

Eagle River Naz News



~From The Pastor's Desk~

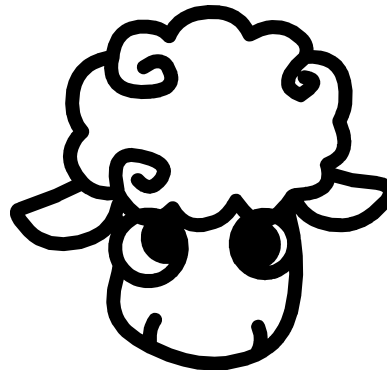
"Poetry in Motion"

Today I was reading an article in *The Christian Century* and a particular article struck me as interesting.

The author speaks of a person who, attempted to make 'living poetry' by painting words on the backs of sheep and letting them wander creating an organic poem. The author of the article then goes on to compare the church with such a 'living poem' saying,

We in the church would do well to think of God as writing poetry with our lives. You can't write a poem with one word. It takes a whole flock. Half the time, we seem a jumbled mess. Sometimes we fight over our place. Other times, some inept or uninterested hired hand step in allows the slightest sign of trouble scatter the flock. But always, God is trying to figure out how to get us to be this unexplainably rich poem we are capable of being.

The idea that we are, as a group, a living poem really resonates with me and my view of the church. There is no doubt that there are times when we cannot see the whole because we are right in the middle of the mess. There are times when we are so busy bickering or fighting for place, that we are unable to step back and view the beautiful mess that is the



church. There are times when it seems even God could not redeem such a motley crew of black sheep and that it would be better to disband, or go somewhere else rather than engage in the rough work of relation-

ship, or repentance and forgiveness.

In all of this, however, the author of the article reminds us that with the poetry of sheep, as with all poetry, it is best viewed from above, as a whole. That is tough to do sometimes with the church. We have such high expectations of redeemed persons that we are sorely disappointed when we find out others are just as prone to mistakes as we are.

The beauty of this poem is that while we are often times caught up in something bigger than we can immediately see, we are those who bear the Spirit of God within us. We are changed, we are moved and we are gifted. We are not inactive participants, but rather those who take part in writing the very poem which we are a part of. We reveal the beauty of God's poetry when we offer

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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.

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Children's Corner

Jennifer Yost Children's Ministry Coordinator

Sunday School / Discipleship
Ministries International

February 28, 2009 Quizzing Results

Jewel Lake
Church of the Nazarene

Blue Level Quiz Team

(Unable to place due to requirements)
Nichole Bearden – 2nd place ribbon
Sara Wold – 1st place ribbon
Laura Wold – 1st place ribbon

Red Level Quiz Team

Faith Carroll – 4th place ribbon
Blake Bearden – 4th place ribbon
Logen Wohrle – 3rd place ribbon
Brianna Wold – 3rd place ribbon
Landen Wohrle – 2nd place ribbon

Quizzing – 2008-09 Book of Exodus



Date	Dig Site/Page Numbers	Scripture Portion	Helper
April 1	REVIEW Dig Sites 1-3		Bearden
April 4	FINAL QUIZ MEET over ALL Dig Sites (Wasilla Lake 9:45a.m.)		*~*~*~*~*~*
April 8	END of QUIZZING PARTY (and Awards)		Berndt

Children's Sunday School

Warren and Betty Johnson are teaching the children's Sunday school class for the winter quarter. The children will be taught by Bev Whitman, in the spring. She is in need of a helper for that time period. If you are willing to help, please contact Bev, Jenn or Nancy Kinney.

KID'S DAY

Kid's Day is quickly approaching, can you believe that it's just around the corner. This year's event will be on Saturday June 13, at Chief Alex Park. We will need many helpers again this year to have a successful outreach to our community. We would also like to find anyone that is willing and able to do some easy game building for us. We're looking to add two more games to our already existing items. If you have any ideas about what these could be and you're willing to do some hammering, please let us know. We also need someone that is affiliated with Fort Rich that can contact them about renting inflatable's again this year. Anyone interested in helping out with the above mentioned items or help at the event itself, can contact either Bev Whitman [696-8395 bev1130@hotmail.com](mailto:bev1130@hotmail.com) or Jenn Yost 351-7101_jenniferyost@hotmail.com Thank You in advance and God Bless you for your faithfulness to this community event. Bev & Jenn

NYI News

Marshall Pickens NYI President

Nazarene Youth
International

Quizzing

Our 2008/09 quizzing year has drawn to a close. They have had an incredible year of learning the truths tucked into Luke. The teams have done well in the competition with our teams either placing first or second the entire year. For most of the quiz meets we took two teams, which often ended up quizzing for first and second place!

