

A monthly publication of the Sheboygan eFree Church



Easter is the Sunday on the church calendar when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. We celebrate Christ's birth at Christmas and recognize that all humans are born. And we commemorate Christ's death, understanding the heaviness and separation of death: it is appointed unto every person to die once. But the resurrection of Jesus from the dead is something completely unique to him. The Scriptures clearly teach us that since he rose from the dead, it is irrefutable that he is the Son of God (Rom 1:4), it is evident that he has conquered sin and death forever (1 Cor 15:54-57), it is certain that those who trust him will be raised to live with Him forevermore (1 Cor 15:22).

As we welcome the Easter season, we are asking that all of us begin to invest time in the Scriptures (Luke 23-24), in prayer (for our own sake and the revelation of Jesus Christ to our neighbors and friends), and in inviting friends to come and see the wonderful things that God has done for us. Copies of "The Case for the Resurrection" by Lee Strobel are available to encourage your heart and to give personally to friends who are looking for answers.

So Christian, in the crazy and harsh world, you don't have to win any debates about politics, morality, or religion. It will be refreshing to everyone when we focus on just reality: since Jesus has risen from the dead, he is certainly God's Messiah, our only Redeemer, and therefore, he alone is Lord. Jesus' death and resurrection is the evidence of God's love for us, and the substance of the Good News we proclaim. - Jon MacDonald

#### EASTER WEEK AT EFREE

### **Palm Sunday**

April 10, 2022 - 8 & 9:30am

### **Maundy Thursday**

Communion Service April 14, 2022 - 7pm

### **Good Friday**

April 15, 2022 - 7 pm

#### **Easter Sunday**

April 17, 2022 - 8 & 9:30am

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#### CHURCH SUPPORTS TWO NEW MISSIONARIES

In case you missed the announcement at the March Missions Conference, eFree has entered a support relationship with two new ReachGlobal missionaries: Rich and Martha Millhouse, and Scott and Laura Carter.

The Millhouses are based in Budapest, Hungary, about 700 miles from the fighting in Kiev, Ukraine. Rich is the pastor of an international church representing 30 nationalities. He is involved with Strategic Partnership Ministry, writing curricula to establish and nurture international churches, particularly in Romania. Martha coordinates the welcome team at their church, connecting newcomers with ways to grow and serve. With her background in graphics design, Martha is also the communications coordinator for the International Team.

The Carters are currently living in Iowa and have joined ReachGlobal's Global Equipping Team after spending many years in church ministry and church planting efforts both overseas and in the United States. They will be investing in training national pastors to be able to lead their churches well and train other nationals.





## **VOTING: YOUR PRIVILEGE, YOUR RIGHT**

The Spring Primary will be held Tuesday, April 5. To find out where to vote and who is on your ballot, go to www.myvote.wi.gov and search by your physical address. On this website, you can also register to vote, track your ballot, and sign up to be a poll worker (paid position).

As a follower of Jesus Christ, voting is your opportunity to Biblically influence government at all levels – don't take this privilege lightly.

### **BODY LIFE UPDATE**

Sunday, May 15 is our next Body Life Update. The leadership boards will be presented, and we'll vote on both the Treasurer's position and next year's budget. The next update of our MP Phase 2 will also be shared. As always, preschool childcare will be provided, and activity bags will be available for early elementary kids.

### YTD GIVING UDPATE

Although giving year-to-date was below what we expected, by \$5,200, Sheboygan eFree is still in a healthy fiscal position since expenses were also below our plan, by \$34,300. Through February, snowplowing was well below plan but utilities, especially gas, will be much higher than plan through March. Your faithful regular giving helps us meet the needs of people and facility.

# **WOMEN'S PRAYER GATHERING**

The current condition of our world may weigh heavily on our hearts, causing each of us to feel somewhat anxious and shaken. But no matter what's going on around us, we long to be women rooted and grounded in the Truth; to stand firm in Jesus despite the hard winds that blow. Colossians 1:23 admonishes, "...continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel..." The world may be shaking, but we won't be shaken. We need each other, sisters. No matter how messy we may feel, we long to have humble, contrite hearts that recognize our desperate need for Jesus. We want to be sisters who encourage one another to hold fast in these hard days.

