

## Teams prepare for summer missions

Adventure and sore muscles await short-term missionaries from Prior Lake Baptist Church this summer.

"I need a little bit of a spiritual adventure," said Josh Havlik, who will minister in South Africa with nine others June 25 through July 8.

Led by Pastor Ron Groschel, the team will fly to Johannesburg, South Africa, where they will stay with Kevin and Sarah Zakariasen in Onderstepoort.

"Kevin wants us to minister in many local villages and be an encouragement to the many local pastors," Pastor Groschel said. "I am sure that Kevin will fill every waking hour with some type of ministry opportunity."

The team will minister with Pastor Minaka in the village of Soutpan and with Pastor Nicholas in the village of Opperman. They'll meet with pastors at the Zakariasens' home, and they plan to visit David and Erin de Bruyn in Johannesburg, where they serve at New Covenant Baptist Church.

Shawn and Alina Burtman are curious to find out what the Lord has in store for them on this trip.

"We're still trying to understand the direction God is leading us," Shawn said, noting that some might be cautious of such a trip. "You know, if I'm trusting God, why should I worry? I'm excited to see what God's going to do with our lives."

Those traveling to South Africa include



South Africa team: (back row) Shawn Burtman, Mike Havlik, Josh Havlik, Pastor Groschel, (front row) Alina Burtman, Charlee Howell, Krista Smith, and Michelle Benford. Not pictured: Jenny Groschel and Jason Smith.

Krista and Jason Smith, Mike and Josh Havlik, Pastor and Jenny Groschel, Alina and Shawn Burtman, Michelle Benford, and Charlee Howell.

### Youth missions trip

Pastor Shad Vork and his wife Elisabeth are planning a road trip June 20 to July 2 with seven youth to minister at Eagle's Wing Baptist Mission on the Cheyenne River Reservation in Dupree, S.D. and at Red Cliff Bible Camp near

Pinedale, Wyo.

They'll stay at Eagle's Wing Baptist Mission for four days, canvassing, running a children's ministry, and participating in a Wednesday night service.

From there, the youth will sightsee through the Badlands, Mount Rushmore, Yellowstone National Park and possibly a rodeo until they arrive at Red Cliff Bible Camp where they can primarily expect to chop wood June 26 through July 1.

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## Door-to-door outreach ministry starts Thursday

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Steve Havlik

Door-to-door evangelism doesn't have to be intimidating. Anyone who would like to get started can join the Neighbor to Neighbor Outreach on Thursday, May 5.

"It's just an easy opportunity to really be involved in evangelism," said Steve Havlik, who heads up the summer ministry for Prior Lake Baptist Church. "The Lord wants us to go out and meet people for the Gospel, and this is a good opportunity. It's really low key. It's very easy and

it has been very non-threatening."

The Neighbor to Neighbor Outreach involves canvassing homes in the new developments around Prior Lake Baptist, inviting the residents to church, and leaving a tract and other literature with them.

A typical approach might go like this: "Hi. I'm from Prior Lake Baptist Church. We'd like to

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# PLBC great place to practice stewardship

By Pastor Ron Groschel

I praise God that many have been blessed and helped by our emphasis on 33 days of stewardship and the book, "The 33 Laws of Stewardship." John Shrewsbury, Jim Rau and Dave Hall each brought excellent presentations on "Raising Financially Responsible Children," "A Proven Plan for Debt-Free Living," and "Budgeting Made Simple and Workable."

Although stewardship surely includes our financial resources, it involves far more. Actually, it involves every aspect of



Pastor Ron Groschel

our lives. Christian stewardship is "total-life stewardship." We are owners of nothing, stewards of everything. Upon these key principles God instructs us to order our lives. This stewardship emphasis has been a rich study for all.

I would encourage you to look through the listing in this newsletter of the many and varied ministries of our church. Perhaps there are some ministries of which you were not aware or some ministries of

which you would like to be a part. If so, see the contact person or the church office. The ministries of our church are all about serving, growing and reaching. Serving is the heart of Jesus Christ (Mark 10:45), growing is God's expectation for each believer (2 Peter 3:18), and reaching others for Christ is our Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20). As good stewards of God's grace in our lives, may we be committed to serving, growing and reaching.

*LERB: Love God, Exalt Christ, Revere God's Word and Build Christ's Church*

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Men's softball starts up

Men's softball will be running on Monday evenings now through July, with a tournament Aug. 20. No softball will be played on Memorial Day, May 30.

