

Weekly Events

Monday

- **Bible Study** —5:15-6:45p.m., 6:30-8:00 p.m., -Sandy Van Zyl - 381-2781
1:00 - 3:30 p.m. - Library- Barb Miller, 382-1207
- **Women's Fitness Class** — 5:15 - 6:00 p.m. Room 150
- **Women's Walking Exercise** — 5:15 - 6:15p.m. in Gym, - call Pam Boysen at 380-3186
- **Caring & Sharing** Need a confidential listening ear or someone to pray with? Join Ella Mae in Room 101 at 7:00 p.m. Questions - Call 382-3047

Tuesday

- **Bible Study** —9:00-10:30 a.m. -Tami Bednar - 381-8297

Wednesday

- **Bible Study**—6:45-8:00 p.m. - Angie Frederick 845-9230

Thursday

- **"Free" Moms** — 9:00-11:00 a.m.- 2nd & 4th Thurs. - Winnie Poland, 384-5234
- **Women's Fitness Class** —5:15 - 6:00 p.m. Gym - Marylyn Christenson 382-7153

Looking Ahead

Ministry to International Students

Saturday, December 5th

Women's Christmas Dessert Outreach

Tuesday, December 8 - 6:30 p.m.

Winter Bible Studies

Lies Women Believe

Beginning the week of January 11, 2010

Circles

Mary Martha Circle — Room 104

Beulah Nunnenkamp 384-1790 - Velma Fehr 382-2503

Meets 2nd Tuesday alternate months

White Cross — Room 104

Connie Jensen 382-1353 - Kathryn Holmberg 382-7048

Meets afternoons on the 4th Thursday - Nov. thru April

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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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Becoming God's True Woman ...

In 1997, God began to impress upon the heart of Nancy Leigh DeMoss, the need for a widespread movement of revival and reformation in the hearts of Christian women. She wrote, "Over the last several decades, women have been encouraged to **'have it their way.'** I'm so thankful that we are now seeing a deep hunger in the lives of thousands of women to **'have it God's way'** – to look to the Word of God for the definition of what it means to be a **'true woman'**."

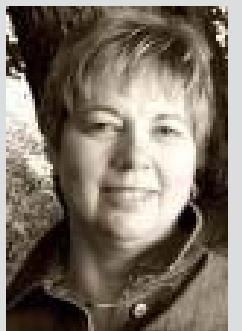
What does a woman after God's own heart look like? By God's grace, she seeks to live a God-centered life, to trust Him and to say "Yes, Lord" to His Word and His will.

- In a self-centered world, she lives for God's glory and pleasure, not her own.
- She doesn't give in to fear because she knows that God can be trusted. He understands everything about her situation, and His good and loving plan will not be thwarted.
- She resists the temptation to worry and manipulate, because she has relinquished control to Him.
- She considers it a privilege and a delight to serve Him as a woman, and gratefully embraces His design and roles for her life.
- The Word of God is her compass and motivates her to live intentionally and counter-culturally.

Meet Mary Lou Canady

I grew up.....in Kirkwood, New York.

My family includes....My husband Paul and four children; Jenny married to Chad Haneman, Honey married to Christoph Koenig, Melissa married to Travis Lankford, Josh Canady married to Susan Tubbs, and eight grandchildren; Noah, Ryan and Emma Haneman; Eden and Ezekiel Koenig, Grace and Dylan Lankford and Daisy Canady. Oh...and my dog Sammy.



Paul and I met.....in Kittredge, Colorado when I moved west from New York to live with my sister who had moved there with her husband and attended Paul's parents' church.

Most week days you will find me...in my home, out in the community or at church events.

My hobbies and favorite way to relax include....I love to snow ski, ride a motorcycle with my husband, keep up with family and friends on the computer, read mostly Christian fiction, listen to Christian contemporary music on my ipod or radio.

A book I have most recently read is.....The Shack

(Mary Lou - continued on page 2)

"Women of the Light" exists for you to learn more about Women's Ministries at the Grand Island Evangelical Free Church. We hope it will help you feel more connected to what the Lord is doing through the Bible Studies, the outreach events, and the regular groups that meet together. Women's Ministries Leadership Team

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

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

To receive the National Evangelical Free Women's newsletter, "Connections": efca.org/women/media/connections

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Fall Highlights...

Kick-Off Gathering

On August 19 Women's Ministries launched their fall activities with a Kick Off event. Committee members Sara Farrar, Roselan Dunagan, June Sapp, Margaret Hoover and Bonnie Harmon organized refreshments, entertainment and worship for approximately 135 women who attended. Jo Plinsky and Sharee Stover shared their testimonies. Pro-



ceeds from the sale of the centerpieces were sent to Paul and Lori Schlick, missionaries from our church who are serving in Zambia. A special musical finale ended the evening with praise and laughter.



