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MASTER PLAN - A SEASON OF THANKFULNESS

As we begin Phase 2 construction of the Master Plan, the stories of God's faithfulness and guidance have been profound and unmistakable. Here are a few examples:

- A generous and unanticipated gift (several years ago) made it possible to raze the former "Quasius Construction" building and pave a necessary "West Parking Lot." This lot has been an immediate blessing to our church and the neighborhood, as our friends at Lakeshore Community Health use the lot every weekday. That property is now owned without a mortgage, free and clear. You have probably heard the story of God sending rain on the West Parking Lot just when it was needed.
- A vote of 84% of the congregation and sacrificial giving in support of this project, to the tune of \$1.2M+ has made it both possible and necessary to move forward. The construction start date will be made public very soon!
- Homes on the south side of Cambridge Avenue were purchased several years ago at a bit of a premium. Three of the homes needed to be razed, but by God's grace, the others are now worth substantially more than we paid for them and provide either a very wise beginning of an additional contiguous tract of land or a very wise investment for later recoupment of dollars. Only God could have orchestrated this!
- We need additional meeting space during construction. Our Deacon Chairman, Dean Becker noticed a Community Room at Lakeshore Community Health (see the first bullet point above for more about this friendship). When we inquired about using the room, they were more than willing to help us! Several groups will use the William Weissert Community Room during construction. The room is special needs-accessible, on the first floor, has a kitchen available, and, by God's grace, has been offered to us (a fellow non-profit) free of charge. In fact, LCH in-house groups who usually use the room are willing to be displaced so that we can have priority. As God would have it, the administrator of LCH with whom we are communicating attended church here in her youth and has gracious and fond memories of her time here, and faith in Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord!
- In a time when construction costs are skyrocketing, God has allowed that "self-performed" work, and a generous \$25,000 donation (of plumbing fixtures) from the Kohler Company has kept our estimates nearly unchanged since February. With complete approval from Elders, Deacons and on the recommendation of the Master Plan team, the final "Green Light" for this project was ceremoniously given on August 11, 2022.

Please enter a season of thankfulness to God for the great things he has done!

If you desire more information about giving to the Master Plan, please talk to Dean Becker, Deacon Board Chair, Eric Glewen, Master Plan Chair, or Heather Tempas, Church Administrator.

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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 people who 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 signing up on our website.

If you are interested in more information, please contact Bryan Lewis (coolerbythelake528@gmail.com). We can't wait to see how God uses Life Groups to multiply committed followers of Jesus in 2022-23!

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

We are all learning to seek God, and we can encourage one another when we do this together. We have three weekly gatherings devoted to prayer.

Tuesday nights, 6-7pm (room 109)

We begin and end with Scripture and pray for the advancement of God's Kingdom in this generation.

Wednesday mornings, 6:30-7:30am (via Zoom)

This Men's Prayer Gathering is directed by the Psalms. As we pray Scripture together, we apply the Scripture to our own hearts and situations, asking God to help us, our families, and his church. Contact Kim at kim.b@e-free-family for a clickable link.

Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:00am (Fireside Room)

This new prayer gathering, beginning September 11, will utilize the church's weekly prayer sheet, be fueled by the Sunday morning text, and focus on seeking God for the effectiveness of the Sunday morning worship services.



TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR FINANCES

Financial Peace University is a personal finance class that teaches how to honor God as stewards of his resources. This class will help you get on a budget, save for emergencies, get out of debt, invest for retirement, and more! FPU is a 9-session course that will meet at 6:30pm every Tuesday beginning September 13. **Registration is required** and can be completed at fpu.com/1150025.



*Sunday morning Adult Christian Education
designed to build up the body of Christ. (Eph. 4:12)*

