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tact info on all missionaries and their
sending agencies.**



Get Equipped!

Psalm 46:10 says, "Be still and know that I am God." The context of the Psalm is earthquakes (2), tsunamis (3), wars (6), and even plagues (8) brought on the earth by God himself. In our flesh we want to do everything but "be still." We want to fight, go to war, and overcome the evil with our own cunning and strength. But God instructs us to be still. He will do the planning and subduing.

Fast forward to 2020. Psalm 46:10 still says, "Be still and know that I am God." We live in a time with political unrest, racial tensions, mask mandates, and some challenges brought on the earth by God himself. In our flesh we want to grab hold of the rights we believe we have as citizens of earth. But God calls us to discharge the responsibilities we have as citizens of heaven, and yes, to "cease striving," because if there's one ultimate truth, it's that God reigns over all the inconveniences.



In a 7-week series (October 11–November 22) entitled, *Called to Peace*, the Elders will teach us during the 9:30am Equip hour on Sunday mornings. Together, we will study:

- peace with God
- peace with our past
- peace with believers
- peace with the world around us
- peace in our homes
- peace about the future
- "When there is no peace" to be found in this world

The Elders will focus on teaching Bible content and also share a little bit about how God is producing peace in their own hearts . . . even during COVID. We hope you can join us.

Pause & Ponder

It's been a wearying year. If the cares and concerns of our hearts didn't already weigh heavy, the upcoming flurry of holiday prep may find us feeling overwhelmed. But what if there were a better way? A collective opportunity to quiet our hearts and anchor our souls to our unchanging Jesus?

In place of this year's Ladies' Christmas Brunch, we will be holding an event called, "Pause & Ponder" on Friday evening, December 4. This event is designed to refresh your soul; to provide one hour of being still before the Lord that includes worship, prayer, and reflecting on His character and promises.

We believe that 60 minutes spent alone with God will spark your love for Him and fill you with joy and peace as you anticipate the Christmas season. Watch for further details in the weeks ahead!

Opportunities to Serve

In addition to medical oversight, Faith Community Nursing sometimes finds that individuals within our church family need other types of help, such as yard-work or picking up/returning a library book.

If you'd like to serve the church by volunteering for one or more of these non-medical opportunities, please fill out the Non-Medical Volunteer Opportunities form found on the FCN page of the church website. Printed forms are also available in the church office.

Kristie Ahlberg, FCN Coordinator, will work to match volunteers with corresponding needs as they arise.



Thank you for serving our church family!

Student Ministries Fall Party

All 7th-12th grade students are invited to the Student Ministries Fall Party being held on Wednesday, October 7 from 6-8:30pm. This annual party is a fun night you won't want to miss! Students should take this opportunity to invite a friend (or more!). We hope you'll join us. Contact the church office for location details.

Happy Birthday/Anniversary in October

Names omitted.

A Healthy Financial Standing

After two months into the new fiscal year, the Finance Team is pleased to share that the church is in a positive cash flow situation. At the end of August, giving stood at \$2,200 above plan with expenses at \$16,000 below plan, resulting in a year-to-date surplus of \$18,000.



Some of the reduced expenses are a matter of timing, with purchases/invoices to come in September or October instead of July or August. Additionally, there are some upcoming expenses that were not anticipated when the budget was put together back in February/March (i.e. the need for upgraded livestreaming technology or the repairs to our 45-year-old sanctuary lighting system).

We are so thankful for God's provision as we, the church body, continue to give faithfully in obedience and gratitude to God.

This and That

During the morning services on October 11, we invite **all believers to share in communion** with us.

As we continue to navigate the conditions of the pandemic, please know that an advisory **team meets monthly to review local and state Covid guidelines** in light of our local stats. This group will generate guidelines for the following 6 weeks to stay current. People/groups wanting to use the building can request these guidelines from the office or their staff ministry overseer.

Did you miss the August 30 unveiling of the **new church logo**? Are you wondering what it's all about, or why the change? You can look back to the September 1 all-church email that included a video link explaining the changes, or you can go directly to the church's YouTube channel and click on the "Logo Refresh" button to hear the FAQs.

It's Pastor Appreciation Month!

