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Missionaries Serving Around the World

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Anchor of Hope Medical Center Campus Life Evangelical Child & Family Agency Good News Jail & Prison Ministry The Family Radio

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



MC20 Provides Several Workshop Options

New workshops have been added to the Saturday afternoon line-up for our February 28-March 1 Missions Conference! Check out the times and descriptions below and see which one(s) you will want to attend!



1pm Options

- ► The Ministry of Hospitality Find out how hospitality is a building block that can lead to opportunities to share the Gospel; cultural do's and don'ts when meeting Muslims and other immigrants will be included.
- ► *Reaching Muslims Globally* Learn that the Gospel should be a stumbling block but nothing else should be; what the trends are in reaching Muslims; how you can live in the US and still be involved in reaching the Muslim world for Christ.

2pm Options

- ► Journey to Jesus Learn how to start reaching Muslims and other immigrants with friendship that leads to Christ-centered conversations.
- ► Reaching Muslims in America Get guidance on how to reach your Muslim neighbors, whether immigrants or citizens, whether born into the Muslim culture or having adopted it.

For an overview of the conference weekend, see page 2.

Wild Game Banquet

Men — there's still time to sign up for



the Wild Game Banquet! Come enjoy the bounty of hunted game from the past year. Following dinner, we'll hear from

former eFree elder Aaron Gesch. Aaron has also been a hunting guide in Montana and is now pastoring a church in Basin, WY.

While there is no cost, we ask everyone to bring a dish to pass (salads and desserts, too!) and consider a donation to Men's Ministries. Register via the church website (www.e-freefamily.com) or by calling the church office (452.6520).

Bless Your Heart!

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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Missions Conference 2020 Breakdown

Here's a brief look at the conference weekend's events! For more details, visit the church website and watch for the printed conference brochure in early February.

Day 01 02.28.20	5 : 4 5 P M Kick-Off Dinner	7 P M Program	
Day 02 02.29.20	7:45AM Men's Breakfast 10:30AM Women's Brunch	1 P M Workshops 2 P M Workshops	4:30PM Brat Fry Fundraiser 5:30PM Program
Day 03 03.01.20	8, 9:30, 11 A M Morning Services		

Mid-year Financial Report

Giving in December, as well as the first half of the fiscal year, was below what was planned but controlled expenses for both the month and half-year resulted in in surplus of \$50,859. See chart below

	December Actual	December Plan	6-Month Actual	6-Month Plan
Giving	\$129,889	\$139,000	\$569,828	\$579,000
Expenses	\$77,213	\$94,678	\$504,181	\$564,212
Surplus/Deficit	\$52,675	\$44,322	\$65,647	\$14,788

Happy Birthday/Anniversary in February



This and That

Annual giving letters get sent at the end of January. If you have questions, please contact Ann in the church office (ann.t@e-freefamily.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 16 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)

Decisions on Sunday events will be made at 6am. Decisions on weekday evening events will be made by 3pm.



February 5 S.O.S Night

February 12 Family & Friends Skate Night

> February 19 Presidents Night

February 26 Nerd for God's Word Night

Introducing Cora Laudolff, CM Assistant

You may have seen her playing piano in the Cocoa & Carols program, but now we'd like you to get to know her.

Cora has lots of experience working with kids: as a summer camp counselor with Camp Y-Koda and by serving in numerous elected leadership positions over 10 years in 4-H.

Cora has also participated in several mission trips within the United States. She will graduate this May with her Associates in Applied Science – Accounting, having placed in numerous accounting national leadership competitions. Some of her hobbies are sewing, playing hockey, and reading.



Cora, with her parents, James and Barb, her two sisters, and brother, started attending eFree about 1-1/2 years ago. She lives in St. Cloud on the family farm.

Bless Your Heart (continued from pg. 1)

Coinciding with February being American Heart Month, the free blood pressure screening will take place on Sunday, February 16 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!

Unable to attend the screening on February 16? Feel free to call the church office (452.6520) to make an appointment with an FCN nurse.

Your Vote Counts!

Here's a look at the upcoming election dates for 2020. The only office for the City of Sheboygan that will have a primary election on February 18 is for Alderperson District 6.

- February 18, 2020 Spring Primary
- April 7, 2020 Spring Election and Presidential Preference
- August 11, 2020 Partisan Primary
- November 3, 2020 General Election

Friends & Family Skate Night

Awana clubbers and their families are invited to our Friends & Family Valentine's Skate Night at PJ's Party Zone on Wednesday, February 12 from 6-8:30pm. The cost is \$5 per person (rollerblades are \$2 extra or you can bring your own).





Student Ministries Cake Auction: Friday, March 13 If you've never attended this event, you'll want to make sure you don't let this opportunity pass you by! Cake Auction veterans will tell you it's a deliciously fun way to simultaneously support our Student Ministries program and your sweet tooth!

Empowered to Connect Conference Rewind: Friday, April 24 & Saturday, April 25 Previously, we've hosted a simulcast of a live conference; this year will be a rebroadcast of the 2018 conference, accompanied by a new viewing guide & practical application content.

Vacation Bible School: Monday-Friday, June 22-26 Kids who have completed grades 5K-6 are invited to join us for a week of fun, including Bible stories, crafts, games, and snacks!

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