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



Letting God's Word Guide the Master Plan

As we prepare to kick off our giving campaign for the Master Plan, here are some thoughts from Pastor Gary to help us discern what God's Word gives us to guide our plans and our prayers for the sacrificial giving required for this project:

Dear EFC Fellowships,

As I reflect upon the privilege of giving for the furtherance of God's kingdom, my mind is captivated by the prayer of David found in 1 Chronicles 29:10-19. It is a magnificent prayer that acknowledges the fact that God is the owner and we are the managers of God's kingdom resources. Three observations emerge from these verses:

First, we give on the basis of who our God is (10-13). *David speaks of the greatness, the power, the glory, and the majesty of God. He goes on to say for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. (vs. 11)*

Second, we give on the basis of what our God has done (14-15). *David poses two significant questions that all of us should ponder. First, but who am I?, and second, how can it be that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For we are reminded that all things come from you, and of your own have we given you (vs. 14).*

Third, we give on the basis of what our God deserves (16-19). *As we give, we honor God's name (vs. 16). As we give, we know that God tests our hearts (vs. 17). As we give, we do so knowing that God keeps his promises (18). As we give, we do so knowing that God provides (19).*

So thank you, my friends. It is a privilege to minister with you for God's glory.

Pastor Gary

Together, Let's REACH

Your presence and support on September 15 at 6pm is key to the incredible work God is going to do through this Master Plan project. Get ready for a special evening of vision, opportunity and praise for all that God has done and all He will do.

Why REACH? As our congregation in this significant endeavor, both in generosity and expansion, the focus of the work must be continually drawn to the **opportunity to reach** our neighbor, **reach** Sheboygan, **reach** the next generation, and **reach** the world for Christ.

Men's Ministry Kicks Off the Season with French Toast Breakfast

Fall is coming and the French toast is waiting! Men's Ministries will kick off the new program year with a Saturday morning breakfast on September 7 from 8:30-10am. Come and enjoy the camaraderie with other men of the church, eat hearty, and learn about upcoming opportunities and Bible studies.

Bring your sons, grandsons and friends! Please take a moment to register online, Sunday mornings at the Welcome Center, or via the church office so we can plan accordingly!



Forever Faithful Hosts Local Football Coach Chris Zablocki

It's football season! Forever Faithful will be welcoming Sheboygan Falls football coach Chris Zablocki as our guest speaker at the Thursday, September 19 potluck. Please join us in the Multi-Purpose Room from 6-8pm. Sign up to bring a casserole, salad, or fruit on the bulletin board near the Gathering Grounds coffee bar.



Chris Zablocki is entering his 17th season coaching football and his 14th season as a varsity head coach leading a high school program. This will be his first season as head coach of the Sheboygan Falls Falcons. Zablocki will share how God worked through him to make the tough decision about accepting the head coach position at Sheboygan Falls, as well as discuss the opportunity it brings to impact many young men.

Coach Zablocki will outline his journey from Upper Michigan to Sheboygan, noting how the Lord has impacted his approach to coaching and being an educator in the public schools for the past 16 years. He'll share about the positive characteristics instilled into his football program, which led him to receive the 2014 Positive Coaching Alliance Double Impact Award (a National Award with over 2000 applicants). Zablocki will also discuss the struggles that accompany balancing faith, family, and football.

It's a night that will encourage your heart, prep you for the season, and most importantly give the glory to God!

Happy Birthday/Anniversary in September

Names omitted.



This and That

In observance of Labor Day, the **church office will be closed** on Monday, September 2.

The third **quarterly directory update** will be available in the church office starting Sunday, September 1.

A new social group, **Joy for Widows**, will be forming this fall. A welcome tea for those interested will be held Tuesday, September 17 from 2-3:30pm in the Welcome Center. Questions? Contact Arlene M. or Maggie I.



September 4
Welcome to Awana

September 11
Red, White, & Blue Night

September 18
Good Samaritan Night

September 25
Favorite Sport Night

support BabyCare

Beginning mid-September, packages of notecards used to support our BabyCare Ministry will be available for purchase in the church office. Packages will contain 10 cards with a variety of designs for \$10. 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 our BabyCare ministry.

Something for Everyone!

The beginning of fall brings a new program year! We're excited about the opportunities available for all ages. See where you can get connected, serve, and grow closer to Jesus:

CHILDREN

Awana is our Wednesday evening (6:30-8pm) programming for children ages 3-grade 6. It reaches students with the Good News of Jesus Christ and trains them to know, love, and serve Him. Club includes a small group Bible lesson, large group teaching and worship time, and game time.

