

# 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.

Change is happening. If you have not noticed, or have not been in church for a while you ought to look around because a lot of changes are taking place. Granted, most of these are cosmetic, but hopefully they herald more change to come.



The hallway going to the fellowship hall is beginning to look less like a dark passageway to a dungeon and more like an actual hallway! The new windows bring in so much light it is almost surprising! The nursery and toddler rooms have been moved upstairs to make them more accessible for parents. We have added a



couple Sunday School classes for the adults and are working on a new room for the teens over in the annex. All together, there is a lot changing.

These are just the visible changes going on, but there are also some less visible, but just as important changes taking place. This last year the board formed a committee to study the safety of our children. Unfortunately, we live in a world of risk. As our church attempts to prepare for growth, we want to make sure that every measure is taken to protect our children from those who would cause them harm. As such, the board has adopted a couple of measures that will hopefully add a layer of protection for our children. One measure is that in any class where there are minors, no

adult will be alone to teach that class. This is known as the two deep rule and decreases the risk of any sort of abuse by minimizing the time any given adult is alone with children. The second action is that the church will require background checks for those who work with minors. This background check is performed by an outside agency and the results sent to and screened by myself. This is also a deterrent to those who would deliberately seek out the church as a place with easy access to children. Our intention is not to invade privacy or dig up dirt, but to minimize the real threats out there.

These safety issues are a  
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# NYI News

Kim Collins NYI President

Nazarene Youth International

## October Outreach Lock-In

You are going to have the BEST time at this year's lock-in. Have you been praying about who you can invite on October 26-27? Remember, the purpose of this is to reach out to your friends who might not know Jesus. We will have tons of fun, hear the message, worship, and have more fun. Marshall and Stacy have a sign-up sheet for those attending, and we can take the first 40 kids. See them and give them your name, and the names of those who you are bringing to the lock-in. Parents - we will need some chaperones for two-hour increments. Let Marshall and Stacy or Kim know if you are available.



## Service Opportunity

We have a couple of service opportunities coming up. The children's department is looking for teen volunteers to help with the Fall Festival on October 19th. They'd like us to set up a scavenger hunt for the kids! Sounds like fun!

The other opportunity is 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 sheet-rock 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!



## 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.



## Quizzing

Quizzing is going great. Ashten is meeting with quizzers on Sunday from 12:50 till 1:30 and doing quiz practice. Kim and Kris are teaching the Bible portion during Sunday School. Our first quiz is October 6th over Galatians 1-4, I believe in Seward. You will need to be there at 8:00 a.m., if this year runs like last year. Mike Zahare, our district quiz person, has not sent out a definitive schedule yet. If you are interested in carpooling, please coordinate with Ashten or Julie.



## NYI Youth Event Calendar

**Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM**

Youth Group in the Church Annex!

**NYI Activity Nights @**

**E. R. Elementary 7-9 PM**

October 5 and 19

November 2, 16, and 30

December 14

**October 19**

Fall Festival 6:30-8:30 PM

**October 26-27**

Outreach Lock-In

## Wednesday Nights

Last week Parker brought us a discussion on the Sabbath. Next week Nicole will be teaching us what Jesus said about the poor. We've been having fun with team twister and Marco Polo too! Everyone volunteered to bring a message on a different day. I know this is stretching WAY out of your comfort zone for some, so thank you for doing that. God will bless you abundantly as you serve Him and your fellow teens. :)

## Friday NYI Activity Night

We're meeting in the gym at Eagle River Elementary every first and third Friday night for basketball and volleyball. We had a great time last night, and if you weren't there, you missed it! Our next one will be October 5th.

# SDMI News

Nancy Kinney SDMI Superintendent

## Sunday School Discipleship Ministries International

### Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International News

**Making the Connection with Others** is the 2007 Fall Sunday School Emphasis.

#### September 23 – Make the Connection with Others

We certainly connected with more of our church family in Sunday School this past week! There were many positive reports from several folks representing all three adult classes of what a wonderful Sunday School class they had attended! Each Sunday School classroom had a "face lift" and they turned out beautiful!!! Have you checked out the Nursery/Toddler/Preschool room? Jenn & all her helpers have created an awesome environment for our little people!

#### September 30 – Encouraging Connections with Our Families October 7 – Solidifying Connections with the Church

Please plan to attend the church fellowship potluck Sunday evening as a way to solidify relationships with those in our church family.

