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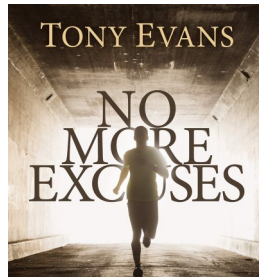
The Family Radio

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



Men — The Time Is Now!

Sometimes circumstances in life make it difficult for men to be all God wants them to be. But in this study, Tony Evans urges men to stop looking at their circumstances as excuses and instead to see them as challenges and opportunities for success.



Exploring biblical examples, *No More Excuses* will challenge you to lay down your excuses, stop compromising, and fight to be a man of character and commitment. Despite your setbacks, failures, and pressures, you can still find purpose, meaning, and direction in life and become the man God has called you to be.

There will never be an easy time to relinquish everything to Jesus Christ. We are starting now. We want to help you do the same!

Men -- join us Wednesdays, starting October 9, from 6:30-8pm. Cost of the book is \$17, payable the first night of study. Questions? Contact Tom Olson (twolson@charter.net).

Ladies, Let's Pray!

In April, the women of eFree gathered together on a Saturday morning to cry out to God together. In October, we're encouraging you to scatter: to host prayer events in your homes and communities.

Reserve Saturday, October 19 as an opportunity to pray with your sisters.

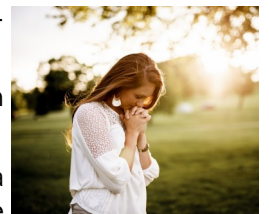
The purpose is prayer, and we encourage you to schedule a block of time that is convenient throughout that day. Invite your friends to join you in crying out to God together. These prayer gatherings can take varied formats:

- Take a prayer walk around your neighborhood or school.
- Devote your prayer time to the Master Plan Project and do a prayer walk around the church grounds.
- Do a prayer walk around the church neighborhood, praying for each of the families who live there.
- Plan a prayer gathering devoted to specific prayer for our nation, our marriages, our families, prodigals, etc.

Journal these prayers and actively wait on the Lord to do a work!

Our hope and prayer is that all throughout Sheboygan County, there will be cells of women crying out to God and praying together, from Oostburg to Howards Grove, Plymouth to Sheboygan.

We would love to hear feedback and testimonies regarding how God was at work through this day of prayer!



GriefShare Is Here to Help

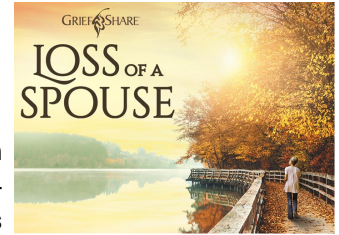
It hurts to lose someone. If you've lost a spouse, child, family member or friend, you've probably found that there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. GriefShare is a support group for people who are grieving the loss of a loved one. It is led by people who understand what you are experiencing and want to offer you comfort and encouragement during this difficult time. GriefShare meets weekly — find more details on our website. We are also hosting two upcoming seminars:

Loss of a Spouse Seminar

Saturday, October 5, 9-11am

Multi-Purpose Room; Cost: Free

This seminar helps people grapple with the challenges of being widowed. It features an inspiring video with relatable stories and practical advice, followed by discussion time. Participants will discover that they're not alone in their grief, and that what they're going through is normal.



Surviving the Holidays Seminar

Saturday, November 2, 9-11am

Multi-Purpose Room; Cost: Free

How do you handle the Holidays after the loss of a loved one when day-to-day challenges seem overwhelming?

Come receive some excellent advice and practical tips from experts and those who have gone through loss themselves.

For more information on the seminars, visit griefshare.org/loss or griefshare.org/holidays.



Happy Birthday/Anniversary in October

Names omitted.

This and That

Hand-in-Hand Adoption Ministry will meet on Friday, October 11 from 6:30-8pm.

During the morning services on Sunday, October 6, we invite all believers to **share in communion together**.

Middle and high school students are invited to the **Student Ministries Fall Party** on Wednesday, October 9 from 6-8:30pm at the Rice home.

Our next **Parent-Child Dedication** service will be Sunday, October 20. Please contact the church office if you are interested in having your child (ren) dedicated that day.



October 2

Be a Hero Night

October 9

Crazy Cap Night

October 16

Measles Night

October 23

Team Spirit Night

October 30

Parents Night

(Operation Christmas Child begins)



October brings a special time. . . to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. *1 Thess. 5:12-13 ESV*

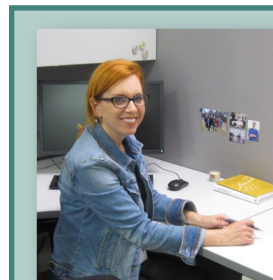
October is Pastor Appreciation Month — a time specifically set aside to demonstrate respect and appreciation for our pastors and their families. It's a wonderful opportunity to tangibly show our children what expressing appreciation can look like. And modeling gratitude doesn't have to be an overwhelming task or cost. You can send a card, cook a meal, buy a gift card, or offer your skills and services (babysitting, yard work, etc.).

Together, let's be especially mindful of our pastors and their families this month and remind them how thankful we are that they consistently point us to Jesus!

