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PHASE 2 BEGINS THIS SUMMER!

After planning, praying, voting to move ahead, giving faithfully, and receiving many helpful suggestions for improvement to Phase 2, we begin construction in August! Yes! To God be the glory! As we begin to demo walls and move bricks, we are calling one another to observe these core Phase 2 principles:

1. To thank God.

God has been and will continue to be faithful as we move forward with Phase 2.

2. To follow God's leading together.

The period of waiting is over, and we are now preparing to move. We are relocating our library books as that room and part of the hallway become storage for chairs, tech booth, and stage panels. We are moving items out of the gym storage and locker rooms so that in August, a temporary construction wall can be built south of the MPR and over to the west entrance to allow for creating the new restrooms. This section will take about 8-10 weeks, and there will be a lot of "moving parts". We will need lots of patience and grace toward each other. In fact, our love and patience toward each other will draw people to know and love Jesus. (Jn 13:5). It's time to loosen the tent pegs so we can move forward together!

3. To work hard together.

Don't you love Nehemiah? When it became clear that it was time for the project to move forward, it moved well and quickly because "the people had a mind to work." (Neh. 4:6) Some of our best memories from this era will be the work we do side by side, and conversations we have in the parking lot in the evenings when the work is accomplished. Throughout the whole project, your time and talent are needed, whether swinging a sledgehammer, sweeping, baking, organizing, painting, installing, or something else, whenever you're available. We'll share our hearts and invest our blood, sweat and tears – don't miss out.

4. To honor God in our giving.

There are still dollars to raise; we are counting on God to deliver dollars and on each other to give. Thank you to the 200-plus families who have given specific gifts to "REACH" Sheboygan, including many new givers joining in very recently. We are still praying for many, many donations of various amounts, given in faith with joy for the glory of God's Name. The recently printed Pledge Card is also a concrete prayer card. Will you pray with us?

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PHASE 2 FAQ

At last month's Body Life Update, the Master Plan Team presented answers to frequently asked questions. The first three are addressed below:

Q1: Will we have enough storage?

A1: Just like at your home where you collect things, we're going through decades of stored items, sorting and deciding what to keep, donate, toss or even offer for sale. Once Phase 2 is complete, we'll have about 1,100 sf of storage on the main level, not much different than the original 1,200 sf.

Q2: What about an elevator?

A2: Never fear, we'll have the best, maybe biggest, elevator in the City of Sheboygan! We're going from a chair lift (1 wheelchair plus 1 companion) to an elevator rated for 33 people (who really like each other)! It means we'll be able to move table racks and chair racks from the lower level to the main level quickly and easily.

Q3: Aren't we losing restrooms?

A3: While it's true we're going from 2 sets of 3 stalls to one set of 5 stalls for women (men have less), we're also adding an adult restroom in the secure Kids Ministry wing PLUS a family-style restroom near the Kids Min check-in PLUS a family-style restroom in the Commons area near the church office.

THERE'S STILL TIME TO VOLUNTEER YOUR TALENT

If you have general handyman abilities, we need you! If your talent is painting, hospitality, cleaning, organizing, activities, installing cabinets, or something else, sign up today on the website or in the church office. You'll be contacted about sharing your talent according to your availability.

BUDGET CHALLENGE FROM THE TREASURER

The FY 2023 budget is much like past budgets, molded by Biblical principles, challenged, and prayed over. We continue our long-standing commitment to people – our pastors and staff, our missionaries, and programs that reach those who don't yet know Jesus Christ as Savior. This means everything in the FY2023 budget is measured against our mission of multiplying committed followers of Jesus Christ.

While we are being conservative, we are facing a number of unknowns particularly in two expense areas: inflation, which we've tried to budget for; and the Master Plan, which will impact the budget if we need to borrow since loan payments will come from the annual budget.

We are blessed to have leaders with vision, and the Master Plan is a vision given and timed by God. There are people in this church who were given a vision 30 years ago, and we praise God for their obedience! I know that funding this current vision will be a challenge. I don't want us to have to borrow for it. I believe we have the means to pay for it if we ALL follow God's guidance. Amongst us, He has provided enough.