For more information, contact Terry Burtman at (952) 492-6786.

### Special services coming

Mother's Day is coming up Sunday, May 8. Mothers will be honored during the 10:10 a.m. worship service.

The church will recognize Memorial Day with a special emphasis, including a PowerPoint presentation by Krista Smith, on Sunday, May 29.

### PLBC assists church plant

Prior Lake Baptist Church is taking a small role in assisting a church plant.

Jason Ormiston, formerly of Family Baptist Church, is planting the All Nations Baptist Church in the Midway area near the University of Minnesota. PLBC deacons recently voted to provide rent money for a facility for two months.

### Fathers and food June 19

The church will celebrate Father's Day on Sunday, June 19 with the 11th annual Big Daddy Burger Bash.

"Some people come from other churches after their services just for the burgers," Pastor Ron Groschel said with a grin.

### Missions trips leave soon

Two missions trips will take off in

June. Led by Pastor Ron Groschel, 10 individuals will fly to Johannesburg, South Africa, to assist missionaries Kevin and Sarah Zakariasen with their work June 25 through July 8. A youth missions trip under Pastor Shad Vork's leadership will roadtrip to Cheyenne River Reservation in Dupree, S.D. and to Red Cliff Bible Camp near Pinedale, Wyo. June 20 through July 2.

### Missionaries visit in July

Missionaries will be speaking in services throughout July, which has been designated "Missions Emphasis Month."

The special event will give missionaries the opportunity to present their work for possible support and will give the church exposure to various mission fields, Pastor Ron Groschel noted.

Joe and Abbie Nicholson, missionaries to North Wales United Kingdom, will present their work in the 6 p.m. service on Sunday, July 3.

Colin and Tonya Landry, who are undertaking church planting in the inner city of Boston, will speak at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 6.

The South Africa missions team will recap its ministry in the morning service on Sunday, July 10. The youth who plan to minister at Cheyenne River Reservation and Red Cliff Bible Camp will give a report in the 6 p.m. service.

On Wednesday, July 13, Dean Fitzsimmons will present his work with the Inner City Bible College of Kansas City, Mo.

Jason Ormiston, formerly of Family Baptist Church in Minneapolis, will present his work planting the All Nations

Baptist Church near the University of Minnesota in the 10:10 a.m. service on Sunday, July 17. Tobin and Melinda Schroeder, missionaries to Indonesia, will speak in the 6 p.m. service.

Paul and Jo Anna Harmon, missionaries to Uruguay, will visit Wednesday, July 20.

The missions emphasis will wrap up with thoughts on raising children with a heart for missions by Dr. Ralph Rice on Sunday, July 24, and by Pastor Ron Groschel on Sunday, July 31.

### Mark your calendars

Those interested in a study trip to Israel should mark their calendars for summer 2007. Dr. Doug Bookman, who spoke for the Passion Week Bible Conference, announced his plan to lead a group from our church on such a trip.

## NEWS IN THE PEWS

### Birth

Angelina Marie Fischer was born to Bethany and Andrew Fischer on Feb. 23, 2005. She weighed 5 pounds, 5 ounces and was 18½ inches long.

### New members

Prior Lake Baptist Church welcomed 10 new members recently. Carl and Irene Swanson and their children, Daniel, Roxanna and Kate, and Devin Hancock were baptized April 3. Tim and Noelle Zempel and Gardner and Janet McKeon were voted into the membership April 10.

# Largest senior class graduates June 5



Eleven seniors who will graduate from PLCS include (front row from left) Randi Carlson, Abby Miller, Charlee Howell, (boys from left) Trevor Pearson, Chris Mau, Torrey Anderson, Alex Smith, Ryan Burch, Jason Smith, Kyle Wagener, and Alex Trofim.

The Class of 2005 at Prior Lake Christian School outshines all others as the school's largest graduating class.

"This is the biggest class we've ever had," Principal Roger Byrd said.

Graduating classes generally have six or so students, but on Sunday, June 5, 11 seniors will march across the stage to receive their diplomas.

Starting at 3 p.m., the commencement ceremony could be longer than usual. Roger Byrd will continue his tradition of reading a short history about each graduate, and each senior will give a short speech. Dr. Pat Casey, a professor from Pillsbury Baptist Bible College, will deliver the commencement address, after which students will receive their diplomas.

Roger Byrd also plans to compile a PowerPoint presentation showcasing each student in various stages of life and advertising the date of his or her open house.