The final quiz took place in Valdez. The following awards were given for the day's meet:

- * placing in the top 10 were:
Morgen Wohrle
Katrina Wold
Ira Malone
Samuel Wold
Samuel Malone.
- * first place - Ira Malone
- * second place - Morgen Wohrle

- * alternate for NNU - Katrina Wold
- * #1 quizzer for the year - Morgen Wohrle
- * 2nd place team -
Eagle River girls team:
Morgen Wohrle
Katrina Wold
Jazzmin Kreuger
- * 3rd place team -
Eagle River boys team:
Samuel Malone
Samuel Wold
Ira Malone

(the top 5 are chosen to travel to NNU to compete in Regionals. If any of them cannot travel, Katrina will have the option to compete.)



District Main Event

This year the kids were challenged and blessed by several speakers and an incredible worship band. The main topics covered were temptation, redemptions and grace. They were also among the district teens who honored the outgoing NYI President, Dennis Linnell with prayer and lots of love. In addition to being challenged spiritually, the teens had opportunity to compete in categories of quizzing, sports and talent. The following awards were given:

- Talent**
- * Ira Malone -
Superior for piano solo, photo and painting
- * Samuel Wold -
Excellent for vocal solo,
Good for duct tape sculpting and videography

- * Morgen Wohrle -
Superior for vocal solo
- * Samuel Malone -
Good for drum solo
(all superior awards winners are eligible to enter their talent at NNU at Regional Main Event)

Sports

- * Madison Collins -
placed in the top 10 for volleyball

Election results for District NYI Council:

- President -
Pastor Chris Williamson
- V- Pres - Rob Faust
- Secretary - Pastor Mike Yost
- Treasurer - to be appointed
- Sr. High Reps. - Jackie Sparks, MacKenzie Fredrickson
- Jr. High Reps - Morgen Wohrle, Macalea Steghde

Sunday School

Nancy Kinney SDMI Superintendent

Sunday School Discipleship Ministries International

Adult Ministries Adult Sunday School Classes

The **Adult Faith Class** taught by Greg Wohrle will be studying "This is How We Know: 1 John" during March and April. "Essential Holiness will be the topic of study during the month of May. Join us in room 1 downstairs.

Beginning March 22, Nancy Lyman will teach a Sunday School class based on the book **Second Calling: finding passion and purpose for the rest of your life** by Dale Hanson Bourke. Using lessons from the life of Naomi from the book of Ruth, we will explore modern and biblical views of aging and the extraordinary adventures to which God calls us in the second half of life. This class is for those of us in the middle of life or beyond who are looking past the young adult roles of spouse, parent and "rising star employee" to see what God has in store for the second half of our life. Has God been speaking to your heart? Are there dreams that you have been afraid to try? God's view of you is so much more than a cosmetic commercial. Come join this exciting journey!! Contact Nancy at nlyman@nome.net or 688-8840 with questions. This class is designed for women so that we can speak freely of things close to our hearts.

Home Groups

The SPAN Home Group is studying *Worship in the Bible*. They meet at 7 PM on Tuesday evenings at the Pickens' home. For more information or directions, please call Jenn at 351-7100.

Ladies' Bible Study We will meet each Wednesday, 10 AM. Our 9-week study will be Beth Moore's *Believing God*. This study examines the lives of Abraham, Moses and others who believed God which is drawn from the "Heroes of the Faith" in Hebrews 11. Through their examples, Beth explores what it means to know and truly believe God as described in Isaiah 43:10 and encourages women to deepen their own trust in God and receive a fresh word from Him. Please contact Nancy Lyman for location information.

NMI

Nazarene Missions International

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

Your 2008-2009 Church Directory Updates

New This Month

Frank Clemens
Swordsman@clearwire.net

Previous Updates

Keith & Susanne Carnes

1840 Orchard Place
Anchorage, AK 99502
Ph: 929-7304

Stephen & Angie Carnes

11142 B Mausel Road
Eagle River, AK 99577
Talon Keith Carnes—October 27,
2008

Jacob & Megan Daniell

17015 Coronado Rd Apt 8
Eagle River, AK 99577
JC: 208-899-7389

Martin & Ashten Glaves

5439 East 32nd Ave Unit 2
Anchorage, AK 99508

Abe J. Harms

Physical Address
12310 Old Glenn Hwy
Eagle River, AK 99577
Mailing Address
PO Box 671115
Chugiak, AK 99567
Ph: 317-0779
Birthday: February 8