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My favorite food is....chocolate when I need a sweet, potato chips when I need something salty.

A fact most (some?) people don't know about me is....I was kicked out of Girl Scouts.

If I could go anywhere in the world...I would love to go to St. John's in the Caribbean and Greece.

One thing I wish I had more time to do is....be there every minute to watch my grandchildren grow up!

My biggest challenge right now is....being separated from family.

The Scripture I love most right now is....Exodus 19:4 - "I lifted you up on eagles' wings and carried you unto Myself"

Any parting shots you think we might need/want to know.....I love meeting new people & spending time with friends & family.



You're Invited...

Grand Island Evangelical Free Women's Ministries

Women's Christmas Dessert Event

Tuesday~December 8, 2009~6:30 p.m.

Evangelical Free Chapel

Please join us for a festive evening celebrating the Christmas season as our pastor's wife

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addresses the topic...

The Gift

Missionary Report by Kristin Schulte

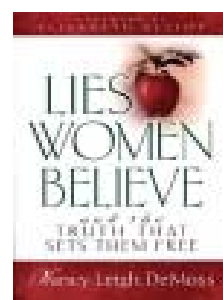
Tickets will be available in the main foyer November 29 and December 6 or by calling the church office at 382-1898.

Ticket price is \$5.00 per person.

No Tickets will be sold after Sunday, December 6th.

Women's Winter Bible Study

Lies Women Believe - and the Truth that Sets Them Free



We are like Eve. We have all experienced defeats and failures, trouble and turmoil. We have all experienced a selfish heart, a shrewish spirit, anger, envy and bitterness. And we ache to do things over, to have lives of harmony and peace.

In her book, Lies Women Believe, author Nancy Leigh DeMoss exposes those areas of deception most commonly believed by Christian women.

Classes begin the week of January, 11, 2010

Monday Evening Options

Time: 5:15 — 6:45 p.m.

Time: 6:30 — 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday Morning

Time: 9:00 — 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Night

Time: 6:45 — 8:00 p.m.

You will receive your book the first week of study.

Cost of Study \$22.00 • Pre-registration is required.

Registration forms are available at the Information Windows.

For information call Tami at 381-8297 .

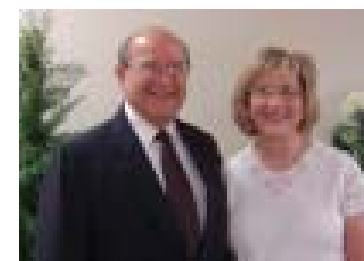
Focus on Missions...

JOIN US IN PRAYING

On Saturday, December 5th, Women's Ministries will once again host an outreach event for foreign exchange students in Grand Island and surrounding communities. The students will be treated to supper and presented with the gospel of Jesus Christ through the ministry of the Singing Christmas Tree. Please join us in praying that God would be glorified and that the Holy Spirit would prepare the hearts of the students to hear and recognize the Truth of the Gospel.

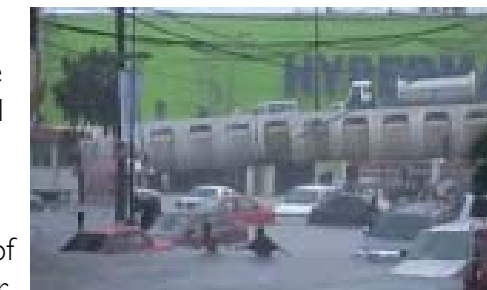
Judy Snuffer - Ministering to Missionaries

How did your life's journey lead you to the place you are now?



My husband served as pastor of several churches (including GI EFC) for 33 years, and missions held a high priority both in our ministry and our personal interaction with missionaries supported by each of these churches. When a missionary visited our church, we did all we could to "roll out the red carpet" for them. Going the second mile to care for missionaries was just natural for us, so

when Reach Global (then EFCA-IM) invited us to join the mission as pastor-to-missionaries (missionary care), both Paul and I embraced the idea and joined the mission 11 years ago. It just seemed like God was preparing us for this ministry all these years.



My days or weeks are quite unpredictable depending on the needs of the moment. For example, we leave for Manila this week to respond to the stresses of our missionaries and the local Filipino EFC pastors following the recent flooding. Many of them lost everything.

Your favorite moment from the past year?

After spending weeks sleeping in strange beds, living out of suitcases, and spending hours in airports and long flights, my favorite moment is arriving home and sleeping in my own bed. Don't misunderstand me. We love the missionaries and the ministry to them, but it is always great to be home.



How can we be praying for you?

Pray for wisdom and strength, for us as we minister to those who are ministering to others. If you can, try to keep up with our ministry as we share it through our prayer letters. It would be great if you would pray for us as we travel.