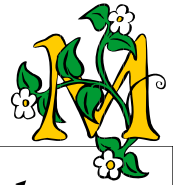


# Eagle River Naz News



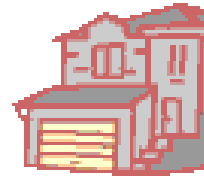
## ~From The Pastor's Desk~

**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.

Whatever happened to the front porch? Has any one else noticed that most homes built recently do not have front porches on them? As a matter of fact, the house I grew up in (built in 1986) did not have a front porch! It is a funny thing how we spend very little time in places where we can have meaningful interaction with our neighbors. Quite literally I live 6 inches from my neighbors and I have not met them. But as I think about it, it is not because I do not want to know them or that I do not want to meet them, or even that I am shy about introducing myself. The plain and simple fact, is that I have an automatic garage door opener so I am at no point forced to be out of my car in front of my house. I enter in my garage, close the door and immediately proceed inside.

In Alaska, I suppose, porches are not all that practical. After all, they are only

useful a couple of months a year. But I have a back porch. Oddly enough, however, it is in a position so even if I am on the back porch and my neighbors are on theirs, I cannot see them. Even the construction of our houses are built impede accidental interaction with those who live closest to us!



For me this is a problem. Though I like people, I am shy; I have a difficult time intentionally interacting with those I do not know. Even as a pastor, the thought of going to a neighbor and introducing myself makes me a little nervous. However, I have come to think lately that I as an individual, and we as a church, will never be effective if we simply wait for people to come to us 'accidentally.' I think that system used to work, but

people are not coming to us any longer. Now more than ever we must be intentional about interaction with our neighbors. Of course our 'neighbor' extends beyond those who live next door to our homes. Our neighbors include the people who live around the place where we worship. Our neighbors include those who live in our communities, who shop and the same grocery store and whose children attend the same schools.

Have you spoken with your neighbor lately? Do you know the names of the people, who live, quite literally, next door to your church? I just met one of our neighbors yesterday! I had a great chat with him! Point is, if we truly want to fulfill God's command to 'love your neighbor' we must, at the very least, know who they are. If we truly want to fulfill Christ's

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# NYI News

## 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>

### **GYM NIGHTS -- JOIN THE FUN!**

Gym nights are open to ALL NYI, which is Junior High through young adult. Please join us at Eagle River Elementary every Friday night until school is out, for a night of volleyball, basketball, chatting, socializing, a 3-minute devotional, and lots of fun. We meet from 7-9:00 p.m. If you need a ride, give Kim a call at 696-7266 no later than Thursday to schedule your pickup and drop off times.

### **FUNDRAISER**

At the Council meeting we discussed fundraising ideas. We decided on a Couple's Picnic to be held on July 13th. We will sell tickets for couples to attend the picnic. When they arrive on Friday night at 7:00 p.m. with their picnic blankets in hand, we will give them their beautifully prepared baskets with fried chicken, salads, antipasti, brownies, bottle of sparkling cider, and cloth napkins. They will follow the candlelit path up to the grassy area by the White House where there will be white lights twinkling in the trees and soft music. We will have lawn games such as croquet and bocce, will enjoy an evening of good food, and the couples will get to take their lovely baskets home with them. Our fundraiser will help pay for the many activities we will be involved in this summer and next fall. Think LOCK-INS!!! :)

### **PARTY!**

Only a month and school is out for the summer! Hard to believe it's going by so fast. Your NYI Council has some fun activities planned for you! We're excited about an End of the School Year party we're having on Wednesday, May 23rd. Our special guests for this event will be Morgen Wohrle and Katrina Wold, 6th graders who will be "moving up" into NYI.

### **OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE!**

NYI will be preparing and serving the meal at the Faith Promise banquet to be held on May 19th. Wear your black pants and white shirt and look official. Call Stacy Pickens at 622-3300 to let her know we can count on YOU to serve. Also, we have been asked by Bev Whitman and the Kids' Day Committee to help with games on Saturday, June 9th. If you would like to have lots of fun and help serve our kids, e-mail Bev at [BevW1130@hotmail.com](mailto:BevW1130@hotmail.com).

### **NYI Youth Event Calendar**

Wednesdays, 7:00 PM

Youth Group at the White House

Fridays 7:00—9:00 PM

Gym Night at Eagle River Elementary

Saturday, May 19 Serve at Faith Promise Banquet

Wednesday May 23 NYI Party

June 4-9 Res. Trail

June 9 Help with games at Kids' Day

July 13 Couple's Picnic Fundraiser

July 16-21 Jr. High Camp

July 23-28 Sr. High Camp

### **Dates for summer camps are:**

Jr. High July 16-21 & Sr. High camp July 23-28.

We need sponsors!!! Let your parents, adult friends, adult folks at church know you'd like them to consider being a sponsor. Tell Kim who you've talked to, and she will follow up with more information about sponsoring at camp. It's going to be awesome!