Benjamin & Shawna King

Isabelle Elise King—
May 30, 2008

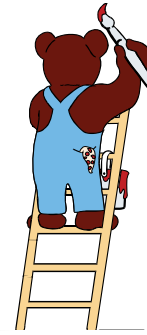
Becky King Changes

Craig & Becky Palmer
Craig's Cell: 242-0370
Craig's Birthday: May 22
Becky & Craig's Anniv.— Dec. 23

Mike & Jenn Yost

Claire Joy Yost—
November 22, 2008

Church Maintenance



Completed

- ◆ Garage Heat

In Progress

- ◆ Fire Extinguisher Maintenance
- ◆ Sanctuary Electrical Bid

Future

- ◆ Nursery door window
 - ◆ Sunday School Door Windows
 - ◆ Electrical Work
 - ◆ Switches for lighting
 - ◆ Replace extension cords with correct wiring in conduit
 - ◆ Lighting removed or replaced by sanctuary platform
- We need HELP with maintaining the church. If you can help out in this area please see Benjamin King.

Creative Media Opportunity!

Here is an opportunity for all of you creative types out there. As you may know, we use different backgrounds for our Media Shout presentations each Sunday. We are wondering if any in the church would like to use their artistic talent in this area. Backgrounds can be drawn, painted, or photographed. Horizontal pictures work better, but can use solid color in the background if they'd like to use vertical ones. They need to be high enough quality not to look pixilated when projected.

Here are the categories we could use pictures for:

- ◆ Fall/Thanksgiving
- ◆ Christmas
- ◆ Winter
- ◆ Scenic
- ◆ Worship (like the ones with arms raised or praying)
- ◆ Seasons (spring, summer, winter, fall)
- ◆ Holidays (New Year's, Valentine's, Easter, 4th of July, Mother's Day, Father's Day, & above, etc)
- ◆ Christian symbols (crosses, church, altar, communion, etc)

Really light colored ones *can* be used, but are harder to see on the screen with the projector we have. Ones that work well have a darker area (bottom or side) and then a lighter picture or scene above it. The words can be moved to bottom or justified on right or left. If you are interested, burn a CD or put the picture on a thumb drive and bring it to Nancy Wold or pastor Mike. Images must be in .jpg or .bmp format. Thanks!

Church News

**General Office Hours for
Administrative Assistant
Shawna King**

I will be in the office Monday through Friday from approx. 10:30 AM—1:30 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

You are invited to attend the Ordination Service for Pastor Michael Yost
Friday, May 29, 2009
7:00PM
Jewel Lake
Church of the Nazarene

Fellowship Dinner/ April 5th 6:00pm

Menu:

- ◆ Lasagna
- ◆ Salad
- ◆ French Bread
- ◆ Dessert



Happy Birthday/Anniversary to...

April

- 5 Mickey Rogers
Morgen Wohrle
- 6 Tom & Nancy Walker
- 9 Pete Carroll
- 10 Dylan Case
- 11 Emilia van Weel
- 15 David & Bonnie King
- 16 Rebekah Lily Short
Nancy Wold
- 17 Jacob Daniell
Nate Smith
- 19 Leslie Lowrie
- 21 Aurora Berndt
Billie Hemphill
- 23 Shawna King
Clark Woodward
- 25 Craig & Sonna Hansen
Christian Whitman
- 27 Faith Carroll
Jeff Johnson



May

- 2 Andrea Allen
Nicole Carroll
- 4 Julie Case
- 5 Dan Wiese
- 6 Dale Whitman
- 12 Mary Spencer
- 13 Emily Wood
- 15 Keith Carnes
Sam & Noelle Fleischmann
Craig & Stephanie Lightle
- 17 Stephen Carnes
Robert Clemens
- 18 Greg Wohrle
- 20 Jody & Trisha Lanham
Marshall & Stacy Pickens
- 22 Craig Palmer
Jacob Smith
- 24 Vince Frazier
Christie VandenDries
- 25 Hans & Emily Vogel
- 26 Terri Berndt
Benjamin King
- 27 Josh Hanson
Samuel Malone
Becky Palmer
Linda Wiese
- 29 Krista Wold
- 30 Isabelle Elise King
- 31 Jacob & Megan Daniell



Church Spring Cleaning

**Saturday, April 25th
at 10:00a.m.**

Refreshments Provided

There is lots to do, and we need volunteers, please remember that many hands make light work.
We hope you can help.

Easter News

**Good Friday Service
Service of Shadows
April 10th at 7pm**

Prayer Vigil to follow.