## PLCS students compete locally and nationally

*By Roger Byrd, principal of Prior Lake Christian School*

There is much activity at Prior Lake Christian School in the spring of the year.

In March, the older students competed at the state level in categories such as Academic Bowl, Bible Bowl, Monologue, Poetry and Expressive Readings, One-Act Play, Radio Program, and Preaching. Students participated in musical entries such as duets, trios, piano, guitar, flute solos, and choir. They also entered events in photography, art and athletics. The students did very well at the state level and are making plans for national competition in Missouri at the end of May.



Roger Byrd

An exciting trip to Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, Ohio is planned for May 20-28. ACE (Accelerated Christian Education) uses a college campus each May for the event. We have been to many colleges over the years, including Purdue, Rutgers, Virginia, Tennessee, Indiana and Northern Arizona universities. We take the students to this competition not



Students who attended national competition last year include (left to right) Heidi Neibert, Jamie Horkey, Missy Groschel, Lory Fleischer, Sarah Whitmore, Abby Miller, Catie Mueller, and Randi Carlson.

only to compete but also for the wonderful fellowship with each other and with students from other states and many foreign countries. Staying in the dorms with kids from South American countries, European countries and South Africa is a real growing experience. For some reason, the students really love the bus trip itself and enjoy all the memories we have made with bus problems. A spiritual highlight of the week is the nightly rally with enthusiastic and challenging speakers. Students have told us over the years that many important decisions were made during these trips. Please pray that the Lord will again impact our students' hearts by the speakers and fellowship and by the

entire trip.

The senior high students enjoyed their spring extravaganza banquet, which honored our 11 seniors on April 29. Our 2005 graduates are Torrey Anderson, Ryan Burch, Randi Carlson, Charlee Howell, Christopher Mau, Abby Miller, Trevor Pearson, Alex Smith, Jason Smith, Alex Trofim and Kyle Wagener.

Upcoming events include Awards Night at 7 p.m. on May 18 and graduation at 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 5. We would love to have the support of our church family.

We appreciate your support so much. Please continue to pray for all of our staff for strength and wisdom.

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Children's Sunday School  
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### Couples for Christ (Young Married)

John and Cindy Shrewsbury  
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### Faith Builders (Adult)

Steve and Diane Stange  
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### Faith Defenders (Senior Adult)

Pastor Daniel and Deborah Lowe  
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### Special Needs Ministry

Ed Green/Toni Graham  
651-463-4645

### Young Adult Sunday School Class

Dean Smith  
952-445-6525

### Little Lamb Ewe Preschool

Sandy Rau  
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### Prior Lake Christian School

Roger and Bonnie Byrd  
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### REACH Educational Ministry

Toni Graham  
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### Resource Center and Library

Bonnie Green  
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### Children's Ministries (0-18 years)

#### AWANA

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### Children's Church Program

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### Children's Productions and Choir

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Pastor Shad Vork  
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#### Biblical Counseling

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Co-Ed Volleyball

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#### Evangelistic Programs and Outreach

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#### Ladies' Basketball

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#### Ladies' Bible Studies and Discipleship

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#### Ladies' Inkpad Missions

Cindy Shrewsbury  
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#### Ladies Prayer Chain

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#### MOM's Ministry

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#### Men's Basketball

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#### Men's Breakfasts

Tom Pawlowski  
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#### Men's Bible Studies and Discipleship

Pastor Ron Groschel  
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#### Men's Softball

Terry Burtman  
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### Sunday Services

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#### Sound System and Lighting

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IN THE KITCHEN WITH DEBORAH LOWE

# Chicken dish perfect for Sunday afternoon dinner with guests

Deborah Lowe says: "This was one of our favorites made by Mrs. Diane Landry. Daniel and I had the privilege of living with the Landry family while interning at Tri-City Baptist Church in Denver. Mrs. Landry called it "Fool's Chicken" because it fooled her guests into thinking she was a gourmet cook! It is perfect for a Sunday lunch because it takes three hours to slow cook. However, the three-hour cook time cannot be altered. Recent guests in our home will verify that a long service will do this dish in!"



Deborah Lowe

### FOOL'S CHICKEN

- 6 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 6 pieces bacon
- ¼-pound dried chipped beef
- 1 can mushroom soup
- 1 pint sour cream

Tear chipped beef into small bits and scatter on bottom of casserole dish. Wrap a slice of bacon around each piece of chicken. Place chicken over chipped beef. Mix mushroom soup and sour cream. Pour mixture over chicken. Bake uncovered at 300 degrees for three hours.

