MARCH 2014



# **PASTOR'S MARCH ARTICLE**

#### "Prayer, Prayer, and Prayer."

Evangelist Dr. Billy Graham was interviewed once and the question was asked, "Rev. Graham, You have such amazing results at your crusades. What is the secret of your success?" To rich Billy Graham replied, "Three things; Prayer, Prayer, & Prayer"

In the next couple of months you and I will have an opportunity to participate in prayer opportunities. This is a key to spiritual renewal according to Dr. Billy Graham. Plus we are hosting an exciting Disicplemaking Ministries workshop. To equip ourselves to fulfill God's command to "Go and make Disciples."

SEEK GOD FOR THE CITY – This prayer initiative is produced by WayMakers and is used across the country across denominational lines of the Christian faith. The desire is for local churches to pray for 40 days for their community and the world.

On Sunday Feb. 16, 2014 we announced that we of the Hibbing Alliance Church are participating in this collective prayer movement.

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# **Pastor's**

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"The Hibbing Alliance Church exists to lead people to Christ, enabling them to become fully committed to His purposes." Of the 50 booklets we had available only 10 remain as of this writing. The 40 days begins March 5 and ends on Palm Sunday.

We will be using the booklet to open our Wednesday night prayer gatherings, Worship Team Workshop and Making Healthy Disciples Workshop. I encourage you to get a booklet and participate with the congregation in Seeking God for our city.

SPA PRAYER RETREAT – SPA stands for Superior Prayer Area, formerly known as the Head of the Lakes Prayer Area. SPA consists of 14 northern MN C&MA Churches between Duluth and Bemidji. Annually, Rev. Randy Junker of Grand Rapids Alliance coordinates a SPA Rayer Retreat at Big Sandy Camp. Ordinally it is held in January but due to a bad storm it was rescheduled for March 9 & 10. One can attend for part or all of the retreat. It is \$20 for entire event or \$7 per meal and \$7 for lodging. It begins on Sunday at 4pm and ends Monday at 1pm

Speaker is Rev Patrick Misener. This year's retreat will be led by Patrick Misener. Pat and his wife Judy co-founded Smile Again Ministries in 2007. Since then they have opened a retreat center in the Crosslake, MN area where families who have lost a child can come from 3-5 nights. During their stay, families re-ceive extended counseling and support as they deal with the life changes that take place after a child dies. Pat has also been a licensed pastor with the C&MA for the past 32 years, and is currently the Interim Pastor at the Nashwauk Alliance Church.

If you would like to attend please register by calling Grand Rapids Alliance Church 218-326-4929

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - This will be a Good Friday (April 18<sup>th</sup>) service that personalize Christ Jesus suffering and death. Traditionally the Stations of the Cross had a few elements that are not mentioned in Scripture. However, our Stations of the Cross will exhibit 14 scriptural based events that took place just before the resurrection.

The elders will transform the sanctuary into a place of solemn reverential reflection on Jesus final moments. You will experience a brief challenge entitled "Jesus is Loving Barabbas". Then each station will be posted with a scripture and picture reflecting that event. You will be asked to visit each station as a family, read the scripture, offer a prayer of praise and or thanksgiving and then move to the next station. Our elders will be posted throughout in the event you wish counsel or prayer. After the final station you will be offered communion and then you can share your experience with others in the Fellowship Hall or head for home. We are praying that this Good Friday Service is like none other you have experienced.

MAKING HEALTHY DISCIPLES – We have invited the 14 C&MA churches of SPA to join us for this workshop designed to provide a strategy for effective children's, youth and adult ministry in the local church. Making Healthy Disciples is led by Rev. Marv Parker, Discipleship Ministries Director for the C&MA North Central District.

The following questions are addressed during the training session:

• How is your church carrying out Christ's command to "make disciples" at every age level?

What does a healthy disciple student look like at every age level?

**Pastor Kevin Norton** 

# Wednesday Night is Family Night at Hibbing Alliance Church

Family Meals Menu (served Wednesday 5:00-5:30 pm)



March 5<sup>th</sup> – grilled cheese sandwiches, tomato soup, fruit cocktail,

and ice cream

March 12<sup>th</sup> – St. Patrick's Day fare: corned beef and cabbage, Irish soda bread, shamrock cupcakes, and rainbow Jello

March 19th – Pancakes, sausage, orange slices, and chocolate pudding

March 26th – Sloppy-joes, chips, Jello salad, and brownie sundaes

Fill your stomach with nourishment, and fill your heart with fellowship.