#### October 14 – Building Connections with Our Classmates & Coworkers

Please pray for one another as we all seek to make that connection with a specific classmate or coworker. May we be Christ to them!

#### October 21 – Expanding Our Connections to the Community

Friday evening, October 19, our church will be hosting a Fall Festival in an effort to connect with more folks in our community. Invitations will be sent out to our unchurched friends who attended Kids Day this summer. Please be in prayer for the preparation of their hearts to receive the invitation. Please also pray for our church family as we organize and minister through the Fall Festival. There is more detailed information on the next page. If you haven't had a chance to sign up to help with this community outreach ministry, please see Bev Whitman or Jenn Yost. They will plug you in!

#### October 28 – Celebrating Connections with Our Friends

Friendship Day Celebration will begin with a breakfast hosted by SDMI and put on by some of the men in our church! We get an

extra hour of sleep that Sunday anyway, so come join us for breakfast at 8:45! It won't seem that early!!!

Have you been praying about whom God would have you make a connection? Our little wallet cards ask us to fill out a specific name to finish the statement: **I am making a connection with...** Who is that specific family member, church person, classmate/coworker, neighbor and friend that God would have you focus on? On our little cards there are helps for us to know how to make the connections:  
*Pray for each person regularly.*  
*Find and build upon common interests.*  
*Be a source of encouragement.*  
*Tell them about why you're a Christian.*  
*Invite them to Celebration Sunday.*  
*Help them connect to others at church and in Sunday School.*

Please encourage your Sunday School teacher by praying for him/her and giving words of appreciation. Our teachers spend hours in prayer and preparation for their lessons. Thank you, Greg Wohrle, for your commitment and dedication to The Adult Faith Connections class. Pastor Mike, we appreciate the additional time that you are taking to prepare and minister in The History of the Church of the Nazarene class. Thank you, Keith Carnes, for allowing us the opportunity to examine our relationships in the Marriage Enrichment class. Kim Collins and Kris Kinney, thank you for ministering to our teens through Bible study. Thank you, Christine Contrael-Bearden, Jenn Yost and Bev Whitman as you minister to the children Sunday School classes. Also, thank you to those who are working in the Children's Church, Preschool/Toddler and Nursery areas. You are all very much appreciated!

Nancy Wold is working hard with our children as they are learning the book of Genesis. It has been amazing to see how the children area hiding God's Word in their heart as they memorize His message. Thank you, Nancy, for an awesome ministry to our children. Nancy has information on the following page to tell more about Children's Quizzing.

Ladies, please be sure to see the infor-

mation Stacey has provided for us regarding upcoming gatherings and the District Ladies' Retreat in the Ladies' News on the next page. We really appreciate your leadership in the area of our Ladies' Ministry, Stacey!

We know that the preparation for and implementation of these ministries takes precious time from your families, yet God is blessed by your sacrifice!

### Home Groups

Each of the home groups is gearing up for the fall. This is a great time for you to join in! The fall brings new studies and new folks to the home groups, so come be a part of one!

**SPAN Group** – contact Pastor Mike at 351 -7101 – SPAN is working through the study "How to Live The Holy Life".

**Kinney Home Group** contact Kris Kinney at 694-0833 –This group meets Wednesday evenings at 7 PM at varying locations. They are studying *Decisions: Finding God's Will*.

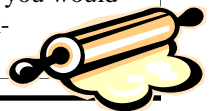
**Wohrle Home Group** – contact Greg Wohrle at 696-5770 - This group meets Wednesday evenings at 7 PM. They are continuing through a series titled, *Dreaming with God*.

If you are interested in participating in a home group and one of these nights does not work in your schedule, please contact Nancy Kinney (694-0833, knkinney@mtaonline.net).

