

Promise Updates

September 2008

A Message from Dr. Brunow

Permit me to take a moment to introduce myself and tell you what will be happening the next few months. My name is Gene Brunow and I have served in ministry for over 49 years. I have been a principal and teacher in Lutheran schools. I served the Indiana District for over 25 years as Executive Counselor in Education, Evangelism, Human Care, Stewardship, Worship & Spiritual Care and Youth ministry. For the past 5 plus years I have been serving as Assistant Pastor at Emmanuel with responsibilities in Discipleship, Inactive and Outreach ministry.

My goal for the next few months is to equip the leaders so they, along with the leadership of the pastor, may guide the congregation in an effective and God-pleasing ministry.

The process I will follow is that all issues will be approached by studying the Scriptures to see what God has to say on the matter. Resources containing "best practices and research" may also be used. Beginning September 7, a small group of leaders will study Confession & Forgiveness and Peace Making materials. When they have completed that process the whole congregation will be invited to participate in a six week Peacemaking Bible Study.

A vacancy is a good time to check on aches, conflicts and pains that have occurred in the past. Toward that end, I am most open to listen to anyone who would like to share any concerns they may have which could lead to a more effective ministry at Promise. You may contact me at 749-7517.

Meet, Greet & Grub!

Join us for our Sunday Education Hour kickoff on Sunday, September 7th at 11:30am for a congregation pitch-in dinner! You can rub elbows with some old friends and make new ones. Besides, it's always better with a full belly! Meat and drinks are provided. If your last name starts with A thru H, please bring a dessert to share. If your last name starts with I thru P, please bring a salad, vegetable or fruit. If your last name starts with Q thru Z, please bring a side dish. We'll have fun & games available to burn off those guilt-filled calories. Come and enjoy some simple, honest community fun!

One Can Make a Difference—September

This month's recipient:

Children's Hope Hospitality House

They are in need of the following:

Individual cups of pudding, fruit, microwave pasta, etc.

Personal Hygiene Items • Toothbrushes

Toothpaste • Paper Products • Flour

Cookie Mixes • Ziplock Bags • Aluminum Foil

Hand Soap • Laundry Soap • Coloring Books

Cleaning Supplies • Crayons/Colored Pencils

Donations can be placed in the basket in the Commons labeled "One Can Make a Difference." Thank you for making a difference!

Just a Few Notes ...

What a joy to work with a wonderful team of Promise people toward a goal of reaching the church, un-church, under-church, and over-church in our community. Currently the main focus is the Sunday morning worship service. However, plans are being made which would affect other areas of outreach. Nothing happens as quickly as we desire, but our desires need to be God's. His timing will produce wonderful results. Can't wait to see what He has in store!

Ruth Ehle, Director of Worship & Celebration

Women's Ministry Fall Bible Study

The Women's Ministry will begin its fall Bible study on Monday, September 8 at 5:15pm and Tuesday, September 9 at 8am. Both groups will be studying *Women of the Bible* by Ann Spangler & Jean Syswerda. If you have any questions, please contact Tierra Monroe at 632-5953 or Gladys Dormire at 485-2571.

Notes from the Board of Directors

At their August meeting, the Board of Directors:

- Accepted the contract with Ruth Ehle for a period of 6 months. Permission was received from the Lutheran Foundation to use previously awarded grant money for the Director of Worship and Celebration.
- Agreed to ask the Elders to contact Pr. Dubbelde to connect us with names of retired pastors from the Next Steps program to conduct an adult Bible study on Sunday mornings.
- Agreed to have Facilities pursue estimates to install an alarm system for both security and fire.
- Agreed to seek a cost to install a windmill for aeration of the pond to alleviate the algae problem.
- Agreed to contract Messman Painting to have the cedar painted and caulked on the exterior of the building at the low bid of \$1550, including labor and all materials.

Discover Your Gifts & How You Can Serve

God has given us pieces of the puzzle that make us who we are. As we travel through life, He gives us more pieces. But what should we do to put them all together? How can we know what God wants for us and from us? Help fit the pieces of Promise together by attending the new Network class beginning September 14 from 6-8pm in the Barn (dinner included) and continuing every other week for 12 weeks. Learn your spiritual gifts and how they can be used at Promise. Register in the Commons, by calling the church office, or contacting Cathy Dillman at 486-7336.