Easter Prayer Vigil

We will have a **3 day prayer vigil in the prayer room from 8pm April 10th to 11:00 am April 12th** (Good Friday- Easter morning). I am hoping to have at least one (though more would be great) in the prayer room every hour of that time. Sign up is in

**Continental Breakfast
Easter morning
9:30 to 10:30 a.m.**

**Served in the
fellowship hall.**

The Yost's would like to invite everyone who has a birthday in April over to their house for Lunch. Please RSVP for Sunday the 5th or Sunday, the 19th from 12:30p-2p. Families are welcome. Please check out the bulletin board in the foyer for sign up times.

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March 29, 2009 - May 09, 2009

Apr 2009						
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Weekly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Mar 29</i> Easter Offering	<i>Mar 30</i>	<i>Mar 31</i> 7:00 PM SPAN Home Group	<i>Apr 1</i> 7:00 PM Children's Quiz Practice 7:00 PM Youth Group	<i>Apr 2</i>	<i>Apr 3</i>	<i>Apr 4</i> 10:00 AM Children's Quiz
<i>Apr 5</i> 12:30 PM -2:00 PM April Birthday Lunch at the Yost's 6:00 PM Fellowship Dinner	<i>Apr 6</i>	<i>Apr 7</i> 7:00 PM SPAN Home Group	<i>Apr 8</i> 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study - Believing God 7:00 PM End of Quizzing Party 7:00 PM Youth Group	<i>Apr 9</i>	<i>Apr 10</i> 7:00 PM Good Friday Service of Shadows	<i>Apr 11</i> Easter Vigil
<i>Apr 12</i> 9:30 AM -10:30 AM Contenential Easter Breakfast Easter Vigil	<i>Apr 13</i>	<i>Apr 14</i> 7:00 PM SPAN Home Group	<i>Apr 15</i> 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study - Believing God 7:00 PM Youth Group	<i>Apr 16</i>	<i>Apr 17</i>	<i>Apr 18</i>
<i>Apr 19</i> 12:30 PM -2:00 PM April Birthday Lunch at the Yost's	<i>Apr 20</i> May Newsletter Deadline	<i>Apr 21</i> 7:00 PM SPAN Home Group	<i>Apr 22</i> 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study - Believing God 7:00 PM Youth Group	<i>Apr 23</i>	<i>Apr 24</i>	<i>Apr 25</i> 10:00 AM Church Spring Cleaning Regional Main Event Pastor Mike will be out of town through Sunday
<i>Apr 26</i> Guest Speaker TBA Regional Main Event	<i>Apr 27</i>	<i>Apr 28</i> 7:00 PM SPAN Home Group	<i>Apr 29</i> 7:00 PM Youth Group	<i>Apr 30</i>	<i>May 1</i>	<i>May 2</i>
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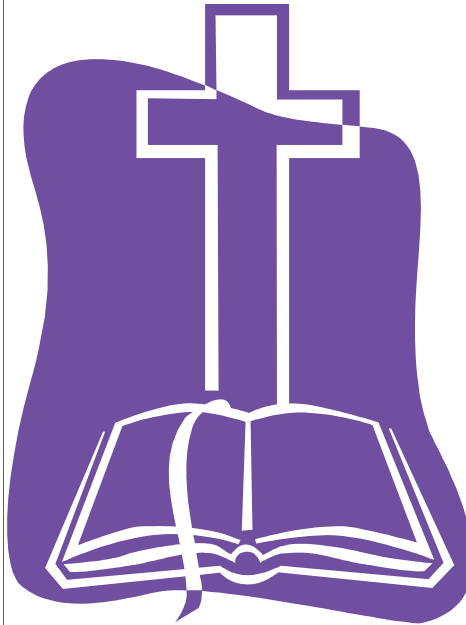
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forgiveness when we are wounded. We reveal the wonder of God's handwriting, when we repent freely and openly when we have behaved badly. We enact God's poem, when we allow the Spirit to move among us, changing, challenging, purifying and forming us into the beautiful work of the Master's hand.

I pray that God would show us a glimpse of the poem of which we are a part here at Eagle River Church of the Nazarene.

Peter W Marty. "The Poetry of Sheep." *The Christian Century*; September 9, 2009, 10.



Church Staff

Michael Yost—Pastor
Shawna King—Admin. Assistant

Church Board 09-10

Frank Clemens—Board Secretary
Kim Collins—Steward Chairman
Betty Johnson—Steward
Nancy Lyman—Steward
Benjamin King—Trustee Chairman
Kris Kinney—Trustee
Jeff Johnson—Trustee
Nancy Kinney—SDMI President
Marshall Pickens—NYI President

Ministry Directors /Coordinators

Ladies Ministry Coordinator
Stacey Johnson
Children's Ministry
Coordinator – Jenn Yost
Nursery Coordinator
See Jenn Yost to volunteer
2008-09 Children's Quizzing
Director – Nancy Wold



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