STUDENTS

- Middle School Youth Group (grades 7 & 8) — Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm
- High School Youth Group (grades 9-12) — Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30pm
- Bible Quizzing — a fun, competitive way to know God's Word better. Practices are Wednesdays from 5:30-6:45pm.
- D-Group — for the high school student who desires deeper study and accountability. It meets the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month at 7:30pm.

COLLEGE & CAREER

Designed for singles ages 18-30, we're committed to genuine Christ-centered fellowship that will push us to know God more and help others to do the same. We want to go beyond just knowing about God to truly knowing Him and being involved in what He is doing now. Join us Sunday evenings at 6pm at the Brown Home. Contact the church office (452.6520) for more details.

WOMEN

- *Kingdom Woman* — Tuesdays at 6:30pm at the home of Nancy V.; led by Nancy V.
- *Even Better Than Eden* — Tuesdays at 6:30pm at the home of Christel S. or Wednesdays at 9:30am in the church library; begins September 10 & 11; led by Lora L.
- *Vintage Faith in a Modern World* — Wednesdays at 9:30am at church; begins September 4; led by Vicki M.
- *First Love: Becoming a Woman After God's Own Heart* — Wednesdays at 9:15am at church; childcare provided; begins September 11; led by Summar C.
- *Seeking Him* — Wednesdays at 6:30pm at church; begins October 2; led by Nikki M.
- *Titus 2 Groups* — Small group studies consisting of a mentor and 3-4 ladies studying God's Word and growing together, following the pattern of Titus 2. Registration details will be sent in September.

(see the church website for more details on the above studies)

MEN

- Men's Prayer Huddle will meet Wednesday mornings from 6:30-7:30am.
- A Wednesday morning Bible study, led by Tom R., will meet at 9:30am and will be studying the book of Romans. Begins September 4.
- Watch upcoming publications regarding a Wednesday night study for men!



Christmas Concert Prep Begins Soon!

This Christmas, come together as a common voice of praise in the retelling of God's plan for our redemption. 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!

This December, the Concert Choir will present a service of lessons and carols titled *A Thrill of Hope*. With a mix of contemporary and traditional Christmas music, along with scripture to explore the miracle of Christ's birth and its purpose, it will be a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and family to hear the Gospel.

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.

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

A CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

Life Groups Forming Now

LifeGroups are groups of 8-12 people who meet in homes every other week for the purpose of discipleship, and friendship. It's a great way to get to know people and grow in God's grace!

If you're interested in participating in a Life Group, please register online or via the church office. Then, plan to attend the Life Group Kick-off on Sunday, September 22 at 6pm.

Ladies...have you considered attending one of these fantastic opportunities?

- Lake Lundgren Ladies' Retreat: *Broken Hearts Can Be Mended*, September 13-15; for more details, pick up a brochure in the church office
- Revive '19: *Seeking Him*, September 27-28 in Indianapolis; for more details, visit revive19.com

Are You Equipped?

Equip exists to equip believers to maturity so that each of us is prepared to multiply committed followers of Jesus Christ in our homes, in the church and in our community.

Our brand new *Equip* year kicks off on Sunday, September 8. These 5-week options will help you know God's Word better, and love Him more. They will also help you get to know people in the church and help you get plugged-in and stay connected. We want you here! Choose from the following options:

- Live It Out (previously called Bring It to Life), 9:30am
- Choose Joy, 9:30am
- Train to Reign, 9:30am
- Becoming a Welcoming Church, 9:30am
- This We Believe, 11am



For more details about classes and to register, visit our website: www.e-free-family.com/equip.

Table Designers...Get Ready!

We're currently recruiting women to decorate tables for our annual Ladies' Christmas Brunch on Saturday, December 7.



The 2019 theme is *O Holy Night*. The brunch is a beautiful opportunity to invite friends to enjoy the sights and sounds of the season, a delicious meal, and warm fellowship with friends. Most importantly, the Gospel will be presented by our guest speaker, Janet Aucoin, giving you a wonderful opportunity for further discussion.

A meeting for all table designers will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room on Monday, September 16 at 6:30pm. We'll review designer guidelines, provide inspiration, and answer any questions you may have. Additionally, all table designers in attendance will be entered into a drawing to win a full table of free brunch tickets. That's 8 tickets--an \$80 value!



West Parking Lot is taking shape!



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