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Missionaries Serving Around the World

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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.**



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 *Love One Another*, based on John 13:34.

Join us at 7pm on Thursday, May 2, as we gather before our great God in prayer and worship, and hear a devotional message from Dr. Gary.



Awana Grand Finale Will Be a Blast!

Moms and Dads are invited to join their clubber(s) and the Awana Staff for a Family Picnic & Grand Finale in the Multi-Purpose Room on Wednesday, May 15 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!

Community Supports **BabyCare**

On Friday, May 17, the first ever fundraising dinner to support BabyCare will be held at the church. Many community and business leaders have been invited to learn about this great opportunity to help babies in need in Sheboygan County, just as the church family has done for many years.

All the food, plus the chef's services, has been donated by area businesses. Church volunteers are still needed to help prepare for the dinner on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning, as well as serve at the dinner Friday evening. If you can help, please contact Marge V.



Master Plan Update at Spring BLU

Lots of family news will be shared, and business handled, at the Spring Body Life Update on Sunday, May 19. Incoming elders and deacons will be presented, the new budget will be approved (check out those Q&A sessions mentioned on page 3!), and we'll get a thorough update on the Master Plan with the chance to affirm the new plan.



In addition, we'll celebrate with Yvonne Mooney her transition out of the office to home life with her two young sons.

We'll begin with a finger foods potluck (anything that can be eaten without having to use cutlery!) at 5pm, followed by the church family meeting at 5:45pm. Childcare for babies through preschool will be provided.

Forever Faithful

Have you planned ahead to protect your loved ones from probate? Attorney Kim Reitbrock, who specializes in wills and estate planning, will speak at the Thursday, May 23, Forever Faithful potluck/program. The potluck will begin at 6pm with the program to follow at 7pm, both held in the Multi-Purpose Room.


Kim enjoys meeting with clients, learning about them, and working with them to achieve their objectives. She grew up on a Sheboygan County dairy farm, graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and worked in business for five years before attending law school. While attending the University of Wisconsin Law School, she worked on an Elder Law project that involved meeting with senior citizens in several communities. Working on that project, and growing up in a home that included her widowed grandmother, influenced her decision for her legal practice to include significant representation of senior citizens. Kim is thankful for the opportunity to return to her home area, work with professionals she respects, and represent clients she admires.

If you think you are legally covered in the areas of wills and estate planning, come and make sure! Young and old alike are welcome. Please sign up in your *Equip* class or on the Forever Faithful bulletin board near the Gathering Grounds coffee bar.



Vacation Bible School Is Ready to Embark


Join us for VBS 2019! Children who have completed grades K-6 are invited to come along on a daily tropical adventure on June 24-28 from 9am-12noon as we learn that Jesus is our Rescuer. The week will include:

 Bible stories

 Tropical treats

 Creative crafts

 Exciting music

 Fun games

 So much more!

Registration can be done online at www.e-free-family.com/connect/children or in the church office. If you are interested in getting involved with this year's VBS, contact Gwen MacDonald, Director of Children's Ministries, at gwen.m@e-free-family.com or 452.6520. Early registration is open now through June 19.



Happy Birthday/Anniversary in May

Names omitted.

This and That

In observance of Memorial Day, the church office will be closed on Monday, May 27.

Welcome home college students! Get involved with our College & Career Ministry this summer! For more information, contact Rob R.

The next Hand-in-Hand Adoption Ministry gathering is scheduled for Friday, May 10 from 6:30-8pm.

Student Ministries will celebrate another great year with a combined finale on Wednesday, May 22 from 6:30-8pm.

Please pray for our supported missionaries! Prayer cards are available in the Missions Hallway.

Ask Your Budget Questions

After you pick up your copy of the FY2020 General Budget on May 5 or May 12, you'll have the opportunity to walk through it and ask questions at any one of the three Budget Q&As:

- Wednesday, May 8, 6:15-6:45pm
- Sunday, May 19, 9:15-9:45am
- Sunday, May 19, 10:45-11:15am

All sessions will be held in the library. If you can't make it on one of those dates, please feel free to contact any of the Finance Committee members with questions: Dean B., David G., Pastor Jon MacDonald, Heather T., Shawn U., and Larry W.



May 1

Fill Up the Pantry Night

May 8

It's in the Bag Night

May 15

Grand Finale

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.



Parent-Child Dedications

Our next Parent-Child Dedication service will be held on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12. 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 5. 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.

Are You Equipped?

Equip classes are Sunday morning electives designed to build up the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:11-16). Equip 5 begins Sunday, April 28 at 9:30am and 11am, and will continue through May 26. Join us!

Topics include:

- *Bring It To Life*, 9:30am
- *God Is (women only)*, 9:30am
- *Stepping Up (men only)*, 9:30am
- *Choose Joy*, 11am



Attend a Master Plan Update Session!

The building on our west property is being demolished, and the property graded in preparation for it to become an 82-stall parking lot. Meetings with the City of Sheboygan, WDNR, and other contractors have been successful, and permits granted.

If you'd like to see a more extended scope of changes made to the Master Plan as a result of our listening sessions, join us May 5 in the Sanctuary at 9:30am or May 12 in the church library at 9:30am for a Master Plan Update. The current Master Plan will be displayed.

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