

Bloomington-Normal Great Banquet

Spring 2011 News & Notes

Community Financial Need

The B/N Great Banquet Community is approximately \$3,000 short in paying for our Spring Weekends. We need your financial support.

When the Bloomington/Normal Emmaus Community was established in the early 1980's, after much prayer it was unanimously decided that these weekends would be provided free of charge to anyone who wanted to attend. We never wanted money to be an issue in attending a weekend. All we ask for is a minimal registration fee, which can be waived as needed.

We felt God was saying that if we were doing His will and His work, He would see to it that the funds would be available. And, if the time ever came that the contributions stopped coming, we would take that as a sign that God's blessing had departed and that it was time to close our doors and move on. It was and still is that simple.

As a result of this belief and desire to be in God's will, all we ask is that if someone has found this weekend to be a blessing to them, that they pass the blessing on to someone else and "pay it forward". Just as our way was paid for by someone who went before, each of us has the opportunity provide that same blessing to someone else.

We understand that we all have different gifts. For some its time and service. For others its financial resources. If a Banquet or Emmaus weekend has been a blessing to you, please prayerfully consider how you can help this blessing to continue what God started almost 3 decades ago through the prayers and giving of a few has truly been the gift that has kept on giving! (written by Terry Pitzer)

Contributions accepted through our PayPal account on the website at www.bngreatbanquet.org or mail a check to B/N Great Banquet • PO Box 707 • Bloomington, IL 61702

Thank you for supporting our community through your gifts of time and money.



Lincoln Correction Center Banquet # 12

Clearance Information • Due by July 25th

The Women's Lincoln Correctional Center Banquet will be held October 7-9. Now is the time to get clearance so you have the have an opportunity to attend the apostolic hour and candlelight on Saturday evening and/or the closing on Sunday evening.

Your presence at candlelight and closing is so meaningful to the ladies at Lincoln and we can assure you everyone who attends from the Community is blessed two-fold!

To gain clearance and support the weekend contact Marrita Taylor
309-962-9783, kmtaylor74@ymail.com

Weekend Training & Ice Cream Social

Thurs. July 21

6:00-9:00 PM at Calvary UMC

If you are currently on a team or want to get more involved—this is a night you won't want to miss! Jim Pitzer will give us an overview of the weekend, and we will learn about the different team member roles.

6:00-7:30 – Weekend overview by Jim Pitzer

7:30-8:00 – Homemade Ice Cream Social

8:00-9:00 – Break Out Sessions -Team Member Roles

Looking for a reunion group?

Join us tonight to get connected! We will have a special breakout session just for folks looking to create a new reunion group.

Summer Gathering: Brown's Picnic

Saturday, August 27

5:00-9:00 PM

at Carolyn & Norman Brown's

5:00 PM

Fellowship, hayrack rides & agape making

6:15 PM

Dinner is served! Bring a dish or 2 to pass and your own table service (drinks provided)

7:30 PM

Inspiring Worship



2011 B/N Great Banquet Calendar

Thurs. July 21	6:00 PM	Team Training	Calvary UMC
Sat. August 27	5:00 PM	Gathering	Brown's Picnic
Sun. September 4	6:00 PM	Team Dedication	Calvary UMC
September 8-11		Men's Weekend	Mike Kreun, Lay Director
Sun. September 18	6:00 PM	Team Dedication	Calvary UMC
September 22-25		Women's Weekend	Lisa Anderson, Lay Director
Thurs. September 29	7:00 PM	Fourth Day Meeting	Resurrection Lutheran
Sun. October 2	6:00 PM	Team Dedication	Calvary UMC
October 7-9		Lincoln Weekend	Marsha Haycraft, Lay Director

For future updates checkout the website at
www.bngreatbanquet.org