

# Northeast Kansas SPIRIT

A Newsletter for the Northeast Kansas  
Marriage Encounter Community  
[www.neksme.org](http://www.neksme.org)

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## OUR MISSION:

*Worldwide Marriage Encounter's Mission of renewal in the Church and change in the world is to assist couples to live fully intimate and responsible relationships by providing them with a Catholic experience and ongoing community support for such a lifestyle.*

## Northeast Kansas Executive Team



Hello Northeast Kansas Lovers!  
April 2009

We hope you and your loved ones are enjoying the first bursts of new growth this spring and wish for a blessed Easter season for all of you. We recently attended a Section 9 meeting in Lexington, Nebraska and were happy to have Fr. John attend his first meeting with us.

Section 9 is in the process of purchasing the license to show the movie "Fireproof". This allows us to use the movie as a weekend inviting tool. As long as we do not charge admission we can show the movie as a parish enrichment. If you are interested in helping us provide this for your parish please contact us. If you have not had a chance to see the film we enthusiastically recommend it!

Our Area is not filling our scheduled weekends. We need everyone to invite couples to attend to help keep our movement alive in Northeast Kansas.

We are looking for a new editor to replace Jim and Barb Goering who have asked to step down from this loving task. A huge **THANK YOU** to them for their great job in putting these together for us these past few years. Perhaps there is a couple or even a share group out there who would like to share these duties. Please let us know.

Our National leaders, Tony & Cathy Witczak and Fr. Emile have recently been discerned as WWME World Leaders. Please continue to pray for them and our worldwide movement.

A committee to review the Weekend presentations is currently meeting regularly. All presentations are being reviewed for content and improvements with a final revision possibly by 2010.

Section-wide Community enrichments are being developed for sometime this summer. More information will be provided as we receive it.

In order to move closer to our goal of encountering every couple in the world we are trying to present the Marriage Encounter Experience (MEE) on a parish (or combination of smaller parishes) basis. The MEE is being facilitated all over the country as a way to provide a non-residential setting. The MEE teaches the same concepts presented on the weekend but spread out over four sessions within a one week period, accommodating couples and priests who have difficulty getting away for an entire weekend. Please help us spread the word about this fresh new concept by making personal contact with your parish priest about sponsoring one.

**THANK YOU again - for all that you do you to keep the WWME dream alive.**

*Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.*

*God saw how good the light was. Gen 1:3-4*

The light of your love shines for all to see - and...**"IT IS GOOD!"**

Love,

Jackie & Tom Rork & Fr. John Reynolds



## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER INVITING PRAYER

"Oh Mary, our Mother, hear us as we come before you.

Your son Jesus chose the Marriage Feast at Cana  
to manifest His first miracle.

Because of this miracle,  
you and your Son showed the world how much you love couples.

Please inspire us with your loving heart to reach out as you did.

Influence our words and actions  
to invite others to experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

Help us to overcome our fears and insecurities  
so that we can share God's plan for marriage.

Allow us to be your instruments, and we can change the world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

## NEKSME – Important Dates -- 2009

### April

- 5 Coordinator's Meeting – Corpus Christi -- Lawrence
- 24-26 NEKS Weekend – Capitol City Lovers and TLC hosting

### May

- 1 Weekend Reunion – place TBA
- 22-25 Deeper Weekend

### June

- 12-13 Section 9 Meeting
- 28 Coordinator's Meeting – Topeka – location TBA

### July

- 12 Picnic – Topeka
- 24-26 NEKS Weekend – Cupids and Eros hosting
- 31 Weekend Reunion – place TBA

### August

- 14-17 Deeper Weekend

### September

- 11-12 Section 9 Meeting
- 20 Coordinator's Meeting – place TBA
- 20 World Priest Day
- 25-27 NEKS Weekend – Eros and Heartland Heartwarmers

### October

- 2 Weekend Reunion – place TBA
- 17 Hayrack Ride

### November

- 13-14 Section 9 Meeting
- 22 Coordinator's Meeting – place TBA

### December

- 4-6 NEKS Weekend – Cozy Couples and Cana Couples
- 11 Weekend Reunion – place TBA



# SAVE THE DATE!

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter  
2010 North American Convention

June 25 - 27, 2010

in Atlantic City, New Jersey



More info to come!

[www.wwme2010con.org](http://www.wwme2010con.org)

## Dialoguing Resource:

We have been using a resource, *Married for Life: Inspirations from those married fifty years or longer*, to get our dialoguing juices flowing. There are over 100 short sharings that focus on a variety of topics.

