

September 2010

The Messenger

Reaching Our Neighborhood

Throughout our **Re-new + Rebuild = Revival** stewardship campaign, I sought to maintain our focus on those outside our doors (and ourselves) as we remodeled our building. Our immediate neighbors have the greatest opportunity to see the rebuilding of our church, and I believe that God has strategically placed us at this location for “such a time as this.” (Esther 4:14) As the work began on our building, we began the process of discerning how God wants us to serve our neighbors. At the annual meeting in May we brainstormed all sorts of ideas. At the summer Neighborhood Association meeting at Broadway, we sought and received input on the needs of the neighborhood. We sent out a survey to our neighbors. We assembled a Neighborhood Outreach Team. We prayed. Our Neighborhood Outreach Team discussed the variety of ideas that boiled down to three categories: helping the hungry, serving Rolling Green Elementary School, and opening our building regularly as a community center.

One key component was to select an idea that would enable many in the church to participate. We saw this as a value because when many of us join in the effort, Broadway is successful. This value is revealed during Skills Camp when we have 60 volunteers serving 100 kids. Likewise this value is revealed when everyone chips in to pull off another awesome Fun-Fest. Also, I believe the incredible, unbelievable success of our stewardship campaign was due to God’s leading and the fact that almost every family contributed.

So as the Neighborhood Outreach Team discussed the various ideas, we sensed from the Holy Spirit that perhaps the best way to mobilize most of us would be this: each month we will have a different neighborhood outreach focus. So one month might be hunger-related, one month might be school-related, and one month might be community-related. This way everyone would have to the opportunity to love our neighbors in their own way. We haven’t sorted out all the details yet

for the school and community initiatives. Regarding hunger, we have decided that in September we would do a food drive similar to our Thanksgiving Basket ministry, modeling a grocery bag program that Ron Miller is familiar with through a church in Florida. On Sunday, September 12, our Rededication Sunday, at 9:15 am, the details of the grocery bag program will be revealed, and food will be collected beginning at 9 am during the Sunday School hour on Rally Day, September 19, with worship beginning at 10:15. Following worship, food will be distributed to our neighbors in need.

Please join us for worship to learn more of the details, especially for Rededication Sunday, on September 12 at 9:15 and on Rally Day, September 19, when we begin our new worship schedule at 10:15.

Let’s love our neighbors together,
Pastor Eric

BCC Student Ministries

KO gang, it's the start of a new school year! How exciting for all of you!...you must be stoked! J Just as you recently snagged your schedules, maps, and locker combos, here is the BCC breakdown of Student Ministries-related activities for the fall! There's a lot going on so keep this around and make sure you're checking the youth website for additional changes and updates! www.broadwaycovenant.com/student

Sunday Morning

Preschoolers

Meet in the Nursery
Meets from 9 to 10AM
Sue Warren and MaryBeth
will guide the little
ones!
They will work through DC
Cook Curriculum

Elementary Kids

Meet up in the Mr. Henry
Room
Meets from 9 to 10AM
Cari and Jon will be lead-
ing the kiddos so don't
miss out!

Jr. n Sr. High Students

Meet in Derek's Office
Meets from 9 to 10AM
Derek n Cheryl will help
unpack the adventure
of Jonah...the fish too!

Journey/Confirmation

Both Jr. n Sr. Highers

Meet in Derek's Office
Meets from 430 to 530PM
on Wednesday after-
noons
Myself, Pastor Eric, Marcia
n Sylvia will lead the
adventure
We will work through the
Old Testament and un-
pack the lessons that
help us get a better
understanding of our
Creator!



Wednesday Evenings

Preschoolers

Meet in the Nursery
Meets from 6 to 730 PM
Christi Melin and others
will care for our little
ones

They will work through a
John Piper sequence

Elementary Kids

Meet up in the Mr. Henry
Room
Meets from 6 to 730 PM
Cari Filkin and more will
be leading the kiddos
so don't miss out!

Youth Group 411

Jr. Highers (Grades 6 – 8)

You're part of Roots
(From Mark Ch. 4!)
Meets on Wednesday
nights from 6 to
7:30PM in our youth
room we call the Ga-
rage!

Join us for games, hang
time, eats, n talkback
on stuff you care
about!

We're going skydiving..er,
going to learn about
skydiving...er, never-
mind. Join us in Free-
fall!

Sr. Highers (Grades 9 – 12)

You're part of Overhaul
(From II Corinthians
5:17)!

Meets on Sunday nights
from 6 to 8 PM in our
youth room we call the
Garage!

Join us for games, hang
time, eats, n talkback
on stuff you care
about!

We'll unpack the idea of
Living on Purpose...just
show up...you'll see!

Great times ahead BCC!

Join together!

