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



Our Hope has NOT been Cancelled!

Cancelled . . . Postponed . . . Rescheduled. These words have frequented our vocabularies, calendars, and conversations over the past several weeks. But let's not let these words dominate our everyday lives. Have you told anyone lately that HOPE HAS NOT been cancelled?! Jesus, our Hope, is the same yesterday, today, and forever (1 Timothy 1:1 & Hebrews 13:8).

As we continue to follow the *Safer at Home* guidelines, below are some reminders on how we are able to stay connected as a church family.

- ▶ Sunday morning service via Livestream via YouTube, 9:30am
- ▶ Encouraging and informational videos via our YouTube page
- ▶ Live devotionals via our Facebook page — Tuesdays at 2pm
- ▶ Quotes and pics to encourage your heart via our Instagram page

And remember, our church staff is praying for you! Please let us know if we can help you in any way (452.6520 or secretary @e-free-family.com).



National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer exists with the longing and intent for individuals, churches, and spiritual leaders in America to humble themselves and unify in prevailing prayer for how God will work in our nation in the coming days. This year's theme is *Pray God's Glory Across the Earth* based on Habakkuk 2:14.



Join us online Thursday, May 7, at 6:30pm as we come together before our great God in prayer. Watch your email for a Zoom invitation.

In 1775 the Continental Congress allocated a time for prayer in forming a new nation. Over the years, there have been calls for a day of prayer. On April 17, 1952, President Harry Truman signed a bill proclaiming the National Day of Prayer into law in the United States. President Reagan amended the law in 1988, designating the first Thursday of May each year as the National Day of Prayer. (www.timeanddate.com)

DID YOU KNOW?

Attention Kids . . .



Awana Awards via Drive-Up

We know so many of our Awana clubbers have worked hard all year to earn their awards! It's so disappointing to realize Awana will not get to meet together again this program year, but we still want to recognize our clubbers' achievements! Instructions on how clubbers can still get their awards are below:

- ▶ For **Cubbies** and **T&T**: any clubbers who want to receive their award for the year should make sure they have completed all sections up through our last club night (Cubbies: Bear Hug 20; T&T: 4.1). If any sections were skipped, clubbers can work through the section with their parent/guardian, and email gwen.m@e-free-family.com with any sections completed to get credit. For patches, all sections must be completed.
- ▶ For **Sparks**: clubbers can continue working on their books with their parents/guardian. Email gwen.m@e-free-family.com with book progress to receive an award for it. Otherwise, next fall we can pick up where your clubber left off.

On May 13, instead of holding our annual Grand Finale, we will have a *Grand Finale Drive-Up*. Families can pull into the church parking lot between 6-7pm and pick up any awards their clubber earned that year along with a little bag of treats. Every clubber will get one. Further details are forthcoming, so parents, please check your email inbox in the coming weeks! Hope to see you there!

Vacation Bible School

Summer is almost here and that means **Vacation Bible School** is just around the corner on **June 22-26 from 9am-12noon**. Kids who have completed grades 5K-6 are invited to join us for **TIME LAB** as we travel through time and discover Jesus from eternity past to eternity future.

We're planning for a great week, including Bible stories, exciting music, awesome crafts, delicious snacks, game times, and more! Online registration via the church website will begin May 1. As the dynamics of the pandemic continue, we'll keep you posted on any necessary changes.



Happy Birthday/Anniversary in May

Names omitted.

This and That

The **church office will be closed on Monday, May 25** in observance of Memorial Day.

Welcome home college students! **Get involved with our Young Adults Ministry this summer!** For more information, contact Rich Brown (rich_brown@ntm.org).

Remember **to pray for our supported missionaries!** Prayer cards are available in the Missions Hallway!

On **Sunday, June 7, we will honor our 2020 high school graduates!** More details will be communicated in the weeks to come. If your senior would like to be included in the service and/or the commemorative booklet, please contact Kim Buhr at kim.b@e-free-family.com by Sunday, May 17.

Girls' Bible Study Starting

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? (Habakkuk 1:2a, ESV)

Have you ever asked this question? Life is filled with questions. But, not all questions have answers wrapped and neatly tied. Habakkuk was troubled and brought his concerns directly to God. After receiving God's answers, he responded with a prayer of faith. Habakkuk's example is one that encourages us as we struggle to move from doubt to faith and from worry to worship.

Female students just completing grades 7-12 are invited to participate in an 11-week Bible study led by Kim Buhr. This inductive study is titled *From Frustration to Faith* and focuses on the book of Habakkuk.

The study will begin on Sunday, June 14 at 9:30am in room L29. Workbooks will be provided (at no cost) on the first day of class. Please register by contacting the church office (920.452.6520) or emailing Kim at kim.b@e-free-family.com.



Spring BLU Amidst Social Distancing

At the time of writing this article, the Wisconsin *Safer at Home* mandate had been extended until May 26. Because of that, we will need to be creative in how, and when, we hold our Spring Body Life Update. Leadership is considering a two-part format:

- ▶ Recording the presentations of the Senior Pastor, Elder Chairman, Deacon Chairman, and Treasurer, and airing them via our social media accounts
- ▶ Providing members an opportunity to vote on the budget onsite over a multi-week time period



Both these points are in the development stages. Leadership wants to provide sufficient information to keep the congregation updated while protecting the confidentiality of church information and the privacy of its members. More details will be shared via the Sunday bulletin and pulpit announcements, as well as through a mass mailing to the church fellowship.

for we walk by *faith*, not by sight
2 Corinthians 5:7, ESV

Forever Faithful

Forever Faithful is looking forward to being able to gather again together to share some good food, great fellowship, and encouragement in the Lord! Mark your calendars now for these upcoming events and watch the church website and church publications for more details!

- ▶ July 23 from 12-3pm – Annual summer picnic at Rochester Park in Sheboygan Falls
- ▶ September 17, from 6-8pm – A Guest speaker from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from Detroit will discuss Lake Michigan shoreline erosion



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