FCN Project Comforts Chemo Patients

The FCN ministry is in the process of developing gift bags filled with items that would bring physical and spiritual comfort to those undergoing chemotherapy. In response to the growing number of church attendees diagnosed with cancer, FCN will provide gift bags containing standard items like lip balm, hydrating lotion, a devotional book, head covering and stomach-calming tea. Other items, possibly symptom-based or gender-based, are being considered.

If you would like more details, or want to get involved with this project, please contact FCN Coordinator Kristie Ahlborg or Heather Tempas, both in the church office.



Do you have questions or concerns regarding a medical issue, or could you use some assistance navigating various aspects of your healthcare? Faith Community Nursing Coordinator Kristie Ahlborg maintains regular church office hours every Tuesday from 1-3pm in the church library. No appointments are necessary!

An Elegant Morning Featuring that Holy Night

The Christmas season brings with it unique opportunities to share with others the hope that we have in Jesus. Our annual Ladies' Christmas Brunch is designed for that very purpose: to provide a beautifully festive, non-threatening gathering for you to invite your friends to hear the hope of the gospel. We are delighted to welcome Janet Aucoin of Lafayette, Indiana as our speaker.



This year's brunch will be held on Saturday morning, December 7. Guests will enjoy a delicious meal featuring Baked Berry & Cream Cheese French Toast, Christmas sausage patties, and cherry yogurt parfaits. Our theme is *O Holy Night*, and we're currently recruiting table designers who are willing to bring their creative touches to our tables. Interested in

designing a table? Contact Kim Buhr at 452.6520 or kim.b@e-free-family.com.

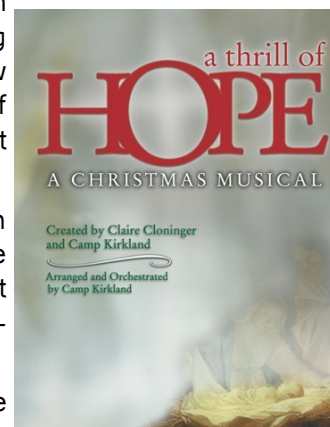
Ticket sales for table designers will occur on October 20 and 27, and general ticket sales begin November 3. Cost per ticket is \$10.

A Thrill of Hope

Presenting *A Thrill of Hope* on December 14 and 15, the Concert Choir will retell God's plan for our redemption through a mix of contemporary and traditional Christmas music along with scripture. From the loss of hope in the Garden of Eden, trace God's promise of new hope from Abraham through the royal line of David to an ordinary girl named Mary. Sing of hope restored by the birth of a Baby . . . share the thrill of hope that is ours through Christ! It will be a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and family to hear the gospel.

Rehearsals for the concert begin in October. Singers are needed for all vocal parts. High school students are welcome to participate with the approval of the director. There is the potential for soloists and smaller ensembles to take part in the overall concert. If you do not sing, we need you, too: speakers, readers, child care during rehearsals, and hosts for a coffee reception following the concerts.

For more information and rehearsal schedules, please see the music bulletin board near the Gathering Grounds coffee bar or contact Lynne Z.



Parking Lot Nears Completion

If you haven't looked at or used the new parking lot, you're missing out! The lot is curbed, paved, and striped (see photos on pg. 5); landscaping materials are in place; and signage has been ordered. All that remains are the installation of the light poles and the addition of more fencing.

Entrance C, the closest to the new parking lot, has a welcoming aspect, beginning with the new banner on the outside wall (see photo on pg. 5), and ending with personal greeters inside the doors. There are plans for banners on the new light poles also.

An official ribbon-cutting event will take place on a Sunday morning later this month.

BC Notecards Now Available

Packages of notecards used to support our BabyCare Ministry are now be available for purchase in the office during regular business hours and on Sunday mornings. Packages will contain 10 cards with a variety of designs for \$10.00. Some cards will have sayings on the front cover (Thank you, Blessings, etc.) and all will be blank on the inside.

The original artwork for the notecards was created by Laurie H. who donates both the cost of producing the notecards, as well as the sales from the notecards, to the BabyCare ministry.

Students — Sign up NOW for Districts 2020!

The Districts Youth Conference in Green Bay is a growth level conference with outreach potential, designed to challenge and equip middle school and high school students to live on mission with God and take the next step in their relationship with Him. The 2020 conference is January 3-5, and we'd love for all 7th-12th grade students to attend!

Early registration is \$110/student through October 16, If more than one student from a family is going, the cost is reduced to \$100/student. Beginning October 17, the cost increases to \$140/student with November 6 being the final deadline. Please register online (<http://e-free-family.com/connect/students/>). Checks made payable to *Sheboygan Evangelical Free Church* can be submitted to Pastor Aaron or the church office.

For more information, visit the Districts website (www.districtsyc.com).



RELATIONSHIPS MATTER. THEY BUILD US UP OR THEY TEAR US DOWN. THEY DRAW US CLOSER TO JESUS OR LEAD US FARTHER AWAY. RELATIONSHIPS CAN LEAD US TO LAUGHTER, LOVE AND JOY OR FEAR, DEPRESSION AND DARKNESS. IT MATTERS WHO HANG OUT WITH, INVEST IN AND FOLLOW. THIS WEEKEND WE'LL LOOK AT DEVELOPING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS, MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THOSE PEOPLE'S LIVES AND BECOMING WHO GOD HAS CALLED US TO BE...

BECAUSE IT MATTERS.



West Parking Lot



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