Peace,

Derek

Birthdays

- 4 Gordon Wienke
- 5 Arline Gredenius
- 10 Kathy Almond
- 12 Anders Gredenius
Kurt Miericke
- 14 Marcia Johnson
Doris Dahlgren
Wesley Hardin
- 16 Ron Miller
Linda Evans
- 17 Wally Sorensen
David Knight
Don Leather
Charles Carlson
- 18 Louise Larson
- 21 Mayford Engstrom
Jennifer O'Marrah
Bob Schweiger
Erica Schweiger
- 23 Louise Peterson
- 24 Ruth Hopkins
Jean Drews
Annette Retzlaff
- 25 Kevin McCulloch
- 27 Deloris Whitsel
Karen Frint

Serving in September

Head Usher: Keith Holmertz

Counters: Dan Hitchcock and Jill Page

Nursery workers:

- 9/5 Jon Brown, Kathy Melin & Kim Lape
- 9/12 Ann & Jeff Chapetta & Stacey Parlapiano
- 9/19 Colleen Felts, Kari Whitney & Kevin McCulloch
- 9/26 Christi Melin, Leslie Roxworthy & Matt Link

Anniversaries

- 2 Doug & Joan Boettcher
Wesley & Colleen Straley
Randall & Laura Ann Price
- 3 Dr. Martin & Robin Plotkin
- 5 Todd & Susan Johnson
- 8 Dan & Laura Schweitzer
- 11 Robert & Barbara Rehnberg
- 14 Thomas & Sandy Anderson
John & Kimberly Haase
- 15 James & Jill Page
- 16 Wayne & Carolyn Augenson
- 17 Karl & Crystal Burdick
Kendall & Nancy Dahlstrom
- 26 Maynard & Barbara Carlson
- 27 Keith & Kathryn Holmertz

Remember in

Bert Erickson and family mourning the death of his sister, Marion Erickson, in Jamestown N.Y.

The family of Emmet Swanson who passed away.

Kristi Swanson recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Joyce Cosman recovering from knee surgery.

Mimi Filkin with a broken arm.

Serving in Afghanistan:
Mike Golian

Congratulations to:

Rikki Bickford and her family on the birth of her daughter, **Charlotte**, born on July 31st. She joins big brothers, Dylan, Zach, & Devin.

Erin & Tim Clark on the birth of their daughter, **Eve**, who was born on August 13th. She is welcomed by grandparents Colleen and Gene Felts and Aunt Kari & Uncle Tyler Whitney.

Jenna Rasanen & Mark Woestman who were married on August 21st at Bethesda Covenant Church in Rockford. They are now living in Madison WI.



Thank you

Dear Broadway Friends, Our heartfelt thanks to each of you for your prayers, cards, calls and flowers during Doug and my health issues and our loss of Doug's dad, Emmet. We never could have imagined going through all this in such a short time, but God carried us through by using friends like you. Broadway is God's definition of a "Church Family". Thank you for sharing your love with us. Sincerely, Doug & Kristi Swanson

Adult Sunday School

What's So Amazing About Grace?

Based on the book by Philip Yancey

On Sunday September 26th at 9:00 a.m. we begin a ten week video series and discussion examining grace that heals a broken world. As usual Mr. Yancey challenges us as individuals and as a church. The series is led by Wayne Augenson and will meet in the alcove downstairs.

60 Plus meet for lunch

60 Plus will meet September 21, 2010 at 11:30 A.M. at Stockholm Inn for lunch. Call Peggy Frint, 815-282-0640 to let her know you are coming or if you need a ride. Reservations need to be in by Sunday, September 19th. Hope you can join us.

Sunday Night Bible Study

The Sunday Night Bible Study will meet at the home of Katie Rowl, 1653 5th Ave. beginning September 26th at 6:30 p.m. We will begin a study of the book of Esther. On September 26th we will kick off with the DVD "How Great is Our God."

Mission Report

This month we are praying for Leonid & Leanna Regheta. They are project Missionaries for Russia and have 4 children: Linnea, Timothy, Isaiah, & Amelia. Because of visa problems and changes in Russia's view of missionaries they are now located in Fort Worth, Texas. Leonid continues to work with a Sports Camp Ministry in Russia as well as being a liaison for the Covenant ministries that are in Russia. Please pray for deepening partnerships with the leadership of Russian churches that it would result in transformed communities through the power of the gospel. Also pray for safety and good health for the Reghetas.

Missionary Prayer Calendars for 2010-2011 are on the information table in the South East Narthex. Please take one and learn about the missionaries that the Covenant supports and how you can pray for them.

Rockford Area Pregnancy Care Centers Hike for Life:

The 20th annual hike is **Saturday September 11, 2010 at 9:30 AM.** It is located at The Rock River Recreation Path-Just South of the Rockford YMCA and tennis courts. In addition to the hike there will be a free continental breakfast and free games for kids. There will be entertainment provided by the Kazoo Guy and music by Crossroads. There are sponsor sheets available on the

information table by the library. If you have any questions, please call 815-997-1200.

Prayer and Praise: Mission Aviation Repair Center & Bob & Joyce Widman, Alaska

✦ Praise for the many children that they transported to Bible Camp this summer.

✦ Pray for these children that they would know Jesus and have a safe place to live.

Supported Missionaries:

Robert & Joyce Widman
Leonid & Leanna Regheta
Tim & Andrea Johnson
Peter & Ruth Dutton
Byron & Sue Bruckner D
David & Judy Dolan
Read their newsletters and other letters from our missionaries in the book by the Missions Board.