We invite all women to join us for a Ladies' Prayer Gathering on Saturday morning, April 23 at 9am as together we sink our roots deep into the soil of God's Word. Together we'll worship and pray and hear testimonies of how God is actively at work in the Body of Christ.

### PARENT & CHILD DEDICATION

Child Dedication is a commitment that parents make before God to raise their children according to God's purpose. It is our heart to partner with you as your child grows and develops their own personal relationship with God. Our next Parent-Child Dedication is on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8. If you would like to dedicate your child to the Lord in one of the morning services, please contact the church office by Sunday, May 1

### **MEN'S MINISTRIES DINNER**

Men's Ministries will be hosting a chicken dinner on Tuesday, June 7 at 6pm. If you're interested in helping with the event, contact Denny Runge at 920.452.5297. Further details will be available in the May eFree Press. Men, don't miss this opportunity for a night of great food and fellowship!





Back by popular demand, Student Ministries is hosting our annual dinner and cake auction fundraiser on Friday, May 13 at 6pm. All proceeds from this fun, family-friendly event will be invested in our neighborhood through the 2022 Serve Sheboygan mission event being held July 21-23.

This year's event takes us back to the 50s with a blue-plate special dinner of meatloaf and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, and rolls. A special kids' plate with chicken tenders can be requested when purchasing tickets. We encourage guests to dress in 50's attire and take advantage of the photo booth and photographer that will be available. A 5X7 print of your photo can be ordered for \$5 each.

Tickets will be on sale from Sunday, April 10-24, and can be purchased on Sundays in the Welcome Center from 9-11:15am or Monday-Friday in the church office. Ticket prices remain at \$5 per person.

If you're a pastry chef at heart and would like to donate a cake for the auction, please contact Kim Buhr at kim.b@e-free-family.com or 920.452.6520.

#### **APRIL AWANA DATES**

April 6 Parents Night

April 13 No Club - Happy Easter

April 20 Chicken Pox Night

April 27 Chocolate Lovers Night

& AWANA STORE

### SIXTH GRADERS ARE INVITED!

On Wednesday, May 4, Student Ministries invites all sixth-grade clubbers to join them in Cafe 19 at 6pm for the final night of RISEN (Youth Group). A special program has been put together just for you! After dinner, you'll hear an encouraging message and have an opportunity to ask questions of and hear, from outgoing seniors. This is the perfect chance to see what the fall will look like for you as an incoming seventh-grader. We will conclude at 8pm.

# AWANA GRAND FINALE May 11, 2022

Clubbers and their friends and family are invited to celebrate another great year of studying God's Word. Join us at 6pm on May 11 for a walking taco dinner followed by our end-of-year program. There is no cost for the dinner.

Leaders will have displays prepared for each small group and clubbers will be given their year-end awards.



Is there just one God? ... Who is God? ... What is God like? ... Does God love me? ... Can I know God?

Our kids grapple with questions like these every day. At Mystery Island, we'll uncover the truth about our Creator God! There's a sea of confusion about who God is and what he's like, so we'll track down the one true God and learn how amazing he is through the pages of Scripture.

Mystery Island VBS is packed with teaching that connects the Bible to the real world and gives kids a better understanding of our awe-inspiring Creator and the salvation he offers through Jesus Christ.

Each day, kids will learn more about one of God's amazing attributes (great, almighty, ruler, Emmanuel, trustworthy) and how that applies to their lives.

Grab your sunscreen and get ready for a taste of paradise as you track down the one true God at Mystery Island! Register online or in the church office beginning Monday, May 16.

Our Missionary Family

ETHNOS360
Rich & Karen Brown
Derrick & LaShawn Dobbs
Lloyd & Mary Wapp

LAKE LUNDGREN BIBLE CAMP
Marcus & Kaitlyn Murphy

REACHGLOBAL
Scott and Laura Carter
Rich and Martha Millhouse
Abraham & Maria Mudidi
Nubako & Claudine Selenga
Lonnie & Debbie Smith

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Jon & Stephanie Weiss

Ten additional missionaries are supported but, due to the sensitive areas in which they serve, are not listed here.

Our Partner Organizations

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AWANA

**Campus Life** 

Evangelical Child & Family Agency

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