

# Eagle River Naz News



## ~From The Pastor's Desk~

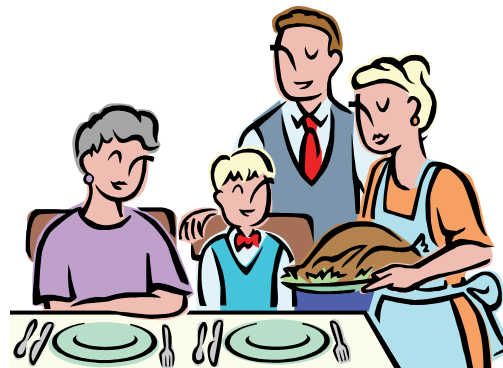
**Loving Jesus, Loving People means:**  
The Eagle River Church of the Nazarene, as a member of the international Christian community, desires to be a holy people, anchored in God's Word for the purpose of worship, praise and the glorification of our Lord and Savior. We desire to reach the lost for Jesus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

Have you ever noticed that we in the church of the Nazarene eat a lot? We have a potluck or dinner every chance we get. It has been my experience that we look for just about any excuse to get together and eat. Now, to be fair, I do not think this is a peculiar thing to Nazarenes...or even Christians for that matter. I think as people, we just like to eat together.

I am no sociologist, so I cannot give you any hard scientific facts...but I think something happens at a meal that does not occur at any other time. What that 'thing' is, I could not say. But there is something about good food that lowers our defenses, helps us to be open and forges bonds of friendship that would otherwise not exist. Communication flows easier over a plate of spaghetti and a loaf of garlic bread. Perhaps eating itself creates a vulnerability that just makes sharing easier. Even the most unpleasant conversation is just a little easier over a good meal.

Someone recently shared with

me that as they were reading about Jesus' ministry it struck them how often Jesus was to be found eating with people. Many of the significant events of the gospels took place around, or at meals. Jesus revealed himself to two of his



disciples over a light meal after a long day on the road to Emmaus. Jesus spent the night of his betrayal with his disciples sharing a meal. His first miracle occurred at a wedding feast! But often in the gospels, Jesus was found eating. Sometimes he was with his disciples alone, at other times he was in the homes of Jewish religious leaders, still other times, Jesus ate with 'tax collectors and sinners.' For a person in the

first century, whose reputation had much to do with the people he ate with, Jesus was incredibly loose in his dining associations.

Without delving into the extremely complex relationship between status and one's mealtime associations, I can state that Jesus broke convention when he sat down to eat. He ate with saint and sinner alike. This ruffled feathers and made people mad, but Jesus did it anyway. I would like to think that Jesus knew that mealtimes were special in making friends. I would like to think that Jesus was well aware of the power of a shared meal.

Throughout history, Christians have attached special significance to sharing meals. As a matter of fact, in the early church, the Love Feast was quite literally a religious ritual!

So what is the point you may ask. There is a point to eating together. Granted, some of us might be gaining a little more girth than we would like from our frequent meals together.

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# NYI News

Kim Collins NYI President

## Nazarene Youth International

### Service Opportunity

There is an opportunity to help get the church grounds ready for winter. Kris Kinney, our Trustees Chairman, really appreciated our help this summer and has asked us to volunteer just a couple of more hours to get everything ready for snow. I'll let you know more details on each of these as they get worked out.

### Teen Room

The teen room is still having sheetrock work done. Following that we'll be ready for painting. I'll let you all know when that is. Ira completed his canvas -- stop by the White House and see it if you haven't had a chance. It's awesome. Katrina has hers sketched out. We can't wait to see it!



