

# News & Notes

## December 18 – 24, 2016

### Revive Church

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## ALL-CHURCH CORNER

### BAKE SALE FOR MISSIONS TRIP TO INDIA

**TODAY**, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM, we are selling Christmas cookies by the dozen and other sweet treats! So forget about baking...just buy instead! All proceeds will go toward our India Missions Team. Thank you for your support!

### HELP AFTER SEPTEMBER STORMS

Our local communities were recently designated as a “disaster area” after the September 21 rain storms. FEMA reps stopped by the church to let us know that if you had damage as a result of the storm, and your insurance did not cover the costs, you may qualify for more help. Please go to [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov) or call 1-800-621-3362.

### QUILTERS’ FELLOWSHIP REPORT

This is our 18<sup>th</sup> year of working with the Brooklyn Park Crime Prevention Police Unit giving kids quilts from our church’s Quilters’ Fellowship. With this year’s quilts, we have given over 1,000 quilts to kids and families in our community! Each quilt has a heart label that says “Jesus Loves You.” This year we are honoring the four officers from this unit who we have worked with over the years with a personal quilt. (Two of the officers will be retiring at the end of this year.) Pray that each quilt will touch a child’s heart, warm them and let them know that Jesus loves them.

### STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING

Stephen Ministry is a one-on-one ministry to help those who are hurting or going through a crisis—loss of a spouse or child, marriage trouble, financial hardship, loss of a job, etc. Our training sessions will be Thursday evenings with two Saturday seminars, starting January 19 and going through Saturday, April 8. This training is very good for those who are in leadership, either here at church or in a place of employment. You will find Stephen Ministry training helpful in your relationships, especially with those who are hurting. Check the Care Ministry Kiosk for more information, a sign-up sheet and a training schedule. Contact the Church Office if you have questions about the ministry.

### ANGEL TREE PARTY THANK YOU

This party could not have been such a success without the ABFs who brought treats to share with these precious families! Thanks especially to the Lanier and Henry Small Groups that helped plan and facilitate the party and the Elevate Service attenders who helped set up the tables and chairs. Thanks, too, to Corrine Rucks for bringing crafts for the kids! What a blessing it was to be the hands and feet of Jesus in this way this Christmas!

## CARE MINISTRIES

Parish Nurse, Judy Petersen, RN  
Ext. 30, [jpetersen@bpefc.org](mailto:jpetersen@bpefc.org)

### GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER.

*SafeJourney*, a program serving North Memorial Medical Center and Maple Grove Hospital, helps individuals in the community who are experiencing domestic abuse. Volunteer advocates are needed to provide a listening ear, emotional support, safety planning, information and referral. You do not have to have previous knowledge or experience; they are looking for people who are sensitive to the issue, caring and non-judgmental. Advocates sign up for two on-call shifts per month. Shifts are 8 AM-5 PM, and 10 PM-8 AM. Our greatest need is Monday-Friday, daytime and overnight shifts. Training is March 7, 9, 14 & 16, 5:30-9 PM, North Memorial, Robbinsdale, and the scheduling is flexible—they will work around your schedule. Attendance at all four training sessions is required. For more info or to schedule an interview, contact Suzy at 763-581-3942 or [suzy.whelan@northmemorial.com](mailto:suzy.whelan@northmemorial.com).

### DANIEL PLAN

Daniel Plan is a program that teaches healthy living. We watch DVDs instructing us about Food, Fitness, Faith, Focus and Friends and how they all relate to help us live a healthier lifestyle. It is also a support group, so we can work on these things together as well as pray for each other. We will be starting again on January 17 at 2 and 6:30 PM. Please come and see if this is something that would be helpful to you.

## REVIVE STUDENT MINISTRIES

Student Ministries Pastor  
Nate Miller, Ext. 15

### SUNDAYS AT 9:00 AM

Middle School (Grades 6-8): Room 109  
High School (Grades 9-12): Youth Room

### WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM

All Ages: Youth Room, then Small Groups

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**12/18: BAKE SALE FOR INDIA MISSION TRIP**—8:30 AM - 12:30 PM. **TODAY'S THE DAY!**

**12/21: YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY**—6:30-8:00 PM. Bring a dozen cookies and a white elephant gift to exchange.

**12/30: REVIVE STUDENTS LOCK-IN**—9:00 PM-6:00 AM. Join us for an all-nighter! Inflatables, pizza, big games, dodge ball, comedy, speaker, band and more! Invite your friends to be entered in the gift card raffle!

**1/20-1/22: MIDDLE SCHOOL ARCTIC BLAST @ CAMP LEBANON**—Join us for snowy fun, broomball, night games, movies, cards, fun with friends! Please sign up at [www.signupforms.com/registrations/8781](http://www.signupforms.com/registrations/8781). Cost is \$99. Sign up by January 8. **\$20 DISCOUNT IF YOU SIGN UP BEFORE CHRISTMAS! Use code: MINUS20.**

## REVIVE KIDS MINISTRIES

Children & Family Ministries Pastor  
Frank Lanier, Ext. 27  
Assistant Director  
Leanne Klein, Ext. 38

### CHRISTMAS EVE "SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS"

Any Kids Pre-K – Grade 5, whether you come on Sundays or Wednesdays, will be singing the song "Jesus, Savior" at the 4:30 PM Christmas Eve Service. Kids need to arrive at 3:45 PM to practice. See Pastor Frank if you have questions.

### NO CHILDCARE FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Plan to attend a Christmas service as a family! No nursery or kids programs will be offered Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

### AWANA NEWS

December 21 - Dress like Christmas  
December 28 - No Awana

### WINTER MEGA FUN @ CAMP LEBANON

Kids in Grades 3–5, join us overnight on January 6-7. Talk with Pastor Frank for details.

## MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

### Ishak and Christine Ghatas

Timo, Miriam, Manal, Daniel, Markus

### European Christian Mission—Belgium

**"We thank you for your faithful support. You love the Lord and want to see His Kingdom established in different nations. Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a very blessed New Year."**

#### PRAISE GOD FOR:

- Those who decided to follow the Lord in 2016—twenty men and women made their decision and were baptized.
- His protection. Despite all the fear and attacks, the church was always open and ministries never stopped.
- Four teams (and the ministries they engaged in) that came to help us.
- Our children—two of them finished studies this year.

#### PRAY FOR:

- God's blessings as our church sings and shares the Christmas story in a refugee camp on December 21. We will offer gifts to the children.
- God's blessings for the prison ministry activities—singing as well as Christian 2017 calendars and sweets being offered from the 19<sup>th</sup> on.
- God's blessings for the special church meetings for Christmas and New Year's Eve.
- Our support to reach the minimum to enable us to continue all ministries. We were not able to continue the teaching ministry in North Africa.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Leaders: Holly Jenson and Jera Henry  
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### WOMEN'S GAME NIGHT

Save the Date: Friday, January 13, 7:00–9:00 PM. Jump into the New Year with bunco, treats, and time with friends! Please bring a snack to share; drinks will be provided. Consider bringing a \$5 donation to support "Adventures in Missions." Sign up at the Adult Ministries Kiosk.