ALPHA for Fall

The fall ALPHA will start with an Introductory Dinner and a talk entitled "Christianity: Boring, Untrue, and Irrelevant?" on Sunday, September 19, 2010. The classes start Wednesday, September 22, 2010 and follow the outline below. Each evening begins with supper at 5:30 pm, includes a talk on DVD and an opportunity to meet in small groups to discuss and study the Bible. There is also a day long retreat scheduled for Saturday, October 23, 2010 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm.

Please consider joining us for these great classes on the basics of the Christian faith and invite your friends to come with you. Be on the look out for registration information at church and in the mail.

Wednesday, September 22	"Why Did Jesus Die?"
Wednesday, September 29	"How Can We Have Faith?"
Wednesday, October 6	"Why and How Should I Read the Bible?"
Wednesday, October 13	"Why and How Do I Pray?"
Wednesday, October 20	"How Does God Guide Us?"
Saturday, October 23	"Who Is the Holy Spirit?"
	"What Does the Holy Spirit Do?"
	"How Can I Be Filled with the Spirit?"
Wednesday, October 27	"How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life?"
Wednesday, November 3	"How Can I Resist Evil?"
Wednesday, November 10	"Why and How Should I Tell Others?"

Broadway Covenant Church Annual Picnic

Plan to join us on Sunday, September 12th following the worship service and our building dedication ceremony in the west parking lot for this potluck picnic.

The cost is \$4 per person with a maximum of \$15 for the whole family. Please sign up on the communication card Sunday morning or call the church office 815/399-9296 to make your reservation.



We will be serving roast beef and chicken. Tableware and beverages will be provided. Please bring your dish to pass when you come to church. There will be people available to take care of it for you. To ensure a variety of food types we suggest you follow this guide based on the first letter of your last name:

- A-H - side dish
- I-J - salad
- R-Z - dessert

(Please come even if you are unable to bring anything)

Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy food, fellowship and intergenerational games. We will be joined by special guests Central Conference Superintendant Jerome Nelson and Alderwoman Nancy Johnson.

Find Us Faithful

As summer comes to a close, I like to reflect on all that has happened. Dust filled our church with remodeled bathrooms, new and improved entrances, and an elevator. Children filled our church for Skills Camp, an awesome display of what God can do when we use our gifts and “follow the leader.” People filled our church parking lot for the Fun-Fest – another display of the joy of serving together in unity. But sadness also filled our church this summer. We gathered together on July 13 and August 23 to grieve the passings of two great pillars of our church, Rowlie Holmertz and Rev. Emmet Swanson. Rowlie was a charter member of Broadway and Emmet, a Covenant pastor who served three other churches in Rockford, maintained his membership at Broadway since 1976.

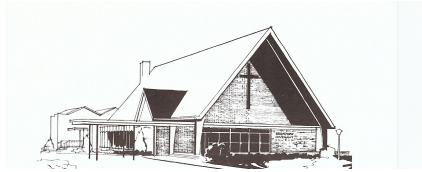
At Emmet’s funeral, Emily Schweiger, Emmet’s granddaughter, sang “Find Us Faithful.” The lyrics she sang remind us of the legacy Emmet and Rowlie leave behind, and inspire us to walk in their footsteps of faith:

*We're pilgrims on the journey of the narrow road
And those who've gone before us line the way
Cheering on the faithful, encouraging the weary
Their lives a stirring testament to God's sustaining grace
Chorus: Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful
May the fire of our devotion light their way
May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe
And the lives we live inspire them to obey
Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful
Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses
Let us run the race not only for the prize
But as those who've gone before us let us leave to those behind us
The heritage of faithfulness passed on through godly lives
After all our hopes and dreams have come and gone
And our children sift thru all we've left behind
May the clues that they discover and the memories they uncover
Become the light that leads them to the road we each must find*

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Rowlie and Emmet lived lives that built our church and glorified God. May the memories of their lives move us to try to be like them, disciples of Jesus Christ who loved God, loved others, and loved Broadway Covenant Church. Although Rowlie and Emmet were very different people, they both loved God with all their heart, soul, mind and strength. May the lives we lead bring honor to Rowlie and Emmet’s memories, bringing glory to God. As we pass on the heritage of faithfulness to those who come behind us, may we be found faithful as Rowlie and Emmet were faithful.

May we be found faithful,
Pastor Eric



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Youth Communication

We're going digital in the youth sector! All of our publications, calendars & info sheets will be on the website for instant access at www.broadwaycovenant.com/student. Bookmark it so you can stay in the loop. Call Derek with questions! Thanks!

The Choir Returns

Please join the choir for rehearsal at 6:30 on Wednesday, September 1. We will work on new music and discuss when our regular rehearsal time should be. You are welcome to join us even if you have never sung a note before in your life.

Golf for Kids

Covenant Harbor's 17th Annual Golf for Kids will take place Friday, September 17th at Geneva National Golf Course. To register on line visit www.covenantharbor.org.