# Children's News

## Final Quiz Meet at Jewel Lake on Saturday, April 14 – Quiz Results:

Those who said memory verses  
(whether they quizzed or not):

Nichole Bearden (5), Destiny Berndt (**all**), Macaela Carnes (**all**), Faith Carroll (5), Josh Hanson (**all**), Sarah Hanson (**all**), Rachel Hanson (**all**), Samuel Malone (10), Nathaniel Stone (6), Chris Stone (3), Jeremy Stone (2), Kees van Weel (4), Emilia van Weel (**all**), Emily Wood (6)—her friend Skye (6), Morgen Wohrle (**all**), Landen Wohrle (15), Logen Wohrle (12), Katrina Wold (**all**), Sara Wold (**all**), Laura Wold (13)



**Blue Level – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team Ribbon**

Macaela Carnes – top 10  
 \*Katrina Wold – top 10  
 \*Morgen Wohrle – top 10  
 \*Sarah Hanson – top 10 (only missed 1 of 60)  
 Sara Wold – top 10  
 Josh Hanson – top 10  
 Samuel Malone – 4<sup>th</sup> place ribbon

~ Sarah, Morgen, and Katrina rotated being team captains.

**Red Level**

Landen Wohrle – top 5  
 Logen Wohrle – top 5  
 \*Emilia van Weel – 4<sup>th</sup> place ribbon  
 Laura Wold – 4<sup>th</sup> place ribbon  
 Rachel Hanson – top 5  
 \* Said all verses at the quiz meet.

Thank you for the privilege of teaching your children the book of Acts. Thanks to all parents who helped with quiz practice and snacks. Thanks to all the kids who took the time to study their scripture and memorize their verses. Great job! (Next year quizzing will be over the book of Genesis.)

**Thank You!**

What an awesome Quiz year our children have had. Thank you just doesn't seem to encompass the gratitude we feel for Nancy Wold and her dynamic leadership of the Children's Quizzing Program. Nancy, we so much appreciate the time, dedication and the prayer you put into leading our children to hide the Word of God in their hearts!

**Kids Day!**

Kid's Day is fast approaching and we still need many volunteers. There will be a bulletin insert coming out shortly that will detail what we still need for our June 9th event. We will also have a date set aside for men to gather and fellowship while building the booths needed for our carnival games. So men, please get ready with tools in hand and give us the much needed help and support for this big day, in celebration of our kids. I didn't mean to leave out the women, if you're handy with a hammer, come on and join the fun. This day of building will be announced soon!! Questions???? Call or email Bev Whitman at 696-8395 or [bev1130@hotmail.com](mailto:bev1130@hotmail.com)



**Thank You!**

Thank you to Jenn Yost who has agreed to be the Children's Ministries Administrator/Director. Jenn will be having a meeting with all those who are interested in children. Please be watching for that announcement.



We have dynamo teams working with our children in Children's Church and in Little Lambs. We will be needing volunteers to assist

in both of these opportunities to teach children about the love of Christ and His power to transform their lives. Please talk with Jenn Yost or Nancy Kinney if this is an area of ministry in which you can assist.



**Boys & Girls' Camp is July 9-13**



**Susanne Carnes is the Camp director**

# NMI News

## Faith Promise Weekend May 18-20

Faith Promise – a commitment to God as an act of faith to give a specific amount to missions through an incremental plan of giving to fulfill that commitment.

### Why Promise?

- Faith Promise is an offering to the Lord. It is not your tithe, because your tithe already belongs to God.
- Faith Promise helps you do your part to carry out God's command to "go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."
- Faith Promise enables you to divide your mission giving into bite-sized amounts throughout the year.
- The missionaries who represent you need regular support, housing and food every day of the year, not just sometimes.

God will increase your faith and bless you for your faithfulness! You will see Him working in your life in miraculous new ways.

Faith Promise is a plan based on giving at systematic intervals. Through Faith Promise, people pray about the amount they should give for missions (over and above their tithe). The amount is often given weekly, biweekly, or monthly.

### Schedule of events:

#### **Saturday:**

**10-12pm** Children's Missions Rally @ERCN with Hillcrest

**6 pm** Faith Promise Dinner (childcare provided)

#### **Sunday:**

**10:45 am** Service with the Brunsons missionaries from the Middle East

**6pm** informal service with the Brunsons with banana splits to follow.



The Children's Missions Rally is an annual event that our children have the opportunity to attend. There will be games, activities and snacks from the Middle East as well as time for the missionaries to speak and visit with the children. Hillcrest children will be joining us for this Children's Missions Rally. We will need a few helpers that day if you would like to help please contact Nancy Kinney or Jenn Yost.

### Faith Promise is

- ◆ A God-inspired, Bible—based plan
- ◆ A method of financing world evangelism
- ◆ A personal demonstration of faith and trust
- ◆ A commitment to give as God provides
- ◆ Saying—or singing—to God and meaning it:  
I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord.  
I'll live where you want me to live.  
I'll say what you want me to say, dear Lord.  
I'll give what you want me to give.

### Faith Promise is NOT

- ◆ A pledge
- ◆ The tithe
- ◆ A substitute for mission offerings, such as Easter, Thanksgiving, Alabaster
- ◆ A cure—all or catchall for a church's financial problems.