### Quizzing Results

**Girls Team** - 1st place  
**Boys team** - 3rd place  
**Memory Marathon** -  
 Morgen and Amelia placed  
**Top Ten** - Amelia: 1st  
 Morgen: 2nd  
 Katrina: 5th



### Calendar/Dates

If you're ever wondering what's going on, you can see our teen calendar at [www.eaglerivernazarene.org](http://www.eaglerivernazarene.org). Go to calendar, and you will see what we're up to if it's a regularly scheduled thing like NYI Activity Night, or something we've planned. Also, calendars were handed out and e-mailed during and after the last parent meeting. If there is a parent who has time to e-mail reminders, that would be helpful. Let me know if that's you! You may also call or e-mail me if you are wondering if something is happening.



### Friday NYI Activity Night

We're meeting in the gym at Eagle River Elementary every first and third Friday night for basketball and volleyball.

## Children's Sunday School

## Sunday School Discipleship Ministries International

Dolly Hanson is our new Toddler—Preschool Sunday School Class Teacher. Thank You Dolly!

### **Children's K – 2 Sunday School Class**

We just finished a study of God's Wonderful World. These lessons were great review for our children who are studying Genesis in Children's Quizzing. During the month of November, we will be learning about the first people: Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, and Noah.

### **Children's 3-6 Sunday School Class**

This month's memory verse for 3-6<sup>th</sup> graders in our VERSE-A-MONTH CLUB:

“The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all; He has compassion on all He has made.” Psalm 145:8-9

Some of the Bible truths we will be learning include:

- ◆ Sin separates us from God and keeps us from enjoying His love.
- ◆ God does all He can to help people not to sin.
- ◆ Each person chooses whether to obey or disobey God.
- ◆ God gives special care to those who love and obey Him.
- ◆ God has promised that He will never again destroy the earth with a flood.

Our verse for this month is:

*The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving. Daniel 9:9*

We will learn this through our Bible studies of Luke 15:1-7, Luke 7:36-50, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43, and Matthew 20: 1-16.

We want to affirm to our children that though life is not always fair, they must remain faithful to God. He will ultimately deal with those who do evil and yet seem to go unpunished here.

# SDMI News

Nancy Kinney SDMI Superintendent

## Sunday School Discipleship Ministries International

**Making the Connection With Others** was the 2007 Fall Sunday School Emphasis. We have connected with several more of our church family during the Sunday School hour. Praise the Lord for folks who have volunteered to teach and care for our little people during Sunday School.

The **All-Church Fellowship Potluck** was an evening of good food, fun and conversation as we became better acquainted with our church family.

The **Fall Festival** was an awesome outreach as our church family ministered to our community through a scavenger hunt, a cakewalk, bobbing for apples, face painting, cookie decorating, games, cotton candy and the Pumpkin Theatre. Praise God for the soul that was won for Christ! A total of 37 children attended the festival. 15 were our own wonderful kiddos. 22 came from our community. Ten of those children and their families indicated they had no church home. Let's pray that they are able to find a church home where they can develop a relationship with our loving Savior. It would be awesome to have them here at ERNC! Thank you parents, adults and teens that made this a wonderful experience for the children!

Today was a day to celebrate connections with our friends. Wasn't that a fantastic breakfast? With the ladies attending Ladies' Retreat and the teens in their Lock-in, sleep was probably scarce! We appreciate the work you guys did to make our breakfast possible. Although the Fall Sunday School

Emphasis concludes today, please continue to pray and make intentional connections with those family members, classmates, coworkers, neighbors and friends who God would place on your heart. Here are those helps should you need them:

- ◆ Pray for each person regularly.
- ◆ Find and build upon common interests.
- ◆ Be a source of encouragement.
- ◆ Tell them about why you're a Christian.
- ◆ Help them connect to others at church and in Sunday School.

The **History of the Church of the Nazarene** and the **Marriage Enrichment** classes will conclude on Sunday, November 11. The following Sunday, November 18, will begin a new 6-week rotation of adult Sunday School class offerings. The choices will be **Adult Faith Connections; So What's Advent Anyway?; and You're Losing Us: Connecting Your Faith to a New Generation (Dialogue Series)**.

