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contact info on all missionaries
and their sending agencies.***



Glorious Impossible

God arrived on earth as a vulnerable baby when few were expecting Him... He, who was before all time, had a birthday. He, who fills the universe, became an embryo...--Keith Getty

On December 8 and 9 at 6pm in the Sanctuary, the eFree Concert Choir will present *Glorious Impossible*, featuring the music of Keith and Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend, Michael W. Smith, and Babbie Mason. Invite friends and family to hear the Gospel as we use a mix of contemporary and traditional Christmas music, along with Scripture, to explore the miracle of Christ's birth and its purpose. A cookie reception will follow the program each evening.



Cocoa and Carols is a family favorite that is sure to

warm you from heart to toes! It's an evening of singing favorite Christmas carols and listening to special music, all while sipping hot cocoa and enjoying Christmas cookies. Join us on Sunday, December 16 at 6pm in the Multi-Purpose Room!

Cocoa & Carols

Christmas Eve Service

ponder the wonder of the God of the universe sending His Son as a baby born in a manger...all for us. Enjoy special music, a children's story time, and a devotional message. The service will conclude with our traditional candle-lighting finale accompanied by the singing of *Silent Night*.

This 6pm service, held in the Sanctuary, will set the tone for your Christmas celebration as we



Merry Christmas

Equip — Christmas Edition!

Join us for a special Christmas edition of *Equip*, which will meet Sundays, December 2, 9, & 16. Choose from the following topics:

- **Neighboring—Christmas Edition** (9:30am): Learn how to create opportunities to share Jesus at Christmas-time.
- **Treasuring Christ in Your Traditions** (9:30am): Dive into the Word and discover practical ways for making Christ our greatest Treasure, both through the everyday moments and the celebrations of life.
- **Bring it to Life** (9:30am): Discuss the Sunday sermon and learn to apply it better to your everyday life.
- **Facing the Holidays without My Loved One** (11am): Helping those who have lost a loved one get through the holidays with a sense of hope and direction.



On December 23, we'll provide wassail and donut holes in the Welcome Center, accompanied by caroling before and after the 9:30am service, to usher in Christmas week! Then, as the year comes to a close, at 9:30 and 11am on December 30, we'll gather in the North Fellowship Hall to review 2018, preview 2019, and establish SMART goals for the new year.

We hope you are encouraged, challenged, and inspired this month as we seek to be equipped to *multiply committed followers of Jesus Christ*.

2019 Offering Envelopes

Boxes of 2019 offering envelopes will be available at the Guest Services counter in the Welcome Center from Sunday, December 9 through Sunday, December 16. During the week, offering envelopes may be picked up in the church office. After the 16th, boxes will be mailed to regular givers.

If you have not used eFree offering envelopes in the past but would like to start, contact Ann at ann.t@e-free-family.com or 452.6520. If you used envelopes this year but now prefer to give online or by ACH, please inform Ann of that as well.

Happy Birthday/Anniversary in December

Names omitted.

This and That

The **church office will be closed** for Christmas on Tuesday, December 25 and Wednesday, December 26. It will reopen at 9am on Thursday, December 27.

Awana, Student Ministries, and evening Bible studies will NOT meet on Wednesday, December 26.

Join us as we **commemorate the Lord's Supper** in all three of the morning services on December 30.



December 5
Layer Night

December 12
Christmas Mitten Tree Night

December 19
Reason for the Season Night

December 26
NO CLUB

Giving Year-End Gifts



Many people like to bless the church in extra ways during the holiday season; others like to take advantage of tax deductions for additional charitable giving. No matter which, if you'd like to give a special gift at calendar year-end, here are some things the IRS requires about 2018 year-end donations:

- Tithes and offerings can be given in the offering plate on Sunday morning, December 30. Gifts dropped in the lock boxes at the back of the sanctuary and the MPR will count for this purpose as well.
- Mailed gifts must be postmarked by Monday, December 31; the Sheboygan Post Office will be open until 5pm on the 31st.
- Gifts may be physically brought to the office up to 4pm on Monday, December 31.
- Online giving, via any method, can be transacted through 11:59pm on Monday, December 31. Be sure to begin the process several minutes ahead of time so that your transaction is completed before the deadline.

For personal tax purposes, 2018 year-end giving letters will be mailed late January.



Shepherding our Children

Parents, we invite you to make use of these practical, hands-on training opportunities as you nurture and shepherd your families:

Equip Class: *Treasuring Christ In Your Traditions*
December 2, 9, and 16 at 9:30am

We long for our traditions to be God-centered; to lay His words up in our own hearts and pass on a Bible-saturated legacy to the next generation. But how do we do that? Together we'll dive into the Word and discover practical ways for making Christ our greatest Treasure, both through the everyday moments and celebrations of life.

Equip Class: *Love & Respect In the Family (Parenting class)*
January 13 - February 17, 2019 at 9:30am

Children need love. Parents need respect. It is as simple and complex as that! An unloved child (or teen) negatively reacts in a way that feels disrespectful to a parent. A disrespected parent negatively reacts in a way that feels unloving to the child. This dynamic gives birth to the FAMILY CRAZY CYCLE.

So how is one to break out of this cycle? God reveals ways to defuse the craziness with our children from preschooler to teen, plus how to motivate them to obey and how to deal with them when they don't. In the Bible, God has spoken specifically to parents on how to parent. Join us as we learn and grow together.



Winter Weather Procedures: Decisions affecting Sunday morning services will be made by 6am, while decisions about Sunday and Wednesday evenings will be made by 3:30pm. All weather-related changes will be announced on WHBL 1330AM radio/website, 620TMJ radio/website, WTMJ Channel 4, and WITI Channel 6 (FOX). Changes will also be posted to the church website homepage.



BabyCare to Host Open House

If you have not seen BabyCare's new location, or don't know how BabyCare really works, check out their new location (across Saemann Ave. from church in the Locate Staffing building) on Sunday, December 9 between 1st and 2nd services or after 3rd service. You'll get to tour the reception area, the layette packing area, the diaper storage, and more.

You might even want to sign up to volunteer there! Christmas cookies and punch will be served.



Starting January 8 at 6:30pm, the 9-week Financial Peace University course is being offered again! This course teaches Dave Ramsey's Baby Steps for creating a budget, getting out of debt, and making a plan for the money you earn. The cost is \$129 (no matter whether an individual or a couple). Watch for registration details!

The 70th annual Missions Conference is coming up on Friday through Sunday, March 1-3! This year's theme of *Today I Will . . .* is sure to both encourage your heart and challenge your commitment to multiply committed followers of Jesus Christ. Watch upcoming publications for more details, and make plans now to attend!

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