### 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.



# Children's Corner

Jennifer Yost Children's Ministry Coordinator

# Sunday School Discipleship Ministries International

## Quizzing – 2007-08 Book of Genesis

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Dig Site/Page Numbers</u>	<u>Scripture Portion</u>	<u>Memory Verse*</u>	<u>Helper</u>
Oct. 3	Dig Site 5 – pages 18-21	Gen. 7:17-8:22	Gen. 8:22	Malone
Oct. 10	Dig Site 6 – pages 22-25	Gen. 9:1-20, 28, 29	Gen. 9:13	van Weel
Oct. 17	Dig Site 7 – pages 26-29	Gen. 12:19; 13:5-18	Heb. 11:8	Carnes
Oct. 24	Dig Site 8 – pages 30-33	Gen. 15:1-21	Gen. 15:1b	Carroll
Oct. 31	REVIEW Dig Sites 5-7			Kinney
Nov. 7	REVIEW Dig Sites 1-4			Berndt
NOV. 10	<b>QUIZ MEET</b> over Dig Sites 1-7		(location TBA)	
Nov. 14	Dig Site 9 – pages 34-37	Gen. 21:1-6; 22:1-18	Gen. 22:16b-17a	Wohrle
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	Lowrie



## Welcome Table

1. Stacy Pickens

## Cookie & Drink Station

1. Julie Wohrle

## Games

*We need 6 people to help.*

## Bobbing for Apples

*We need 1 person to help.*

## Cake Walk

1. Craig Palmer

## Cake Baking (2 Each)

1. Shawna King

2. Shelia van Weel

3. Stacey Johnson

4. Susanne Carnes

*We need 2 people to help.*

## Scavenger Hunts

1. Teens?

## Prize Table

1. Bonnie King

*We need 1 person to help.*

## Pumpkin Theatre

1. Stacy Pickens

## Cookie Decorating

1. Women's Ministry

## Publicity / Invitations

1. Bev Whitman

2. Nancy Kinney

## Face Painting

1. Becky King

*We need 1 person to help.*

## Fall Festival

October 19  
6:30– 8:30 pm

This is our fall community event and we are inviting many of the kids from Kid's Day, so we need a lot of volunteers for a scaled down event at the church. God

Bless all who reach out to the children in this special way.

In the far right column is a list of all our current workers, as of Sunday, September 23.

We still need at least 11 more people to help with the various areas. Please take a look at the list.

If you have any questions you can contact Bev Whitman at 696-8395 or [BevW1130@hotmail.com](mailto:BevW1130@hotmail.com)



# Ladies News

Stacey Johnson Ladies Ministries Coordinator

# Sunday School Discipleship Ministries International

## Fall Women's Ministry Events:

### Cookie Marathon! Monday, October 15th!

Dinner at 6:30, Cookies at 7! Come help prepare sugar cookies and icing to be decorated at the Kid's Fall Festival Friday the 19th. Bring any supplies you think may be helpful! Location: Stacey J's house. 21942 Rebecca Cir, Peters Creek. 688-3696



### October 26-27 - District Ladies Retreat

Registrations are due with payment in full on October 1

# Church News

*Happy Birthday/Anniversary to...*

## October

1 Mikayla Jo Lanham  
 4 Trisha Lanham  
 10 Dolly Hansen  
 13 Piet & Sheila van Weel  
 14 Bill Flanders  
 18 Keith & Susanne Carnes  
 19 Craig Lightle  
 22 Connie Flanders  
 23 Cheryl Vargo  
 24 Kim Collins  
 Edna Cross  
 25 Patty Frazier  
 27 Sarah Hanson  
 31 Tim & Chris Scott  
 April Stafford



**Church Potluck**  
**October 7th**  
**6:00 p.m.**

## November

1 David & Sherrie Allen  
 Sonna Hanson  
 3 Stephen Allen  
 Macaela Carnes  
 Clarke Hemphill  
 Ira Hemphill  
 Shayna Lee  
 4 Sherrie Allen  
 5 Sam Lightle  
 9 Parker Collins  
 Christine Contrael  
 Kriss Wagner  
 10 Amelia Collins  
 11 Abigail Szewc  
 13 Cona Carroll  
 15 Keith Malone  
 16 Dale Collins  
 17 Colton Vargo  
 19 Vince & Patty Frazier  
 20 Carolyn Clemens  
 Ben Flanders  
 21 Mark & Jill Kaufman  
 23 Nancy Welch Rodman  
 26 Lori Lee  
 30 Bev Whitman

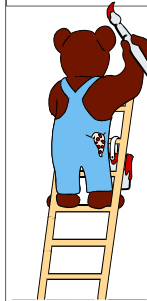
## E-mail Change for Pastor Mike and Shawna.