The **Adult Faith Connections** class continues through November in the study of *Lessons in Leadership: Timothy*. Topics will include endurance, excellence, focus and integrity from 2 Timothy.

**You're Losing Us: Connecting Your Faith to a New Generation (Dialogue Series)** is about making a difference in the lives of those around us, especially when it comes to our children and youth. Successfully passing on our faith

to the next generation is the crucial mission for every Christian. This study will enable you to answer, "In 10 years, will I have made a difference?" Topics include: Generation to Generation; Keeping the Faith; Being the Church; Faith Begins at Home; and Telling the Story.

### **So What's Advent Anyway?**

With Christmas a couple months away, this study will give an overview of the origins and significance of the celebration of Advent.

This new rotation of classes will be offered from November 18 through December 23.

### **Child Safety Training with Dr. Eileen Starr**

(Alaska Christian Ministries) Children and youth workers, please mark your calendars! There will be a potluck and training right after church on Sunday morning, November 11. We will enjoy a short time of fellowship as we eat lunch. Then Dr. Eileen Starr will provide a 90-minute training on Child Safety. This training is a must for all those working with children and youth from the ages of 0 – 18. We want to also invite anyone who is interested in this training to attend.

# Children's Corner

Jennifer Yost Children's Ministry Coordinator

# Sunday School Discipleship Ministries International

## Quizzing – 2007-08 Book of Genesis

November 10 Quiz meet—kids need to arrive between 9:30-9:45 AM at Chapel of the Cross in Anchorage.

Are you wanting to be adult supervision at an upcoming children's event? See Jenn for upcoming activities.

Date	Dig Site/Page Numbers	Scripture Portion	Memory Verse*	Helper
Nov. 7	REVIEW Dig Sites 1-4			Berndt
NOV. 10	<b>QUIZ MEET</b> over Dig Sites 1-7 @ Chapel of the Cross 10:00 AM			
Nov. 14	Dig Site 9 – pages 34-37	Gen. 21:1-6; 22:1-18	Gen. 22:16b-17a	Kinney
Nov. 22	<i>OFF for THANKSGIVING</i>			
Nov. 28	Dig Site 10 – pages 38-41	Gen. 24:1-4, 10-21, 28-33, 50-54, 61-67	Psalm 32:8	J Yost
Dec. 5	Dig Site 11 – pages 42-45	Gen. 25:5-11, 19-34	Prov. 20:11	Malone
Dec. 12	Dig Site 12 – pages 46-49	Gen. 27:1-41	Ps. 34:12-13	van Weel
Dec. 19	Dig Site 13 – pages 50-53	Gen. 10:22; 29:14b-30	Gen. 26:24b	Carnes
Dec. 26	<i>OFF for CHRISTMAS</i>			
Jan. 2	Dig Site 14 – pages 54-57	Gen. 37:1-36	Ps. 34:18-19	Berndt
Jan. 4	REVIEW Dig Sites 12-14			Kinney
Jan. 9	REVIEW Dig Sites 8-11			Wohrle
Jan. 12	<b>QUIZ MEET</b> over Dig Sites 8-14 @ ERCN			

Thank You to all who helped with the Fall Festival! The party was so much fun and we all really appreciate everything that you did. Thank you Bev for putting it together.

# Ladies News

Stacey Johnson Ladies Ministries Coordinator

# Sunday School Discipleship Ministries International

## Fall Women's Ministry Events:

**Ladies and Teen Ladies- Baby Pickens' Shower! It's a BOY!**  
Come celebrate with Stacy (and Marshall) as they prepare to welcome the little one! Sat. Nov 17th, 10:30am, Kim Collins' House. See Andrea or Stacey J for group gift ideas.



# Church News

Nancy Kinney SDMI Superintendent

# Sunday School Discipleship Ministries International

## Home Groups

### Contacts:

**SPAN Group** – contact Pastor Mike at 351 -7101 – meets Tuesday evenings at the Pickens' home.  
**Kinney Home Group** – contact Kris Kinney at 694-0833 - meets Wednesday evenings at 7 PM in various locations.  
**Wohrle Home Group** – contact Greg Wohrle at 696-5770 - meets Wednesday evenings at 7 PM at the Wohrle's home.

