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NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The National Day of Prayer exists with the longing and intent for individuals, churches, and spiritual leaders in America to humble themselves and unify in prayer for how God will work in our nation in the coming days. This year's national theme is Exalt the Lord who has Established us, based on Colossians 2:6-7. Join us at 7pm on Thursday, May 5, in the sanctuary as we gather before our great God in prayer and worship. We'll also hear a devotional message from Pastor Gary.

YOUR TIME AND TALENT NEEDED

On Sunday, May 1st, at the end of both services, our contractor will present numerous opportunities for us to volunteer our time and our skills during Phase 2 construction. An overview and general timeframe will be shared, and sign-up sheets will be distributed as well as uploaded to the church website. Our volunteered time and talent, whether skilled or not, will help us reduce our construction costs, and therefore the amount of a loan.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FY23 BUDGET?

The FY2023 category budget will be available for pick-up in the church office beginning Sunday, May 1, and four Q&A times have been scheduled for anyone who wants more information: May 8 and 15 at 9:15-9:45(room 109) and 10:45-11:15(library).

Members of the Finance Team and the Master Plan Team will be present at each session.

NEW MPR LIGHTING

If you haven't already noticed, new lighting has been installed in the MPR. In addition to being four times more energy-efficient, we can now customize lighting for worship and special events.

SPRING BODY LIFE UPDATE

The Spring BLU will be held on Sunday, May 15 at 6pm in the MPR. This is a time for both members and regular attendees to hear from our Senior Pastor and get an update on the Master Plan. Members will vote on offices and the annual budget. Absentee ballots are available May 8-13. Light refreshments will be offered upon arrival, and childcare will be provided for all preschool-aged children. The evening will be recorded and available for viewing the following week. Contact the church office to set up an appointment.

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The love of God is both one of the simplest and most complex concepts in Scripture. God is a relational being and both the older and newer testaments demonstrate His love and instruct us about His love while inviting a response to His love. Understanding and embracing His love enables us to move forward in the process of being transformed into His image despite living in a fallen world.

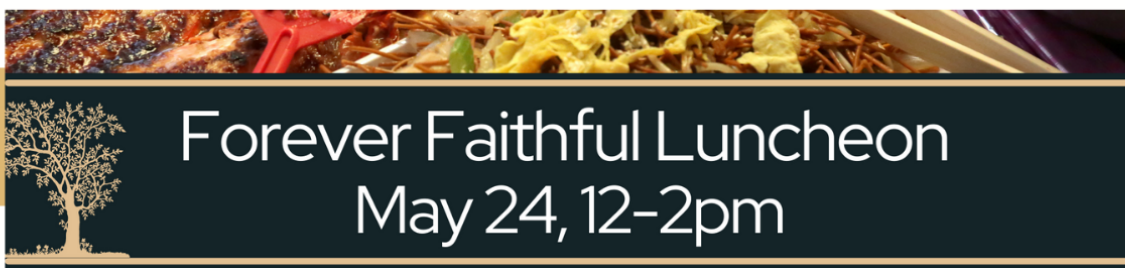
We live in a culture where God is viewed by some as all loving and by others as a God of justice. Understanding and responding to the Scriptural view of God's love is crucial as we look for conversational on-ramps to share His love with others while inviting their response to His love. Join us on Sundays, May 1, 8, 15 and 22 at 9:30am in the Sanctuary to learn to love and be loved.

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 his/her 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 for men of all ages. If you're interested in helping with the event, contact Denny Runge at 920.452.5297. Please register on the website so we can plan for food and seating. Donations will be taken at the door.



Forever Faithful invites you to join them for their May luncheon. Worship will be provided by Steve Burgard, Larry Dulmes and David Neave. Our guest speaker is Tim Bull, Sheboygan City Forester. Tim will be sharing an overview of Sheboygan Parks and current city forestry projects. Please register on the website, in Equip or on the Forever Faithful Bulletin board. Sign up for a dish to pass if you are attending the luncheon.



Forever Faithful Picnic
Tuesday, July 12 • 12-3pm
Rochester Park, Sheboygan Falls

Student Ministries This Summer

PRAYER WALKS

Prayer walks are a great way to meet our neighbors, hear their needs and offer prayer. Several of the neighbors we helped during last year's Serve Sheboygan event were met during one of our walks. Please join us as we step into new relationships and model God's love.

Wednesday, May 18 - 6:30pm

Wednesday, May 25 - 6:30pm



Sex, Dating & Relationships
Tuesdays 7-8:30pm beginning June 7

Considering the sex-crazed, hook-up based culture we live in—not to mention the ever-climbing divorce rate—it's clear that we need a better understanding of sex, dating, and relationships. We need a paradigm-shifting view of purity and relationships—a view that accounts for the biblical evidence and helps us guard against unnecessary heartache.

Join Pastor Robert and his wife Tiffany to discuss how Christians should get serious about honoring Christ with their sexuality. The question is: Are you ready for the challenge?

This summer study will take place at Pastor Robert's home and is for guys and girls. Teaching will take place as a large group with gender-based breakouts for small group discussion. Please contact the church office to sign up.

GRADUATION SUNDAY

Our graduating seniors will be presented in cap and gown on Sunday, June 5 during the 9:30am service. Pastor Robert Lee will be sharing a special message in honor of our graduates. Any seniors wishing to participate must contact the church office by May 15.

Mini Golf & Ice Cream

Harbor Pointe and South Pier Parlor



Wednesday, June 15 • 6:30pm



July
21-23

Contact Pastor Robert or Kim Buhr
to see how you can be part of this great event!

Welcome Back BBQ

AUGUST 20 • 5PM • RICE RANCH

MAY AWANA DATES

May 4 *It's in the bag night*

All clubbers should return their Awana bag this night and bring something else to carry home their book and Bible. Sixth graders will be joining Youth Group this evening. Read more...

SIXTH GRADERS ARE INVITED!

On Wednesday, May 4, Student Ministries invites all sixth-grade clubbers to join them in Cafe 19 at 6:30pm 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

**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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**Anchor of Hope
Health Center**

AWANA

Campus Life

**Evangelical Child &
Family Agency**

**Good News Jail &
Prison Ministry**

The Family Radio

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