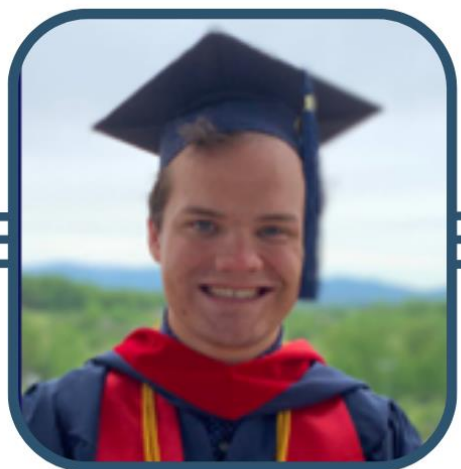
Our greatest enemy when it comes to giving is our prosperity. It is an American way of thinking to believe, like the rich man in Matt. 19:16-22, that our prosperity is a result of our righteous life and conduct. Jesus tells us in Matt. 6:33 not to be anxious about what we need, but to seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added.

Is our first thought with any of our God-given resources (time, talent, treasure) "how can I use this for the kingdom of God?" Let's come together and make this place light up a dark world with the love of Jesus!

GET EQUIPPED THIS SUMMER

For the month of JUNE, we will study the *Secret to Joy* in the book of Philippians. You can choose joy when your plans get changed and your expectations are crushed. Each week will focus on a successive chapter of Philippians, and will be taught by Jeff Lynds, Bryan Lewis, Dale Vinson and Jeff Nack.

For the month of JULY, we will study various short sections of Colossians, and be taught by our pastoral intern, Luke MacDonald. Luke is fulfilling an internship requirement in completion of a Master of Divinity in Pastoral Counseling through Liberty University and is serving alongside Pastor Robert and the pastoral staff in June and July.



MEN'S MINISTRIES DINNER

Men's Ministries is hosting a chicken dinner on Tuesday, June 7 at 6pm for men of all ages. Please register on the website or contact the church office so we can plan food and seating. Donations will be taken at the door. The deadline to register is **Sunday, May 29**.

WOMEN'S FALL PRECEPT STUDY

This study on 1 and 2 Thessalonians will begin September 13 and 14, 2022. Workbooks can be ordered in two variations, Precept Upon Precept or In & Out (less homework). Choose between ESV and NASB versions. Books will be ordered **Tuesday, June 1st**. Sign up in the church office. Questions, call Lora Lynds (920.946.4826).

NEW LIFE GROUP LEADER TRAINING

As we form new Life Groups this fall, we are training new leaders to shepherd them. If you are interested in leading a group, we would love to talk with you! Pastor Jon or Bryan Lewis can help with this process and are happy to equip qualified new leaders to this post. New Life Group leaders should plan to attend the New Life Group Leader Training on June 13 at 6:30pm in room 108 in anticipation of new and growing groups.

BAPTISM CLASS

In anticipation of the August 7 Baptism Service (3pm at Doug and Kristen Rice's house in Oostburg), we are holding a Baptism Class at 9:30am on Sunday, June 19 in Fellowship Hall North. This class is an overview of what the Bible teaches about Baptism. New believers and those ready to testify publicly of their faith in Jesus Christ should attend this class. Those who intend to be baptized and have already been through the class, do not have to repeat it but should communicate their intentions to participate in the baptism service with the church office **by June 20**. All those participating in the Baptism Service are asked to attend one final class on August 7 (the morning of the baptism service) at 9:30am in North Fellowship.

NEW MEN'S STUDY

The Men's Wednesday morning 9:30am Bible Study has just begun an examination of the book of Romans. The primary theme running through Paul's letter to the Romans is the revelation of God's righteousness in His plan for salvation, what the Bible calls the gospel.

Paul explained how humans lack God's righteousness because of our sin, receive God's righteousness when God justifies us by faith, demonstrate God's righteousness by being transformed from rebels to followers, confirm His righteousness when God saves the Jews, and apply His righteousness in practical ways throughout our lives.

Join us for a rich time of fellowship and studying God's word together.

GOLF OUTING

A 9-hole golf outing will be held on Saturday, July 30 beginning at 9am at Town and Country Golf Course. The goal of the event is fellowship, discipleship and Master Plan fundraising. This will be a best-ball foursome format. Cost is \$60 per person which includes a golf cart and box lunch.

Fellowship

People of all ages and skill levels are invited to play. We will enjoy fellowship and conversation before, during and after the event.

