

Ongoing Activities

- **Bible Studies—Lord, Change My Attitude** resumes the week of January 9
Monday 5:15-6:45 p.m. and 6:45-8:15 p.m.
Tuesday 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Wednesday 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Melanie Denney 381-7596
Mondays -1:00 - 3:30 p.m. - Library
Barb Miller 382-1207
- **Caring & Sharing**
Need a confidential listening ear or someone to pray with? Join Ella Mae in Room 101 on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Questions - 382-3047
- **Women's Fitness Class** —
Strength Fitness Class Monday & Thursday 5:15-6:00 p.m.
Room 150 - Marylyn Christenson 382-7153
Walking for Fitness: Tuesday 5:15 - 6:00 p.m. Gym
Darla Cleveland 381-1489
- **"Free" Moms** —
9:00-11:00 a.m.- 2nd & 4th Thursdays
Winnie Poland 258-4298

- **White Cross** — 4th Thurs. - Room 107
Meets at 1:00 p.m.
No Meeting in December
Betty Leggott 382-4222
Kathryn Holmberg 382-7048
- **Mary Martha Circle** —
2nd Tuesday alternate months Room 104
Beulah Nunnenkamp 384-1790
Velma Fehr 382-2503

Looking Ahead

- **Christmas Dessert Celebration** -
December 6 - 6:30 p.m.
- **Exchange Student Outreach** -
December 10, 5:00 p.m.
- **Bible Studies**
resume the week of January 9
- **Graduate Brunch**
March 24
- **Spring Salad Supper**
March 27

"Women of the Light" exists for you to learn more about Women's Ministries at the Grand Island Evangelical Free Church.

Grand Island Evangelical Free Women's Ministries Website: giefc.org/womensministries

- National Evangelical Woman's Ministries website: efca.org/women

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Prayer Chain

For all prayer requests, please call the church office - 382-1898 - or email ninas@giefc.org.

Women of the Light



Jesus said to the people, "I am the Light of the world so if you follow me, you won't be stumbling through the darkness, for living light will flood your path." John 8:12

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SHARING THE ADVENTURES OF MOTHERHOOD



"Did you see that, mom?" Child turns, looking for me, all happiness (as he looks at the earth). I nod, a wonder at his wonder. Does he know that it's really each of them (children) that captivate me more than any of life's landscape", asks Ann VosKamp on her blog, *A Holy Experience*.

The children God has given us are captivating! Who can resist their unconditional love, their curiosity about life, their sweet little faces, their tiny hands in ours, and the cute things they say. But as captivating as they are, motherhood can also be challenging. Little sleep, sick children, feelings of loneliness, discipline that seems non-stop some days (smile), and wondering if anyone else's kid ever does these things (another smile) can be draining.

A wonderful place for young moms to connect and share these joys and struggles of motherhood is at Free Moms. **Free Moms** is a group of young moms, who gather for fellowship, encouragement, instruction, and spiritual renewal. As young moms, we enjoy learning from more seasoned moms. This past year, we've had guest speakers share on a number of topics including marriage, parenting, family relationships/dynamics, evangelism, managing your home, as well as some of the lessons God has taught them. We are all grateful for these 'mentors' who have taken the time to share their lives with us!

Free Moms also does at least one service project per year. This year with the help of the Orphan Grain Train, we put together relief packages for victims of major disasters. Children and moms wrapped toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, band-aids, soap, etc. inside towels, which were sent to victims of the tsunami in Japan. Involving our kids in these service projects allows us to model the joy of sharing the love of Jesus to those in our community and abroad. It's a great teaching tool.

Free Moms meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the Gathering Place at church. Nursery is provided. Join us as we share laughter and tears and talk about being wives, moms, and women who long to become more like Jesus!



Working on the Orphan Grain Train Project

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A CONVERSATION WITH STEPHANIE SCHULTE....



Stephanie and her husband, Gary, moved to Grand Island in 1990, when Gary accepted the call to become our Youth Pastor. If you've never had the opportunity to get to know Stephanie, here's your chance. She's provided us with answers to the following questions.

I grew up....on a farm near Kenesaw, NE.

