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

New Program Year = Something for Everyone! Life Groups

Life Groups are a great place to learn more and grow in our faith in Jesus Christ. They are a place of fellowship, where we share Christ in common. They are a place of friendship, where we encourage one another. They are a place of prayer, where we seek God's face together. And they are a place of accountability, where we grow in God's grace together. Are you ready for Life Groups?!

Life Groups consist of 8-14 (or so) people that meet in homes twice per month during the school year to discuss the Sunday sermon and apply it to our lives. You can jump into a Life Group by joining us on Sunday, September 26 at 4pm (location TBD). Most of the Life Groups will be represented as we connect with one another. You will be able to speak with current Life Group participants and leaders and get all your questions answered. Life Groups are formed by proximity, by preferred meeting time, by shared life stage, or by other relational distinctives. This "Countdown to Launch" Life Group gathering will include fun, food, and Christ-exalting fellowship, and begin to get people placed in (new and existing) groups.



On Sunday, October 10 at 4pm, we are asking all Life Groups to meet at church in the Sanctuary (childcare provided) for their first official Life Group meeting of the year. We will be introduced to one another, get a sense of how God is working through Life Groups, and have time for each group to meet individually (Caring, Sharing, Praying, and Bearing Witness). After October 10, Life Groups can begin meeting at their agreed-upon time (like "Tuesday nights at 7pm," for instance).

If you're interested in more information about Life Groups, [contact Jon/Nikki MacDonald](#). We can't wait to see how God uses Life Groups to multiply committed followers of Jesus in 2021-22!

Equip

Christ was clear: As we go, we are to make disciples. Join us for *On-Ramps*, a new Equip series aimed at empowering believers to shake off stale evangelism techniques and embrace a way of life that enables us to effectively witness and build meaningful relationships. All of us need encouragement to live out our faith in the busyness of everyday life. This series will help us identify when to enter and how to navigate sharing the gospel wherever God has placed us. Come discover how God can use our everyday encounters for His life-changing purposes. This series is led by various teachers and takes place each Sunday at 9:30am in the Sanctuary from September 12 through November 21.



Young Adults

Comprised of young singles and young marrieds (pre-kids), the Young Adults group meets to study God's Word, apply it to our lives, and build one another up in the Lord. For the month of September, we'll continue our summer schedule of meeting every other Tuesday (September 7 & 21) at 6:30pm. Watch for details regarding meeting weekly as October approaches. For more information, contact Emily Glewen (emily.glewen@gmail.com).

Students

→ **Youth Group:** Sundays, 6-9pm, begins September 12

Students in grades 7-12 are invited to attend the first night of Youth Group on Sunday, September 12. Doors open at 6pm for students to have dinner in Cafe 19 or fellowship in the game room or MPR. From 6:45-8:15pm, we'll have worship followed by Pastor Robert's message and small group discussions. Students are welcome to continue fellowship until 9pm. See you soon!

→ **Bible Quizzing:** Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm, begins September 8

Bible Quizzing challenges students to have a personal relationship with God through consistent Bible study, Scripture memorization, prayer, and mutual encouragement in an atmosphere that provides fun fellowship, and healthy competition through regional quiz meets. We're starting off with the book of Romans! Contact the church office for more details.



Awana

Awana is our midweek programming where kids ages 3 through 6th grade are reached, taught, and challenged with the transformative message of the gospel of Jesus Christ. We meet Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm throughout the school year. Divided into age groups (Cubbies, Sparks, T&T), kids will engage in small group teachings, worship, games, Bible lessons, and more.

Awana kicks off on Wednesday, September 8! Families are encouraged to register ahead of time. [Register online](#) or weekdays in the church office.

Happy Birthday/Anniversary in September

Names omitted.

This and That

In observance of Labor Day, the church office will be closed on Monday, September 6.

Congratulations to the eFree softball team as they took 2nd place in the end of the season tournament! And thanks to all the fans who cheered them on!

The start of a new program year is a great time to reevaluate priorities, goals, and how you can effectively use the gifts God has given you to help multiply disciples of Jesus Christ. Take time to see where you could use your time and talents to serve our church family. Below are just a few of the areas to consider getting involved:

- Children's Ministries: Contact Gwen MacDonald at gwen.m@e-free-family.com
- Welcome & Hospitality: Contact Nikki MacDonald at nikki.m@e-freefamily.com
- Worship & Tech: Contact Pastor Aaron Brown at aaron.b@e-free-family.com
- Nursing and/or assisting others with non-medical needs: Contact Kristie Ahlborg at kristie.a@e-free



September 8

Welcome to Awana!