## The Care Team

The group continues to meet Monday evenings at 6 PM in the annex upstairs. Please join us! This group identifies the visitors and those absent from regular attendance. There is prayer for the folks who will receive cards or phone calls as well as prayer for those sending or calling. Then the card writing and phone calling begins.

We would like 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.



# Church News

## Happy Birthday/Anniversary to...

### November

- 1 David & Sherrie Allen
- Sonna Hanson
- 3 Stephen Allen
- Macaela Carnes
- Clarke Hemphill
- 4 Sherrie Allen
- 9 Parker Collins
- Christine Contrael
- Kriss Wagner
- 10 Amelia Collins
- 13 Cona Carroll
- 15 Keith Malone
- 16 Dale Collins
- 17 Colton Vargo
- 20 Carolyn Clemens
- 21 Mark & Jill Kaufman
- 30 Bev Whitman

### December

- 2 Julie Wohrle
- 4 Alyssa Kaufman
- 10 Drew VandenDries
- 12 Frank Clemens
- Angela Spencer
- 13 Richard Bearden
- Kris Kinney
- 15 Lois Munson
- 20 Mike & Jenn Yost
- 25 Matt Allen
- 26 David Allen
- 28 Trisha Wold
- 31 Phillip Hemphill



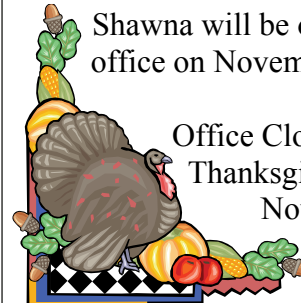
### E-mail Change for the Office Pastor's New Email:

[pastormike@mtaonline.net](mailto:pastormike@mtaonline.net)

### Shawna's New Email:

[ernazs@mtaonline.net](mailto:ernazs@mtaonline.net)

Shawna will be out of the office on November 1st.



Office Closed for Thanksgiving  
November 22 and 23.

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday the information deadline for the December newsletter is



November 26th, and the newsletter will be out on Sunday, December 2.

### Intercessory prayer ministry opportunity (prayer chain)

If you are one who believes in the power of prayer in your life and in the lives of others, this ministry opportunity could be for you! This prayer chain is fashioned after the example in Mk 2:1 – 12, as four faithful friends did whatever it took to take a sick friend to Jesus for prayer. We take others to the Father in prayer. Fortunate for us today, it's a little easier than remodeling someone's roof. We can take our needs and the needs of others directly to the Throne of God. Praying for one another is a privilege and responsibility as Brothers and Sisters.

The process is easy:

1. The prayer need is submitted to me or the church office
2. You receive an e-mail stating the information
3. You pray as Holy Spirit leads
4. God answers

If you would like more information or would like to be a part of this prayer ministry opportunity please contact Julie Wohrle (696-5770) or ([gwohrle@gci.net](mailto:gwohrle@gci.net)).

### Church Maintenance



- ◆ Remodel job is continuing: window's and carpet in stairwell and teen class room.
- ◆ Underground locates were done for the fence posts by play area.
- ◆ Classrooms and Fellowship Hall were painted.
- ◆ Garage Cleanout and Heat
- ◆ Electrical Work

  1. Switches for lighting
  2. Replace extension cords with correct wiring in conduit
  3. Lighting removed or replaced by sanctuary platform

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

# New Hope News

Chris Scott New Hope on the Last Frontier Director 274-2745

Compassionate Ministries  
Center

## Life Skills Alaska

"Learning to Live, Learning to Love" Classes

**November 5** – New 28 day Women's class from 9:30-2:00 daily

**January 5** – New Men's Life Skills class and Women's Life Skills class

- 28 week class
- Mondays from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. "Power & Control and Anger Management" Classes one to one classes are available.