Wednesday Night Kids Club is offered each week for children ages 5 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, but we need adults to be involved as well. Children are learning to *Stand Strong!* for God and grow in faith through Bible adventures, singing, dancing, games, and crafts. With God's love, family and friends, prayer, trusting God, and the Bible we can all *Stand Strong!* We want all of you (kids and adults) to join us Wednesday nights from 5:30 pm to 7:00pm and help us to **Stand Strong!** 

> Volunteers are Needed!! Contact Brooke Schmelzer at 218-966-8182





Your mission, should you choose to accept, is to join us for our VBS, International Spy Academy. Get out your Special Agent calendar and mark down the evenings of Sunday, August 10-Thursday, August 14, 2014 then join us for a fantastic Spy adventure as *agents for the one true God*.



We need you for: Group leaders Crafts Kitchen Games Bible Adventures Assembly/Worship Time Dramas Decorating Registration Nursery Attendant Prayer Donations and so much more!





Join us today! Contact Gloria Bush at 218-476-2429 or Hibbing Alliance Church at 218-262-6685.

# MARCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

#### **Nursery**

Mar.	2	Allison B. & Ben F.
Mar.	9	Darcie & Micah Norton
Mar.	16	Jodi & Logan Anderson
Mar.	23	Amy S. & Michelle A.
Mar.	30	Open

## **Ushers**

Mar.	2	Matt Anderson, Jim Dietrich,
		Everett Dague, Rita Geary
Mar. 9	9	Dave Nelson, Rick Norenberg,
		Joel Maki, Lonny Schmelzer
Mar. 1	.6	Matt Anderson, Harlee Sirjord,
		Terry Lanska, Jon Kilen
Mar. 2	23	Dave Nelson, Rita Geary,
		Jim Dietrich, Terry Fisher
Mar. 3	80	Matt Anderson, Everett Dague,
		Joel Maki, Rick Norenberg

# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Mar.	3	Mary Jo Moberg			
Mar.	5	Jerry Fletcher			
Mar.	6	Theo Freeman			
Mar.	7	Bob Hyatt			
Mar.	11	Terry Lanska			
		Chris Ellefson			
Mar.	12	Peggy Modlisz			
		Dave Nelson			
Mar.	16	Noah Schmelzer			
Mar.	17	Terry Fisher			
		Anistyn Eichorn			
Mar.	21	<b>Doris Klancher</b>			
		Ann Schnortz			
Mar.	23	Harlee Sirjord			
Mar.	26	Larry/Diane Maki			
Mar.	<b>28</b>	Micah Norton			
		Steve Sotzsky			
Mar.	30	<b>Rick Norenberg</b>			
		Bob Modlisz			
Mar.	31	Joel Maki			

### **Greeters**

- Mar. 2 Kathy McCauley & Vi Mohawk
- Mar. 9 Nancy Carlson & Shirley Jones
- Mar. 16 Jim & Phyllis McGuire
- Mar. 23 Matt & Jodi Anderson
- Mar. 30 Larry & Diane Maki

#### **Children's Church**

Mar.	2	Amy	Lucas

- Mar. 9 Connie N./Linda D.
- Mar. 16 Lorinda Freeman
- Mar.. 23 Barb Sotzsky
- Mar. 30 Terra Eichorn



Great Commission Women Heartbeat for Missions March Meeting Wednesday, March 12 1:00 pm @ Merla Romano's (Androy) Devotions: Lesson 7 - Darcie Missions: Alice Edward

> GCW Prayer 1:00 pm Wednesday, March 26 @ the Church



#### SPRING TRANSFORMATION

## WOMEN'S RETREAT APRIL 25-26 @TURNING POINT RETREAT CENTER COST: \$50

We have nailed down a date and place for our Spring Women's Retreat. All women of the Hibbing Alliance Church are invited and encouraged to attend. The retreat will begin Friday afternoon at 3:00 pm and end Saturday afternoon right after lunch.

We need to send in a deposit to reserve the retreat center, so anyone planning on attending will need to pay half (\$25) when they sign up.

We will be looking into Romans 12-13, so please begin to read these chapters and ask God to teach you new truths.

Our goal is relaxation and transformation! We will have very few scheduled events, and most of our time will be spent in fellowship and fun! We are hoping you can come for the whole time, but if not, you could drive out for the day on Saturday.

Please let Darcie know soon if you are able to come so we can get the deposit in and start making plans!

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01	Fri		~	<b>14</b> 5:30 pm Lone Rangers	21	28	
	Thu		6 5:30 pm Deaconess Meeting 6:30 pm Music Team Practice	<b>13</b> 6:30 pm Music Team Practice	<b>20</b> 6:30 pm Music Team Practice	<b>27</b> 6:30 pm Music Team Practice	
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