Nazarene acknowledges that Faith Promise giving is a biblical method used by many local churches for raising financial support for world evangelization. For our denomination, it is dedicated specifically to the mission support of the Church of the Nazarene through various offerings promoted by Nazarene Missions International (NMI).

Faith Promise is not to be confused with:

A pledge— no one will remind individuals of the exact amount they owe on their Faith Promise giving

The tithe— a Faith Promise is a love gift to God, to be given beyond the tithe

A substitute for mission offerings— In addition to Faith Promise, opportunity should be given for people to give to missions. Such offerings allow those not participating in Faith Promise an opportunity to give to missions; and, for those who are, it provides additional opportunities for giving as the Holy Spirit leads.

A cure-all for a church's financial problems

What does my giving to faith promise do?

The main priority is reaching the world for Christ

through the payment of the World Evangelism Fund. Many offering opportunities exist for you to give toward missions, Alabaster, World Mission Broadcast, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, deputation, and so forth. The *NMI Handbook & Constitution* provides guidelines regarding what offerings may be included in Faith Promise with the World Evangelism Fund as the foundation. However, **Faith Promise is not intended to replace missions offerings.** Opportunity should be given for people to give to missions. Such offerings allow those not participating in Faith Promise an opportunity to give to missions; and, for those who are, it provides additional opportunities for giving as the Holy Spirit leads.

Church Staff

Michael Yost—Pastor
 Shawna King—Admin. Assistant

Church Board

Terri Berndt—Steward
 Frank Clemens—Board Secretary
 Kim Collins—NYI President
 Kris Kinney—Trustee
 Nancy Kinney—S.S. Superintendent

Special Vote—April 1 we will be having a special election to fill the remaining year term of a board member, who has resigned.



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