Pastor's New Email:  
 pastormike@mtaonline.net

Shawna's New Email:  
 ernazs@mtaonline.net

**New Directory Address:**  
 Mark and Jill Kaufman  
 14 W Pine Ct  
 Long View, WA 98632

## Church Maintenance



- ◆ Water Test for third quarter finished—Results were Good.
- ◆ Furnace in church office was shut off due to gas leak, repaired and turned back on.
- ◆ Remodel job's continuing, window's and carpet in stairwell and teen class room.
- ◆ Underground locates were done for the fence posts by play area.
- ◆ Class rooms and fellowship hall were painted and the classrooms were moved.
- ◆ 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.

## October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Let's show Pastor Mike and Jenn how much we care for them this month.

*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 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

## October is "Fill a Bag" Food Drive

The goal is 40,000 lbs of food. New Hope is serving 200 plus families per week with projections of 300 by December. We need your help. Canned goods, meats, cereals, pasta, condiments, meal in a box, mac & cheese, peanut butter, etc. are items of need. Have a "Fill a Bag" drive at your work, in your classroom, with your neighbors... be creative.



## New Hope on the Last Frontier

at 1220 E St. is your compassionate ministries center. Consider financially giving and volunteering in the ministries.

**Life Skills Mini-Seminar**  
Oct. 11 from 1-3 PM at New Hope on the Last Frontier. Come learn what this transforming class has to offer.

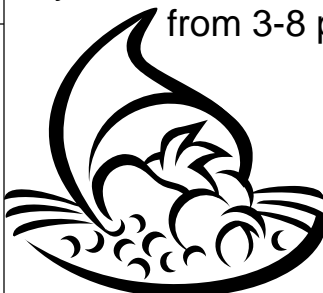
## Life Skills Classes

A 28 day women's class will begin on November 5. A women's Monday evening class begins on Sept 24. The class meets one day per week. New students admitted until October 16. This is a transforming relationship education program.

## Thanksgiving Blessing Project

New Hope is working with Eagle River Joy Lutheran, Mt. View Boys & Girls Club site, and Faith Christian Community site to provide a Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings for the family to prepare. ERCN will have a "Yam of a Time". We are going to "Yam it up". Our goal is 500 cans of yams. TBP will also need volunteers for Sunday set up (Time TBA) and distribution on Monday, November 19

from 3-8 pm



## Christmas Closet

Gifts for children ages 2-17 are being collected for New Hope's Christmas Closet on December 21. We are also baking cookies to give Christmas Cookie plates. Wrapping



paper, tape, etc. is also needed.

**United Way  
Employee Giving**  
Please consider designating New Hope on the Last Frontier for your United Way giving by writing it in under "other". Thank you.



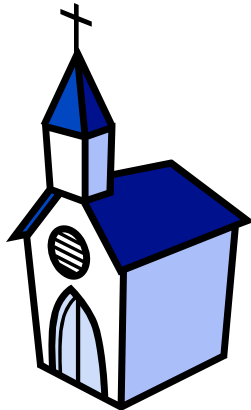
May God bless you richly as you serve Him, Chris



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response to the growing reports of abuse coming out of churches of all denominations. As a pastor on this district I was also asked to submit to a background check if I desired to spend any time at camps or retreats. Again, these checks are not to pry, or bring up old dirt, but rather to deter those with sexual or abusive pasts to seek out a place to prey on children. These background checks are paid for by the church and will be kept in absolute confidence.

I know these changes are major and at this time may seem a bit excessive given the size and makeup of our church. However, as we grow and reach out to our community, we need to be pre-



pared to welcome any and every person who comes into our building (and even those who don't). But as we welcome everyone, we need to be prudent in how we organize and prepare.

If you have any questions about this process, what it entails or have any concerns please let me know...I would be happy to share the process we went through to come to this decision.

Change happens and we hope that the changes that are and have been made will be a positive benefit to our church and the way our church serves the community. All of this is preparation for and hopefully serving our mission to make disciples of the world.

### 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

### Ministry Directors /Coordinators

Music / Worship Director  
Donna Malone  
Ladies Ministry Coordinator  
Stacey Johnson  
Children's Ministry  
Coordinator – Jenn Yost  
Nursery Coordinator  
Leslie Lowrie  
2007-08 Children's Quizzing  
Director – Nancy Wold



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