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Missionaries Serving Around the World

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The Family Radio

***Check the church directory for
contact info on all missionaries
and their sending agencies.***



Men's Ministries Hosts Wild Game Banquet

Men...it's time to eat! Did you bring home a bounty from the woods or waters this year? We're looking forward to Friday, February 8 at 6pm — a night to hang out with the guys, share some delicious wild game dishes, and be encouraged in the Lord. All men age 10 and up are invited. If you don't hunt or fish, no worries... everyone looks forward to side dishes and desserts, too!

We'll gather for a meal first. Then we'll hear from Daryl Christensen, who is a long-standing fishing guide, fishing educator, author, and one of the nation's top competitive walleye fisherman. He's also a "fisher of men"!



While there is no cost to attend this event, we ask everyone to bring a dish to pass and to consider a donation to eFree Men's Ministry in order to help fund future events.

We'd love for this event to be an outreach! Most of us have friends who are not aware of what it means to truly follow Jesus. This event aims at proclaiming the

hope of Jesus Christ to our friends, using God's great outdoors as the starting point of our conversation. Please consider who you could bring along!

Make your reservations through Wednesday, February 6 via the church website (www.e-free-family.com) or by contacting the church office (452.6520).



Back by Popular Demand: FPU Course



Starting Tuesday, February 12 at 6:30pm, the Financial Peace University course is being offered again! This nine-week course teaches Dave Ramsey's Baby Steps for creating a budget, getting out of debt, and making a plan for the money you earn. Purchase your FPU kit in the church office for only \$100 (\$30 savings). Childcare will be provided. Your 2019 can be a new financial year for you!

FCN Hosts Annual Blood Pressure Screening

Have you paused recently to consider that the Lord has fashioned your heart? (Psalm 33:15). As ambassadors of Christ, we have a responsibility to be mindful of both the spiritual and physical condition of our heart. Our Faith Community Nursing (FCN) ministry encourages our congregation to take a proactive, God-honoring approach to caring for our God-given bodies. Sponsoring the annual blood pressure screening is one way FCN would like to help!



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Coinciding with February being American Heart Month, the free blood pressure screening will take place on Sunday, February 10 in room 109 after 1st and 2nd services. No sign-up is required! Please wear a short-sleeved or thin long-sleeved shirt for an accurate reading. Your blood pressure will be recorded on a wallet-sized card for your taking. Also, you'll have a chance to meet the members of the FCN ministry!

If you are unable to attend the screening on February 10, feel free to call the church office (452.6520) to make an appointment with a Faith Community Nurse to have your blood pressure taken.

Children's Ministry Offers CPR Training

The Children's Ministry is hosting a child and infant CPR/First Aid class! The class will be taught by Kristie Ahlborg and is offered to the volunteers and parents/caregivers of the Babies & Toddlers and 2's & 3's classrooms. Cost will be \$22.50 per person, which includes the official Heartsaver CPR certification through the American Heart Association.

Two time options are offered to keep class sizes small:

- Saturday, February 23, from 9am-12pm
- Monday, February 25, from 6:30-9:30pm

If you are interested or if you have any questions, contact Gwen at gwen.m@e-free-family.com.

It's MC2019 Prep Time!

On Sunday, February 24, we'll host a Combined Adult Gathering at 9:30am or 11am in preparation for Missions Conference 2019 (March 1-3). We want to get our hearts ready for this special weekend, so make plans to attend.

The 9:30am gathering will be held in the North Fellowship Hall and the 11am gathering will be held in room 108. Rich Brown, one of our supported missionaries, will be sharing at both gatherings.



speaking of missions

Miami Mission Trip Fundraiser

Eight of our high school students and 2 adult leaders will be heading on a Mission Trip to Miami, Florida from July 7-13. While there, the team will focus on ministering to local kids and families through a summer camp ministry.

Help support the team by coming to their Cuban-themed Dinner and Cake Auction on Friday, March 22 at 6pm. Tickets (\$5/person, \$20/family max.) will be on sale in the Welcome Center on March 3 and 10. Proceeds from the event will go toward funding the trip.

Happy Birthday/Anniversary in February

Names omitted.



This and That

The next **Hand-in-Hand Adoption Ministry** gathering is Friday, February 8 at 6:30pm in Café 19.

Annual giving letters were mailed mid-January. If you didn't receive yours, or if you have questions, please contact Ann in the church office (ann.t@e-free-family.com or 452.6520).

Change in your contact information? Contact Kay in the church office (kay.r@e-free-family.com or 452.6520) by February 17 so we can include your changes in the **Spring Directory Update**, which will be available the first Sunday in March.

In the event of **inclement weather**, cancellation announcements will be posted on our website homepage, as well as at the following:

- WHBL 1330AM radio/website
- WTMJ Channel 4
- 620TMJ radio/website
- WITI Channel 6 (Fox 6)

The **9:30am service is now live-streaming** on YouTube! If you aren't able to attend church in person due to health or weather issues, access the live stream via the church website (Sermon page).