My family includes.....three sons, three daughters-in-law, three grandsons, one granddaughter and a husband.

My husband, Gary, and I met....in a freshman English class at Nebraska Wesleyan University.

My favorite food....who can resist Tato Skins?

My hobbies and favorite way to relax is....to socialize and travel.

Most week days you will find me....working as the curriculum coordinator at the State Patrol Training Academy. After being a school principal for 11 years, I took early retirement in May. I was a school counselor before that.

Books I've read recently....The Help by Kathryn Stockett, and Radical by David Platt.

A fact most people don't know about me....is that I can play the saxophone, piano, and guitar.

If I could go anywhere in the world....I'd love to sing "The Sound of Music" on a hillside in Austria.

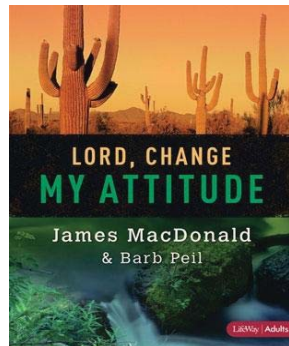
My biggest challenge right now is....getting to see my grandkids often enough.

One thing I wish I had more time to do is.... counseling and mentoring.

The Scripture I love most right now is....Proverbs 3:5-6

Any last words... Music moves me. All of my favorite movies are musicals: *The Sound of Music*, *Phantom of the Opera*, and *Mama Mia*. My dream is to sing backup vocals for Chris Tomlin.

BIBLE STUDIES



Twelve women's Bible study groups have been meeting faithfully this fall to study God's Word and its application to their attitudes. We recently wrapped up our fall session and will resume meeting the week of January 9th. Contact Melanie Denney at 381-7596 or Annette Rinaldi at 227-9634, if you are interested in joining a Bible Study in January.

We plan to offer 2-3 studies on books of the Bible, following the completion of our current study which ends the week of February 12th. Watch for more details in January.

Comments from our current study:

- "The lessons on covetousness and contentment have been an eye-opener for me. The feedback of my peers has been great. I can be honest without being judged. I am grateful to have a loving Father, whose love is unconditional. What a role model."
- "I really thought covetousness was jealousy or simply wanting what someone else had. I was sure that I wasn't guilty of this, as I'm not a jealous person. When the Bible described covetousness as wanting more, better, or different than what God had already blessed us with, it was a new insight for me. I was deeply convicted and thankful for this Godly admonition."
- "I have a friend who is struggling with depression. I knew that she needed to learn what I was learning, so I asked her to be my accountability partner during this study about attitudes. She now has the companion book to the study and can't put it down. When I share my convictions with her, she knows I struggle with earthly things just like she does. It has made a difference in what we talk about, and it is spreading throughout our circle of friends. We openly discuss what God is teaching us and our friends are learning along with us. God is so good to multiply His teaching!"

EFC Women's Christmas Celebration

"Glorious Joy"

Tuesday, December 6, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.

(Snow Date - Thursday, December 8th)

Evangelical Free Church Chapel

Guest Speaker: Tammy Larsen

Wife, Mother, Teacher and soon to be Missionary

Missionary Update by Ruth Jensen

Tickets will be available in the main foyer

November 13, 20, 27 & December 4th

or by calling the church office at 382-1898. Cost: \$5.00

A missionary offering will be taken.



EXCHANGE STUDENT OUTREACH



• Volunteers from our church prepare a meal for the students.

• Each student receives a gift bag that includes a Bible.

• American Christmas traditions are shared.

• The history and purpose of the SCT are explained.

• Students hear the Gospel while enjoying the music and drama of the SCT.

• **HOW CAN YOU HELP?** By providing prayer and/or financial support or by volunteering to help with the outreach. Contact Sandy Van Zyl at 381-2781.



• **VISION** – To give women the opportunity to serve as missionaries to the world by hosting local exchange students for a time of fellowship and a clear presentation of the Gospel through the Singing Christmas Tree.

• **The Exchange Student Outreach** began 11 years ago when Lori Vaughn and Sandy Van Zyl hosted students in their homes for dinner prior to attending the SCT.

• This year **50 invitations** were sent to area exchange students from as far away as North Platte.