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Missionaries Serving Around the World

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Awana
Tim & Sherry Thomas

The Evangelical Alliance Mission

Fellowship International Mission

Global Serve International

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship
Bob and Deb Wolniak

Literacy and Evangelism Int'l
Bob and Mary Emily Mulloy

Ethnos360
Rich and Karen Brown
Derrick and LaShawn Dobbs
Lloyd and Mary Wapp

Pioneers International

ReachGlobal

Nubako and Claudine Selenga
Lonnie and Debbie Smith

Wycliffe Bible Translators
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Partner Missionary Organizations

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.**



Spring BLU to Showcase Master Plan Concept

The annual Spring Body Life Update on Sunday, May 20 will have a different look this year. Key will be Pastor Gary's vision update, highlighted by the presentation of the Master Plan Design Concept. Our architect, Nicole Thompson of Station 19, will join Eric G., Master Plan Team Chairman, in showcasing the conceptual designs. Handouts will be provided.



Members will vote to approve the annual budget, and the incoming elders, deacons and finance staff will be presented.

A potluck supper will kick off the evening at 5pm, with a dessert break separating regular business and the master plan presentation. Childcare for babies through grade 1 will be offered.

America — Let's Unite in Prayer!

The National Day of Prayer has great significance for us as a nation, as it enables us to recall and to teach the way in which our founding fathers sought the wisdom of God when faced with critical decisions. It stands as a call for us to humbly come before God, seeking His guidance for our leaders and His grace upon us as a people (www.nationaldayofprayer.org).

The theme for 2018 is Unity, emphasizing Ephesians 4:3: "eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (ESV).



We invite you to come on Thursday, May 3, at 7pm as we join millions of Americans across the nation in prayer. There will be a brief devotional by Dr. Gary Hylander, a time of singing, and a time of prayer.

Parent-Child Dedications

The next Parent-Child Dedication service will be held on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13. If you are interested in having your child dedicated to the Lord on that day in any of the three morning services, please contact the church office by May 6. Please also submit a digital photo to Briana in the church office (briana.r@e-free-family.com).



For more details on Parent-Child Dedications, pick up a brochure in the Welcome Center or church office.

Celebrating a Great Year of Awana!

Moms and Dads are invited to join their clubber(s) and the Awana Staff for a Family Picnic and Grand Finale in the Multi-Purpose Room on Wednesday, May 16 from 6-8pm.

This festive evening will begin with a free-of-charge picnic supper, followed by music from our clubbers, a short drama, a PowerPoint presentation reflecting on the year's activities, and various small group displays. Please join us!



Budget Highlights New Programming; Q&A Sessions Scheduled

Our fiscal year begins July 1, and with that has come months of prayerful and thoughtful budget planning and preparation. Some programs are new, and some are new to the budget, but the FY2019 Budget will feature more line items (events, activities, devices) than in the past. Additions include:

- a Student Ministries short term mission trip
- an intensive outreach (Second Saturdays) into the three local universities by the College & Career Ministry
- support of 2 additional missionary families by the Missions Committee
- a holiday outreach by the GriefShare ministry
- Adoption Ministry
- and more!



The Finance Committee is also budgeting for a new rooftop HVAC unit, remodeling of the church office to provide more work space, purchase of a basic surveillance system with cameras and video recording, and paying off our rider tractor, as well as the city assessment for street and gutter improvements.

Copies of the annual budget will be available for pick-up in the church office beginning Sunday, May 6.

After the annual budget is printed, attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions about it at any of the five Q&A sessions:

- Sunday, May 13 at 9:15am & 10:45am
- Wednesday, May 16 at 7:45pm
- Sunday, May 20 at 9:15am & 10:45am

Watch the bulletin for locations.

Happy Birthday/Anniversary in May

Names omitted.



This and That

In observance of Memorial Day, the church office will be closed on Monday, May 28.

Welcome home college students! Get involved with our College & Career Ministry this summer! Join us for weekly LifeGroup gatherings on Sunday evenings and the June, July, and August Second Saturdays events. Contact Pastor Bennett for more info.

The next Hand-in-Hand Adoption Ministry gathering is scheduled for Friday, May 11 from 6:30-8pm.

Student Ministries will celebrate another great year with a combined finale on Wednesday, May 23 from 6:30-8pm in Café 19.

Our Military Wall (for church attendees with immediate family members serving in the military) is updated monthly. New/updated pictures and information should be provided to Briana in the church office (briana.r@e-free-family.com).



May 2

Fill Up the Pantry Night

May 9

It's in the Bag Night

May 16

Awana Grand Finale

Equip classes are Sunday morning electives designed to build up the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:11-16). Our next Preview Session will be Sunday, May 20 at 9:30am and 11am. Summer-long classes will begin on June 3. Topics to consider include:

- Ready to Serve
- Second Chances
- Bring It to Life



Hospice: A Family Conversation

Attention adults, regardless of age! If you are a caregiver to a loved one with life-limiting illnesses, a conversation about hospice can help you and your loved one prepare and help you support your loved one's wishes. Luann



Luann Travis

Travis, Community Engagement Coordinator from Sharon S. Richardson Community Hospice, will discuss *Hospice Services and Caregiver Needs* at the next Forever Faithful potluck/program. Our very own Faith Community Nursing Coordinator, Kristie Ahlborg, will also join Luann. Of the 7 years Kristie worked in hospice care, 4 of those years were at SSRCH, where she cared for patients and their families in various stages of the dying process. This care included physical, emotional, psychosocial, and spiritual care. The potluck is on Thursday, May 24 and will begin at 6pm, with the program to follow at 7pm. Join us for delicious food and an opportunity to learn about hospice services, the need for caregivers to participate in the conversation, and signs of caregiver fatigue.



Kristie Ahlborg

Please sign up to bring a casserole, salad, fruit, or dessert. Sign-ups will be available in Equip classes, as well as on the bulletin board near the Gathering Grounds coffee bar in the Welcome Center. If you plan to attend the program only, please indicate that also so that adequate seating will be available. You won't want to miss this important topic! Invite a friend!

Offering basket donations will go toward Sharon S. Richardson Community Hospice. Checks can be made out to SSRCH and are tax deductible.

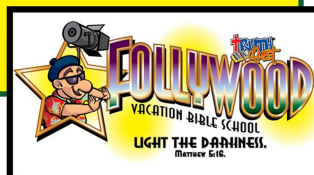


"We turn fear into love, patients into people, and caregivers into confident heroes." SSRCH provides care for over 380 families per year, even with no resources or ability to pay. It is the only community-based, nonprofit home hospice provider in Sheboygan County and offers the only inpatient hospice center in the Central Lakeshore region. In addition to hospice care, it provides palliative care, grief support, advanced directive assistance, and special recognition of military Veterans.

Lights . . . Camera . . . Action . . . VBS!

Kids — this year for Vacation Bible School, you're invited to tour *Big Picture Studios*, a fun and exciting movie studio where children learn about the greatest superstar of all—our Lord Jesus! Learn also how to be careful what you watch on TV/movies, and what online games you play. Learn how to influence your world for Jesus instead of being molded by the entertainment industry.

When: June 25-29, from 9am-12pm
Who: Students who have completed grades 5K-6
Cost: Free!



Packed with fun skits, music, crafts, games, and more, you won't want to miss this blockbuster production!

Beginning April 23, register online at www.e-free-family.com.

The early registration deadline is Friday, June 22 at 12noon, so don't delay!

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