Although we love and appreciate our pastors year-round, October is the official month to let them know how much we are blessed by their ministry to and among us. If you're looking for tangible ways to express that appreciation, check out the list below:

- Prepare a meal or bake a special dessert (ask about favorite foods or allergies first!)
- Offer an evening of free babysitting
- Give gift cards for restaurants, coffee shops, gas stations, or home repair
- Share your skills and time to help with auto maintenance, home repair, painting, or haircuts
- Write a note expressing your thanks for their ministry
- Share food from your garden, orchard, or hunting/fishing trip
- Provide a guest pass to the Y or a local gym
- Compile a gift basket of food, toiletries, or small hobby items
- Give an annual pass to state parks or national forests
- Invite them to your home for food and fellowship
- Offer use of your vacation home or timeshare
- Drop off lunch at the office from their favorite fast food spot

Remember to pray for them regularly, that they will be the leader, husband, father, neighbor, and light in the darkness that God is calling them to be.



A big THANK YOU to our Pastors and their families!

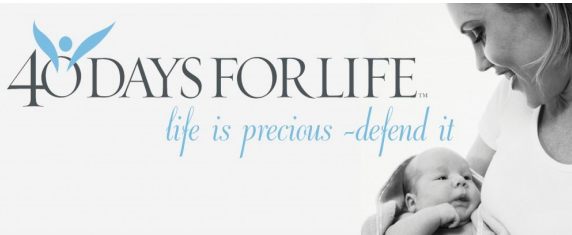
Life is precious — Defend it!

The right to life is the most basic human right. All other human rights are irrelevant for those denied the right to life because of abortion. The unborn have no voice, but we can be their voice! The 40 Days for Life fall campaign in Sheboygan continues through the month of October.

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful, prayerful vigil in front of abortion businesses. In Sheboygan, people will be praying from 7am-7pm each of these forty days from the sidewalk outside of Planned Parenthood at 909 S. Taylor Drive at the intersection of New Jersey Avenue.

By choosing to participate, you are choosing to be a voice for each unborn child! Consider that you could be the last message of hope for a woman feeling alone and helpless as she enters Planned Parenthood for an abortion.

Vigil signs will be provided along with abortion alternative information cards featuring our life-affirming Anchor of Hope Health Center.



REACH *together*

To reach our goal and get started on the exciting phase 2, we need everyone, every age, to get involved! Here are some fun ideas on how you and your family can reach together!

Walk/Run/Bike-a-Thon

Lace up your shoes and get on the move to raise money with your people!

Car Wash/Drive Through Brat Fry/Bake Sale

Pull together these fundraising classics for fun for the whole family!

Fundraising Dinner

Gather a team to make an experience to get this project started!

Fundraising Raffle/Auction

Do you have an idea for a fun auction or raffle to raise dollars?

Sell Products

Do you sell a product or lead a business that can give proceeds to a charitable cause?

Local Restaurant Partnership

Connect your favorite food stops with a day to benefit this project!

Peer-to-Peer Fundraising

Want to extend a challenge to your friends and family and raise money in your own creative way?

Challenges

Want to challenge a group, team or ministry to a fundraising goal?

Have an idea, but don't know how to get started? Reach out to masterplan@e-free-family.com!

REACH *the next generation*

Be encouraged by this testimony of active faith from our friends and church family members.



We are blessed. We both grew up in Christian families and have enjoyed good health for 84 years. Looking back, it's interesting to see God's hand at work throughout our lives. Some blessings were obvious: good marriage, healthy family, job opportunities, churches, friends, clothes that lasted longer than expected, and an original car battery that lasted over 11 years. Other blessings were not as easy to see at the time because they came through difficult situations, but God was working it out for our good.

Last year, Kim Reitbrock, attorney, gave a presentation on Estate Planning at one of our Forever Faithful meetings. Our wills were over 28 years old and needed to be updated so we were happy to have Kim write new wills for us. In the old wills, we had a specified amount set aside for the church upon the death of the surviving spouse. We decided to give money to the Master Plan now rather than waiting until we are both deceased. No, we did not leave the church out of our new wills. We made it more in line with our current giving which is based on the previous years income as determined by our tax forms.

It is a pleasure to give to a project where we can see the current results and know the plans for the future. The leadership has provided well thought out plans which will meet our needs. We agree with doing it in phases in order to meet some of the goals sooner.

To God be the glory.

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