Contact Gloria Sinnett, Director of Life Skills Alaska, 274-HOPE (4673)

## Monthly donation

Giving a monthly donation like one of our clients makes all the difference. A client called and wanted to know if she could give \$10.00. I said yes of course. She said, "Can I give \$10.00 every month? You all do so much to help so many. You have helped me in so many ways. I just want to give back something." She knows that New Hope on the Last Frontier - "Makes a difference...One life at a time".



## Christmas Closet

Christmas Closet is December 21 from 6-8:30 p.m. New toys and gifts are needed for children ages 2-17 for parents to select for their children. Volunteers are needed to set up on December 20 and to assist on December 21.

## Have you ever considered adoption?

Have you ever considered foster care? There are 1200 children in foster care in the Anchorage bowl area and 43 of these children are "legally free". What does that mean? They are needing and wanting a place to call home - permanently. If you would like more information please consider attending the Adoption Resource Fair at Change Point on November 2 from 4-6 p.m. and November 3 from 9-3 p.m. or contact the Alaska Center for Resource Families at 279-1803. You can make a difference in a child's life.

## Winter clothing for children

Coats, gloves, hats, boots are needed. NHLF gets calls nearly every day for warm winter clothing. Thank you for making a difference.

## United Way Employee Giving



Please considering giving to New Hope through the United Way Work Place campaigns. Just write in New Hope on the Last Frontier under "other" and your financial contribution will go to NHLF. Thank you.

## Thanksgiving Blessing Project

"Yamming it Up" Thanksgiving Blessing Project is coming to Eagle River. ERCN is collecting canned yams...big ones and little ones. How many you may ask? 500 cans!!! 250 cans will be given out in Eagle River and 250 cans will go to Mt. View families. Bring those yams in starting November 1. The Eagle River site is at Joy Lutheran Church. Volunteers are needed on Sunday night, November 18 at 6 p.m. to help set up and then on Monday, November 19 from 2-9 p.m. Clients will be served between 3-8 p.m. Please join us on the community event to give a complete Thanksgiving Dinner to families who need them.

## Children in foster care holiday party

Will be held at New Hope on December 19. Toys and gifts for children between the ages of 2-17 are needed. Please consider contacting your place of employment to donate.

**Food Pantry** NHLF is serving upwards of 200 families every week with a projection of 300 by the year end. Canned goods, frozen foods, moose, salmon, caribou, halibut, anything is appreciated. Just clean out those freezers and pantries. Consider donating time at NHLF on Tuesdays from 10-3. It is a tremendous time of ministry.

May God bless you richly as you serve Him, Chris



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However, there is real value in eating together. As we eat together as a Christian community we learn more about one another. We engage in conversation that may not take place if it were not for the meal we share in common.

But there is an even deeper purpose for sharing meals together. Outreach. What could be less threatening than a meal? What better opportunity could we have for just getting to know people outside of this church than inviting them to dinner? Is there a more effective and simple way of sharing God's love than through conversation over a common meal? I think it is no accident that the central Christian sacrament is communion...the celebration of the LAST SUPPER!

Just about every month at our church

we have a potluck or fellowship dinner. These have been great times of fellowship for our church. But what if we took it one step further and invited a friend, neighbor or co-worker? It is not the only way to minister to others, but it is a pretty simple one.

Of course the ministry of dinner is not limited to our potlucks or fellowship dinners. This ministry of relationship over a common meal can take place at our homes or at Pizza Man for that matter. It is just one more way that we can minister to our community. It is an easy way to let people know that we care for them, and more important, it is a way we can demonstrate the love of God to others. And God willing, conversation over a common meal might lead to a conversation of the God who calls, fills, sends and inspires us!



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## Church Staff

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Kris Kinney—Trustee  
Nancy Kinney—SS Superintendent

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Nursery Coordinator  
Leslie Lowrie  
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