September 15

Crazy Hair Night

September 22

Orange You Glad Jesus Love You?

September 29

Super Hero Night

Women's Ministries

→ **It's Not Supposed To Be This Way:** Tuesdays, 6:30pm, begins September 14

Life often looks so very different than we hoped or expected. Some events may simply catch us off guard for a moment, but others shatter us completely. We feel disappointed and disillusioned, and we quietly start to wonder about the reality of God's goodness. Using Lysa TerKeurst's book, we'll discuss how to:

- Stop being pulled into the anxiety of disappointment by discovering how to better process unmet expectations and other painful situations
- Train ourselves to recognize the three strategies of the enemy so we can stand strong and persevere through unsettling relationships and uncertain outcomes
- Discover the secret of being steadfast and not panicking when God actually does give us more than we can handle
- Shift our suspicion that God is cruel or unfair to the biblical assurance that God is protecting and preparing us
- Know how to encourage a friend and help her navigate hard realities with real help from God's truth



This study meets offsite; for more information, contact the church office.

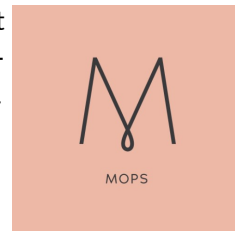
→ **Precepts Study on the book of Zechariah:** Tuesdays, 6:30pm or Wednesdays 9:30am; begins September 7 & 8

Zechariah contains more prophecies about the first and second comings of Jesus Christ than any other of the old testament prophets, except Isaiah. Zechariah reveals what will happen on the day when the Lord is King over all the earth. There is a future time of restoration coming for the righteous. Are you ready for that day? Join us as we delve into God's Word! Contact the church office for more details.

→ **Morning Women's Study:** Wednesdays, 9:30am, begins September 8
Discover how to use biblical examples in your everyday relationships. For more details, contact the church office.

→ **MOPS:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 9:30-11am; begins September 24

We are excited to launch a MOPS Sheboygan eFree group! MOPS International is a ministry to moms of preschoolers and school-aged children. Watch for registration details. Contact the church office for more information or to volunteer your services in our MOPS Kids childcare.



Men's Ministries

→ Prayer Meeting: Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30am

Men are encouraged to come together in the presence of the Lord to pray. We use the Psalms as our guide as we pray for our nation, community, and church family.

→ Morning Men's Study: Wednesdays, 9:30am, begins September 8

Isaiah is the prophet we need to hear today as he cries out God's message above the clatter of world upheaval, "Comfort, yes, comfort My people!" (40:1). When Isaiah says to us, "Be comforted!" it is not a word of pity but of power. God's comfort does not weaken us; it strengthens us. As we study Isaiah's book, we will meet this outstanding prophet and we'll see God's people chastened and then restored. But above all else, we will see Jesus Christ, God's "Suffering Servant," as He does the will of God and suffers and dies for the sins of the world. Our faith will be strengthened as we listen to the Word of God together through Isaiah the prophet.

→ More Like Jesus: Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm; begins September 15

Men's Ministries wants to do just one thing: multiply committed followers of Jesus Christ. Join us as we commit ourselves to live by the wisdom (studying Proverbs) which comes from God in our *Wise Men* series. This study, led by Pastor Jon and a team of Men's Ministries guys, will examine what the Scriptures teach us about topics such as standing alone, leading your family to Jesus, purity (zero porn), and friendships that change us. In the second half of the year we will tackle wisdom topics such as, "Is Christianity anti-science?" and "Is Christianity homophobic?" Our aim is to help strengthen men to take initiative, treasure their own friendship with God, and selflessly serve their family and community.

Cost: revealing your heart, and occasional pizza money (such as September 15). We will provide a Zoom link as a convenience, if requested.



Walking Together Mentoring Program

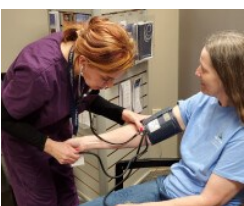
All children face challenges, but some hurdles are bigger than others, and sometimes kids need a little extra support to build resilience and hope. Schools in our community need people willing to build positive, caring, one-on-one relationships with students, to walk alongside them as friends and cheerleaders. Kids Hope USA mentors (supported by behind-the-scenes prayer partners) spend one hour per week talking, reading, playing, and listening to a child at school. Research shows that by helping a child feel loved and valued, the child can better learn, grow, and succeed.