A recent selection, entitled, "Spend quality time together every day – even if it's just a few minutes," was read. This is that selection:

*He rushes through the kitchen toward the hall closet, where he grabs his coat. "Have you seen my keys?" he asks as he searches the coat pockets. She spots them on the counter and brings them to him, holding their two-year-old in one arm and cradling the cordless phone against her shoulder. "The doctor says to give here ibuprofen and keep checking her temperature," she says. "If the fever gets much worse, we may have to take her in." He picks up his briefcase, "Okay, I've got to run." She ends her call and gives a little wave as he heads for the door. Halfway out he suddenly stops. He turns and sets down his briefcase, then hugs his wife and kisses her. After a moment she pulls away, but he holds her tight in a prolonged embrace. Finally the toddler begins to squirm, and he steps back, taking her from his wife, "Are you doing all right?" he asks, looking into his wife's eyes. "Well, I'm concerned about our daughter," she answers. He nods and says, "I'll tell you what. I'll keep in touch throughout the morning and we'll decide together what to do. Okay?" She smiles and agrees. Sometimes emotional connection takes just a moment, yet it means so much. Even on the busiest of days, be sure to grab that moment.*

Each selection ends with a Bible verse. This selection's is from Ecclesiastes 3:1 – There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.

We chose the question, "Outside of dialogue, when did I make the decision to love you this day by spending quality time with you?" WAMFAT?, as our dialogue question.

Submitted by Kevin & Karen Mead

# Hayride, Bonfire, Weiner Roast

Saturday, October 17, 2009

4:30-7:45pm

\$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 children 3-12,  
(Children under 3 are free)



**Everyone Welcome!**

**Invite family, friends, and neighbors.**

**Sharp's Country Hayrides**

**21111 Mission Rd.**

20 minutes from Olathe & Overland Park  
Directions: South on US-69, East on 199<sup>th</sup> St,  
South on Mission Rd approx. 1 mile.

\* Hot Dogs for roasting, s'mores, chips and drinks provided by Marriage Encounter.

**Sharp's requires a "number count" of participants  
by October 10<sup>th</sup>; we need to know the count by that deadline.**

**John and Jeannine Binder 913/469-8098 [JBINDER2@KC.RR.COM](mailto:JBINDER2@KC.RR.COM)**

There is a large shelter house with picnic tables and a bonfire circle. The hayracks are pulled by beautiful teams of draft horses. The ride is in the woods and by a creek. It starts about 6:30 pm (approx. 40 minutes long). Bring your camera.

Musical instruments are welcome. Everyone enjoys it!



### **SPOTLIGHT ON COMMUNITIES:**

We want to hear from your group! Please send an article or news about your group along with a picture or two to Jim & Barb Goering [bjgoering@everestkc.net](mailto:bjgoering@everestkc.net)

No submissions for this issue of the newsletter.

### ***Prayers:***

For some very close friends who are fighting cancer today.

Ron Heyse, Diane Lake Jim Wedeking

### **A Farwell or Goodbye:**

**I love you and I wish you enough.**

Which means:

**I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun even more.**

**I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive and everlasting**

**I wish you enough pain so that even the smallest of joys in life may appear bigger.**

**I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.**

**I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.**

**I wish you enough hellos to get you through the final good-bye.**

## NEKS ME Prayer Calendar

| Date every month | Names                       | Email address   |
|------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 1                | Bob♥Janet Goupil            | <a href="mailto:rgoupil@cox.net">rgoupil@cox.net</a>  |
| 2                |                             |   |
| 3                |                             |   |
| 4                | Ralph♥Jan Lewis             | <a href="mailto:jlewis@catholiccharitiesKS.org">jlewis@catholiccharitiesKS.org</a>  |
| 5                |                             |   |
| 6                | Duane ♥ Lois Smith          | <a href="mailto:elendeesmith@embarqmail.com">elendeesmith@embarqmail.com</a>  |
| 7                | Phil♥Judie Miller           | <a href="mailto:judierose@hotmail.com">judierose@hotmail.com</a> ; <a href="mailto:philemiller@hotmail.com">philemiller@hotmail.com</a> |
| 8                | John♥Jeannine Binder        | <a href="mailto:Jbinder2@ck.rr.com">Jbinder2@ck.rr.com</a>  |
| 9                |                             |   |
| 10               | Ken♥Bibi Zweig              | <a href="mailto:Ladybirdzweig@gmail.com">Ladybirdzweig@gmail.com</a>  |
| 11               | Kyle♥Denise Mead            | <a href="mailto:Meadr8r@yahoo.com">Meadr8r@yahoo.com</a> ; <a href="mailto:momhoneywine@yahoo.com">momhoneywine@yahoo.com</a>           |
| 12               |                             |   |
| 13               |                             |   |
| 14               |                             |   |
| 15               | Wayne ♥ Betsy Prockish      | <a href="mailto:prockibw@gmail.com">prockibw@gmail.com</a>  |
| 16               | Tom♥Jeannie Dervin          | <a href="mailto:tdervin@kc.rr.com">tdervin@kc.rr.com</a>  |
| 17               |                             |   |
| 18               | Dan♥GerryLou Marstall       | <a href="mailto:gmarstall@yahoo.com">gmarstall@yahoo.com</a>  |
| 19               | Kevin♥Karen Mead            | <a href="mailto:Meadkr80@hotmail.com">Meadkr80@hotmail.com</a> ; <a href="mailto:kujmead@yahoo.com">kujmead@yahoo.com</a>               |
| 20               | Paul ♥ Julie Kuestersteffen | <a href="mailto:pkuesters@cox.net">pkuesters@cox.net</a>  |
| 21               |                             |   |
| 22               |                             |   |
| 23               |                             |   |
| 24               | Larry♥Eileen Nevers         | <a href="mailto:eileennevers@hotmail.com">eileennevers@hotmail.com</a>  |
| 25               |                             |   |
| 26               |                             |   |
| 27               |                             |   |
| 28               | Tom♥Jackie Rork             | <a href="mailto:Tomjackie1@cox.net">Tomjackie1@cox.net</a> ; <a href="mailto:jrork@cox.net">jrork@cox.net</a>                           |
| 29               | Father John Reynolds        | <a href="mailto:frjohnrey@yahoo.com">frjohnrey@yahoo.com</a>  |
| 30               |                             |   |
| 31               |                             |   |

***Please contact Karen & Kevin Mead if you would like to help us fill this calendar.***

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER INTERNET RESOURCES:



Worldwide ME Website  
[WWW.WWME.ORG](http://WWW.WWME.ORG)

Try ME on YOUTUBE

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mzTWknUhtfo>



Download (pdf format) our most recent registration brochure from our Northeast Kansas website?

[www.neksme.org](http://www.neksme.org)



Worldwide Marriage Encounter  
Section 9

<http://www.wwmesection9.org/>



The Northeast KS Website  
[WWW.NEKSME.ORG](http://WWW.NEKSME.ORG)

Click on the EVENT CALENDAR tab. It brings up events scheduled for the next 30 days. You can click on the event to see more information. If you want to see more events just click the right arrow.

*If you want your ME event (or share group meeting dates) added to the calendar please send the information to Tom & Jackie Rork at [tomjackie1@cox.net](mailto:tomjackie1@cox.net)*



Check out the latest edition of eMatrimony  
[www.ematrimony.org](http://www.ematrimony.org)

The online magazine for WWME.

You can also get email updates on eMatrimony! by sending a blank email to:  
[signup@eMatrimony.org](mailto:signup@eMatrimony.org)

This US Conference of Catholic Bishops website is dedicated to strengthening marriages. [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org)

[Encounter Resource Library](#)



<http://erl.wwme.org>

### OTHER:

#### CHURCH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are in the process of expanding our list of notifications to NEKS parishes.

If you do not see a regular notice in your parish bulletin advertising the upcoming WWME weekends please contact Karen & Kevin Mead (785)266-7573

[meadkr80@hotmail.com](mailto:meadkr80@hotmail.com)

Please send them your parish name, contact person, phone #, fax # and email address.

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#### *Has it been a while since your parish heard about a WWME WEEKEND?*

*Please contact your parish priest and let him know that we have some very great speakers that are ready to come speak at the Masses. Then contact Karen & Kevin Mead (785)266-7573 or [meadkr80@hotmail.com](mailto:meadkr80@hotmail.com) and they will make the arrangements*

#### WOULD YOU BE A PRAYER COUPLE?

Please contact: Karen & Dennis Schemmel (913)897-5079

[dschemmel@umkc.edu](mailto:dschemmel@umkc.edu)

*Remember how special it was for you on your weekend to receive a prayer letter and meet your prayer couple?*

*Please help Karen & Denny with this often challenging and time-consuming loving task. It is getting more and more difficult to find new people willing to be a prayer couple.*