## Ministry to law enforcement and inmates begins in Scott County

By Larry and Tracey Gorham

After months of preparation, our law enforcement and corrections ministry has begun.

For several months June Fleming has been faithfully ministering to a young woman referred by the courts to our program. June has seen some wonderful and positive changes in the life of this young woman along with her boyfriend who has joined the lessons.

We are also currently presenting the "Set Free" program to inmates at the Scott County Jail Annex in Jordan every Tuesday night. The annex houses both male and female

release and leave daily to work and return each evening. While at the annex, they are allowed to watch television and enjoy time in the recreation room. Despite those privileges, we have seen a great thirst for God's Word and have had a turnout of five to 10 men and women each week. The interest level of those attending varies, from those simply curious to others who are actively seeking truth from God's Word.

*If you would like to serve in the law enforcement and corrections ministry, please contact Larry Gorham.*

In addition to our jail ministry, we also have an open door for Larry to volunteer chaplain services with the officers and dispatch staff in the Scott County Sheriff's Department. This is a very exciting opportunity, not

only for assisting officers in the community but also for ministering to the officers themselves. Our goal by this summer is to be riding with officers at least once or twice weekly and to be available as needed to assist with critical incidents.

These programs are currently being facilitated by Larry Gorham under Pastor Groschel's guidance. If you think you may be called to serve in a law enforcement and corrections ministry, we would love to hear from you!

inmates whose crimes are primarily drug and alcohol related. For the inmates the "Set Free" program is a welcome alternative to traditional treatment programs. "Set Free" is a 12-lesson treatment program that teaches inmates the biblical truths that will set them free from their addictive and destructive behaviors (sin). Each lesson ends with an invitation for the students to accept Christ as their personal Savior.

The annex allows for a great deal of freedom for the inmates. Many are on work

## Prayer warrior Margaret Michels home with Jesus

Prior Lake Baptist Church lost a prayer warrior when Margaret Michels went to her Lord in February.

The longtime church member died Feb. 22, 2005 at the age of 85.



Margaret Michels

For the past 10 years, Pastor Ron Groschel had met with her and others, including Marian Radermacher, for a weekly Bible study at Prior Manor.

"Margaret was a real prayer warrior," Pastor Groschel said. "She faithfully prayed for the church. Margaret was also known for memorizing Scripture. She memorized lengthy portions like the Beatitudes and Psalm 23. Because Margaret loved God's Word, our Bible studies were so enjoyable."

Margaret left behind a large family, extending even to four great-great-grandchildren.

"She prayed for them," Pastor Groschel said. "When we'd get together, she would pray for her entire family."

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invite you to come to our church sometime. I'd like to leave you with a brochure about our church and hope you'll be interested to see what it's like some time. I'd be happy to answer your questions about our church or the Bible."

"Generally people have always been very courteous," Steve said. "We haven't had any that are antagonistic or mad. ... If they're interested, fine. If they're not, we move on to the next door."

Steve recognizes that those who canvass might be apprehensive about how they will be received.

"The Lord will always bless you for that willingness," he says.

This year, Steve plans to "cover all the new housing developments within maybe three, four, five miles of the church," he said.

Anyone who would like to participate should contact Steve at church, call him at home, or e-mail him at sjhavlik@juno.com.

## MISSIONS TRIPS FROM PAGE 1



Youth missions team: (clockwise from top) Pastor Shad Vork, Sarah Puelston, Rebecca Waddell, Abby Miller, Kathleen Howell, Elisabeth Vork, Mike Stange, Nate Havlik, and Joe Graham.

“[The camp] needs wood for heating pretty much throughout the year,” Pastor Shad said. “They have lots of trees to cut and stack.”

The youth will also provide special music and nursery care in the evenings for a family camp.

Students on the youth missions trip include Joe Graham, Nate Havlik, Mike Stange, Abby Miller, Kathleen Howell, Rebecca Waddell, Sarah Puelston, and Pastor Shad and Elisabeth Vork.

### How you can help

Pastor Shad anticipates that the youth missions team will need to take two or three chainsaws to Red Cliff Bible Camp.

Pastor Shad plans to supplement the trip’s cost, approximately \$350, with sponsorships from church members. He hopes to have three to four sponsors for each teen. Each sponsor would contribute \$25; any amount over \$25 would be divided equally among the teens.

Anyone who would like to sponsor a teen or who can lend or donate a chainsaw to the camp should contact Pastor Shad.

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