Faith Promise is founded upon God's Word. "For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will" (2 Corinthians 8:3-5)

### **Missionaries coming to ERCN this summer:**

May 20—Missionaries—Brunson's Family

June 10—Missionaries—Bob & Coleen Skinner

July 15—Links Family—The Hanes

September—Missionaries—Brunson's Family

# Church News

## Happy Birthday/Anniversary to...

### 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

### June

6	Chris Cox
7	TaeJa Stafford
8	Sierra Pinneta
11	Erin Eckelberry
	Brooke Eckelberry
12	Greg & Julie Wohrle
17	Kerry Spooner
20	Scott Etwiler
	Leo Hackett
	Tony & Cheryl Vargo
22	Tara Lee
25	Ashten Wohrle
	Shannon & Nancy Wold
	Anthony van Weel
26	Stacy Pickens
27	Carroll & Kathy Freeman
28	Matt & Andrea Allen
	Jon Ralph
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	Barbara Szewc
	Bruce & Nancy Rodman
29	Jeff & Stacey Johnson



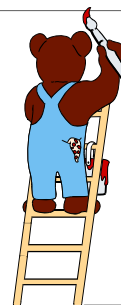
## Thank You!

Church Family for the loving support of my birthday and administrative appreciation day. I greatly appreciate it all. I am excited to go to the Marx Bros. Café with my gift certificate. I have not been there and I love to go to new places to dine.

Thank you Susanne Carnes for filling in at the office for me, on April 20 and 23. I enjoyed being able to take the short trip out of town and then be able to be back for my birthday and have the day off.

Love to you all, Shawna King

## Church Maintenance



### In Progress:

- ◆ Window in stairwell
- ◆ Carpet in stairwell

### Completed:

- ◆ New Carpet installed

### 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](mailto:ernazs@pobox.mtaonline.net) or you may call the church  
at **694-9423**. Thank you, Shawna

# Church News

## Spring Women's Ministry Events:

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



### Ladies Retreat Survey

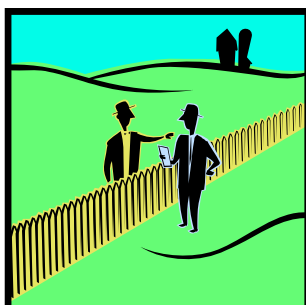
Please remember to fill out and return the ladies retreat survey that was emailed out to you, If you did not get a survey in the email please see Jenn Yost ASAP.

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commission to share God's love to the ends of the earth, does it not start with those closest to us?

We are in the process of beautifying our church building (doesn't the carpet look nice?), but if there is no one besides us to look at it then what is the use? If no one even knows we are here, what is the use? If we cannot minister to, and love those closest to us how can we be effective elsewhere?

This church is filled with people who are filled with God's love; my prayer for us (myself included) is that we will let Christ's love flow out of me to our neighbors. What can we do this month to 'accidentally' run into our neighbors?



### Children's Church

#### Rules:

Walk

No Running



Feet on the Ground

No Climbing



Inside Voices



Hands and Feet to Yourself



- ◆ 1st time the consequence will be a reminder.
- ◆ 2nd time you will sit and be able to think about it.
- ◆ 3rd time you will go spend time with your parent(s).

### Church Cookbook

Church Cookbook, Like all mothers that are busy with her children I have been working on getting my son married so with all I have to do I am going to extend the deadline on getting more recipes until June 1st. We are in need of several more recipes in any area you would like to send me. Thank you for being patient with me in getting this done. Send them to me at [mrs\\_mouseie@hotmail.com](mailto:mrs_mouseie@hotmail.com)

Thanks  
 Billie  
 Hemphill



# Church News

## New Directory Information

Craig and Sonna Hanson  
Phone: 746-7738  
Mailing Address: No Change  
Email:  
[cshanson@mtaonline.net](mailto:cshanson@mtaonline.net)

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

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



## **Open House**

Open House tonight, April 29 at 6 p.m. at New Hope.

Besides having a 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## National Day of Prayer Services

**Thursday, May 3, 2007**

**Sponsored by Love INC of Eagle River**

**Noon - 1 PM at Town Square Gazebo (across from Garcia's)**

**6 - 7 PM at Eagle River Missionary Baptist Church (Located behind Eagle Academy, next to Community Covenant)**

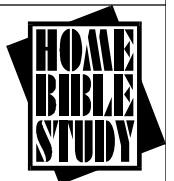
**Come join us in prayer for our community, state, nation, and world!**

# Thank You!

We would like to take the opportunity to thank our church family here in Eagle River for all your many months of prayer, support, and words of encouragement as well as housing during these past nine months of unemployment. You will never know how much you have meant to us during this time in our life. God was with us all along the way, holding us up, sustaining us both financially and emotionally. He used His people here in Eagle River church in so many ways to carry out his sustaining grace. Thank you for being like Jesus to our family.

The Carnes family

## Home Group Information



Tuesdays:  
7:00 PM—SPAN Bible Study  
Contact Pastor Mike at 694-9423  
Bible Discussions— Topics Change Weekly

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

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## Church Staff

Michael Yost—Pastor

Shawna King—  
Admin. Assistant

## Church Board

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