Discipleship

Invite friends from outside the church family to join us. We really want to get to know your golfing friends, and practice “on-ramp” conversation skills to direct eyes to Jesus Christ even as we set out to play well. We want young eyes to see gracious dads and moms honor Jesus with sportsmanship and perspective.

Fundraising

We have planned for 80 golfers to come together for this event. We would LOVE IT if some of our “non-golfers” in the church family contribute to “sponsor a team” for \$240. That money will go to improve the event, provide hole-prizes and increase the overall fundraising amount.

While this event is sponsored by Men’s Ministries and led by Adam Price (please contact Adam with questions and input at adam.price21@gmail.com), it is open to all golfers, inside and outside the church, of all ages and of course, both men and women.

The registration forms are on the website and in the church office. Payment must be made at the time of registration including if you're signing up a foursome. We have reservations for 20 teams and registrations will be taken on a **first come-first serve basis** until we have completely filled our spots. Sign up TODAY!



You are invited to Celebrate Summer with us! The entire church family is encouraged to join us for a picnic at Optimist Park on Sunday afternoon, July 10. Festivities will get underway at 3pm with fun and games for all ages. Little ones will enjoy the splash pad, playground, and bounce house. And the competitive ones among us might want to play an array of lawn games or pick-up volleyball with friends and family. No matter your age or season, this will be a fantastic afternoon to enjoy fun and rich fellowship. Please bring chairs and/or blankets to sit on. Food will be made available beginning at 4pm. eFree will provide broasted chicken, baked beans, pasta salad, corn on the cob, watermelon, and cookies (all available for a donation). Register on the church website or contact the church office. Please **register by July 6** so that we can be ready for you!

NEW PRAYER MINISTRY THIS FALL

A new prayer ministry will begin this fall, focusing on prayer after each Sunday morning service. More information will be rolled out soon, but watch for informational and organizational meetings in August. We will be recruiting pray-ers who can be available to pray 1-2 Sundays per month after a morning service. Jeff Lynds is leading this ministry.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Join us this fall as we learn how to honor God as stewards of his resources. FPU is a 9-session course which will meet at 6:30pm every Tuesday beginning September 13. **Registration is required** and can be completed at fpu.com/1150025.

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. This year's graduating seniors are:

Abigail Almeda
Kaidence Arriens
Olivia Buhr
Nadia Fears
Josiah Gottschalk
Jessie Gross
Maxwell Hildebrandt
Joseph Huenink
Eli Johnson
Elsi Lucas
Kayleigh Mabry

Cohen Otte
Ashley Rahn
Ellie Rice
Isaiah Sandee
John Senti
Josiah Stecker
Stephanie Tanski
Alison Thom
Matthew Walz
Bethany Werth
Julia Unruh



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

Considering the sex-crazed, hook-up based culture we live in, it's clear that we need a better understanding of sex, dating, and relationships. It's time for Christians to get serious about honoring Christ with their sexuality and guarding against unnecessary heartache. The question is: "Are you ready for the challenge?"

Join Pastor Robert and his wife Tiffany to discuss how Christians should get serious about honoring Christ with their sexuality. This study will take place at Pastor Robert's home and is for guys and girls (incoming 9th graders through graduating seniors). Contact the church office to sign up.



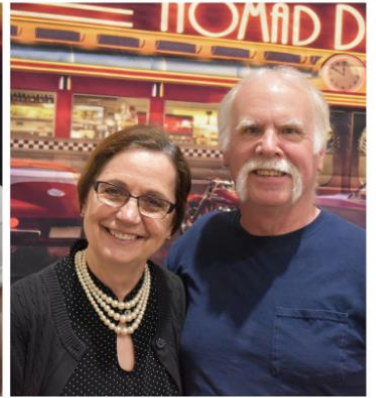
July 21-23

We need student and adult volunteers for this year's event. Please sign up on the website or contact Pastor Robert if you can help!



Thank you, church!

It was an evening of good food, great fellowship, and lots and lots of cake! Because of your donations, Student Ministries raised over \$6,000 to be used for our Serve Sheboygan outreach this summer. Our neighbors will be witness to the uncommon generosity of Christ as we repair porches, landscape yards, paint decks and much more. Whether you baked a cake or bought one, we are so, so grateful!



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.



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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