Our church is joining the Kids Hope USA outreach ministry by partnering with Cooper Elementary to bring hope and love to our at-risk youth. If you're interested in finding out more about this opportunity that intertwines your passion and love for Christ and kids, or if you would like to be a prayer partner for this opportunity, please contact our church liaison Michele Fortino (872.233.9305 or lilitaly414@gmail.com).

New Office Hours for FCNC

To be more easily available to the congregation, Kristie Ahlborg, our Faith Community Nursing Coordinator, will be changing her office hours the first week of September. Kristie will now be onsite Wednesdays, 10:30am-12:30pm. This will overlap with the Wednesday morning Bible studies so anyone who comes to church regularly during that time can stop in the office and utilize her services if needed.



Fall Blood Drive Preview

Mark your calendar now for Tuesday, November 1 when you can stop in at church and donate blood between 9am-1pm so that local blood stores can be maintained. We're looking for 35 people who will give to help their family, friends and neighbors. More info will be shared as the date approaches.



Forever Faithful Potluck Will Take You Back in Time

Forever Faithful is pleased to host Beth Dippel, executive director of the Sheboygan County Historical Research Center, on September 14 from 12-2pm. After lunch and a time of worship led by Sharon Schmidt, Beth will present *The First 50 Years of Sheboygan*.

Beth has an extensive background in the local history of Sheboygan County and has created and executed dozens of historical programs. For the past 14 years she has been the project manager for a speakers' series, Second Saturdays—Journeys Into Local History. The series has sponsored 140 speakers with an attendance of just under 12,000 history enthusiasts. In the past four years, she has also developed and presented more than 30 local history programs dealing with specific Sheboygan County topics, such as *Remembering the Phoenix Disaster*, *Great Surveys and Surveyors of Sheboygan County*, and *The H.C. Prange Story, It's Not Yours Til You Like It*.

Sign up online, on the Forever Faithful bulletin board, or during Equip to bring a casserole, salad, fruit, or dessert. Coffee and water will be provided. If you're planning to come for the presentation only, please let us know that as well so we can ensure sufficient seating. Seating is planned 4 people per table. Donations collected will benefit the Forever Faithful ministry.

40 Days for Life Fall Campaign

62 million . . . that's the estimated number of babies that have been aborted in the U.S. since the Roe v. Wade decision legalized abortion in 1973. Globally, the U.S. has one of the five most extreme governments regarding abortion and infanticide. And it's not improving—current budget proposals include your tax dollars being used to fund abortions, and telemedicine is allowing for the mailing of abortion pills in some states.

But we can remain thankful our hope is not of this world but in our good, faithful, sovereign God. It's time to stand up for the right to life of the unborn. 40 Days for Life takes the message of hope to communities where abortions are performed, and we ask God to transform the current culture of death, one person at a time. God's hand is at work, as over the course of 26 organized campaigns:

- 17,226 babies have been saved from abortion
- 206 abortion workers have converted to the pro-life position
- 107 abortion centers have closed

Make a commitment now to pray with us over the course of the Sheboygan campaign from 7am-7pm on September 22 through October 31. Join the kick-off on September 19 at 4pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Sheboygan. The 40 day vigil will be held outside Planned Parenthood on S. Taylor Drive. **Sign up for vigil hours online** or for more information, please contact the church office.

Wanted: Christmas Marketplace Vendors

This November 19 and 20, Women's Ministries is hosting our first ever Christmas Marketplace. Our vision is to fill the Multi-Purpose Room with booths showcasing various handmade crafts, textiles, photography, wood crafts—you name it! Our heart is to reach out to the community and welcome them inside; to provide them a fun opportunity to shop unique Christmas gifts and enjoy time connecting with one another over lunch in our cafe.

We are asking all interested vendors (men and women alike) to **apply online at our website** or pick up an application in the church office. The vendor fee of \$50 will go to our REACH campaign. The deadline to apply is September 30.

While the format for this year's outreach may have changed, our mission has not. We're working hard to make sure that the gospel is clearly presented and proclaimed, whether through videos, testimonies, or take home gifts for each shopper. We want them to see and encounter Jesus. This is our heart and our earnest prayer. Start dreaming and praying for this amazing opportunity!

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