Awana clubbers and their families are invited to our **Family Valentine's Skate Night** at PJ's Party Zone on Wednesday, February 13 from 6-8:30pm. The cost is \$5 per person (rollerblades are \$2 extra or bring your own). Come when you can, leave when you must!



February 6

Twin Night

February 13

Family Valentine's Skate Night

February 20

Presidents Night

February 27

Nerd for God's Word Night

Today I Will . . . Plan To Attend MC2019!

When you check out the program for our 70th annual Missions Conference set for March 1-3, you'll discover some changes, as well as keeping some of the favorite aspects and events! Below is a brief overview:

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

- Church family supper (tickets required)
- Opening service – Rich Brown, speaker

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

- Men's breakfast – Derrick Dobbs, speaker
- Women's brunch – LaShawn Dobbs, speaker
- Family outreach projects – there will be several to sign up for!
- Brat fry fundraiser – to pay for outreach project supplies
- Evening service – will highlight individual missionaries

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

- Morning services – Dr. Timothy Sisk, speaker

Tickets for the Friday supper will go on sale Sunday, February 10. Sign-ups for the Saturday men's breakfast and women's brunch will begin that same day.

Since children are encouraged to participate in the Saturday projects, there will not be a separate kids' missions program. Children's Ministries will emphasize missions in all of the Sunday morning classes. Preschool childcare will be provided for all evening programs.

Make plans now to attend this powerful and encouraging event!



Master Plan — Next Steps

On January 21, the Deacon Board voted to approve the next step in the Master Plan – asbestos abatement of the west property (former Quasius buildings), to be undertaken by SAFE, Inc. of Sturtevant. Once that company has notified the Wisconsin DNR, and the DNR has had its mandatory 2-week inspection period, abatement (careful removal of all asbestos-containing material) can begin. That process is expected to begin the 2nd week of February and take 3 weeks. Upon completion, demolition of the remaining building components will begin.

Listen for Sunday morning updates and look for announcements in the weekly bulletin. A sequence timeline will also be posted on the church website soon.

Photo Opt-Out Option

Many church activities that take place throughout the year are candidly captured on camera. These photos may be used on our church website, in newsletters and brochures, or in other promotions. Photos of children will never contain personally identifiable information. If you prefer your or your child's photo not be used, please fill out a Photo Opt-Out Form in the church office.



Overview of Mid-Year Finances

Thank you for your faithful giving to the Sheboygan eFree body of Christ. We know that, for many, consistent giving has been the result of personal sacrifice. We want to be transparent about how funds are used, and what the needs of our church are.

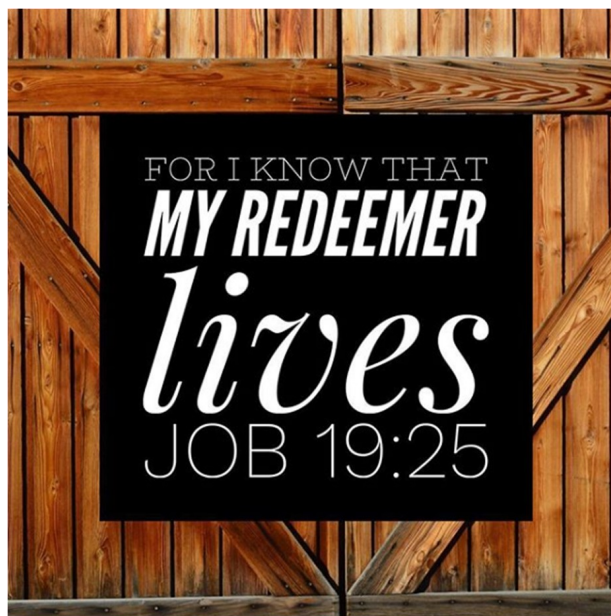
At the midpoint of our fiscal year (December 31), the Finance Committee had projected giving at \$596,000, anticipating that, in a local economy with rising incomes, our tithes would naturally increase. However, \$564,625 was given (less than 1% above last year), resulting in a \$31,400 shortfall. We were blessed that midyear expenses were less than anticipated: \$599,765 projected vs. \$547,174 actual. We still have a surplus, though it has now dropped to \$21,200.

God has given our leadership a vision for a facility that will allow our ministries and programs to flourish, in order to meet both the needs of our congregation and reach our city, country and continents for Him. That vision, as well as funds for daily operation, is reflected in our current budget. As we trust Him to provide the funds needed to realize the vision, let's ask Him how He desires to use us – our abilities, our time, our finances – in making that vision a reality.



Plan to attend this year's **Empowered to Connect live simulcast** from 9am-5pm on both Friday and Saturday, April 5 & 6. This two-day conference is designed to help adults better understand how to connect with "children from hard places" in order to help them heal and become all that God desires them to be.

Mark your calendars now for **Vacation Bible School** on June 24-28! Kids who have completed grades K-6 are invited to join us for a week of fun, including Bible stories, crafts, games, and snacks! Watch upcoming publications for more details!



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