SUNDAYS 10AM • Sanctuary

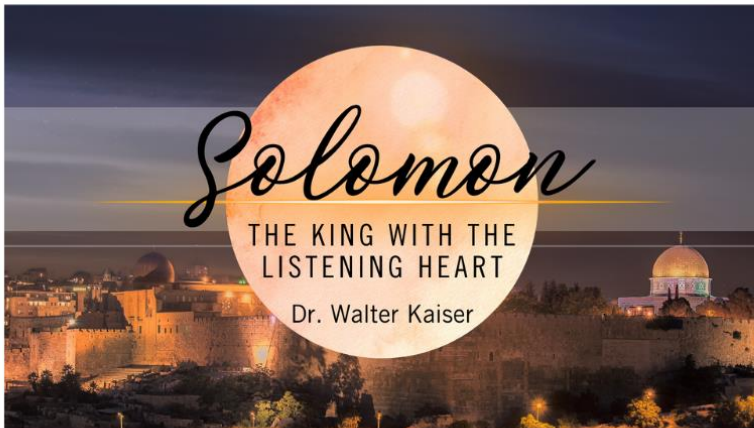
September 4 - Rich and Karen Brown

Rich and Karen Brown will be sharing an update on their life and ministry. Grab a refreshment and come hear how God is at work in their lives.



September 11-October 30

Solomon: The King with a Listening Heart



King David appears to have little zest for life in his senior years, with a result that matters of state were beginning to slip and events were about to preempt any wish or instruction David might give about who was to be the future king. It was time someone took action and that person seems to have been Nathan the prophet. David's son Adonijah puts himself forward as the new leader asserting, "I will be king," but the prophet Nathan and David's Queen Bathsheba halt Adonijah's quest for the throne by pleading with King David to act immediately and decisively on naming a successor. David, therefore, declares Solomon to be king. Adonijah's coronation festivities are suddenly halted with the news of Solomon's installation as king in Israel, King David's charge to Solomon and David's death. Join us as we examine and discover the character and life of Solomon. This new series will be taught by Dr. Walter Kaiser, Jr.

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.

The group will be meeting every Tuesday evening at 6:30pm beginning September 13 with the third Tuesday of each month being designated as a fellowship night.

Our fall study will be based on the book of Ecclesiastes and will run through the week before Christmas.

If you or someone you know is looking to make lasting friendships with other young adults, this is the place! This is the perfect group for students who have recently graduated high school.

For additional information, feel free to contact Emily Glewen (emily.glewen@gmail.com).

MEN'S MINISTRIES

MEN'S KICKOFF BREAKFAST

Men's Ministries is looking forward to another great program year, including Bible studies, teaching, mentoring, work projects, and the start of construction for Phase 2 of the Master Plan.

We'll kick the year off with a Men's Ministries Breakfast on Saturday, September 10 from 8:30-10:30am. Doors will open at 8:15am and breakfast will begin at 8:30am. The meal will consist of scrambled eggs, bacon, biscuits and gravy, and Adam Price will be manning an omelet station. A freewill donation will be taken with proceeds supporting other Men's Ministry opportunities throughout the year.

Following breakfast, Pastor Jon will share a devotional message, and then we'll discuss opportunities to connect, grow your faith, and serve. Jon will talk about the Wednesday evening study, "Disciplines of a Godly Man," Tom Olson will share a testimony from the recent golf outing and Denny Runge will be highlighting the Saturday Men's Prayer Breakfast details.

Registration for the breakfast is now open on the church website. You can also sign up during the week in the church office.

Please consider bringing your son(s), grandson(s), and/or friends — it's a great way to connect and see where God will "grow us" this next year!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - THE BOOK OF ROMANS

In his letter to the Romans, Paul clearly explains that all people are sinful; Christ died to forgive sin; we are made right with God through faith and this begins a new life with a new relationship with God. Paul gives practical guidelines that have profound implications that will affect how we choose to behave each day. It is not enough merely to know the gospel; we must let it transform our lives and let God impact every aspect of our lives. Join us as we explore this foundation that Paul lays down for us. We meet every Wednesday in Room 109 at 9:30am.



Disciplines of a Godly Man is meant to develop a conviction to follow Jesus so closely that we influence those around us to follow him too. This course is designed to prepare men to love Jesus better, lead ministries better, and understand and teach the Bible better. Disciplines of a Godly Man in three words:

THINK God's thoughts (disciplined study of God's Word).

DO what's right and pleasing to the Lord.

LOVE him more than life itself.

This is a leadership development Bible study and that is not easy.

- Leaders put others first and serve them.
- Leaders deal with their junk so they can forget about themselves.
- Leaders care more about responsibility than freedom.

Join us each Wednesday from 6:30-8pm at Lakeshore Community Health Center in the William Weissert Community Room. If you park in the church's West Parking lot, you'll be almost as close to the Community Room as you are to the church Sanctuary, just walk west instead of east. Our first night will be September 14 with a pizza dinner, so bring a few dollars.

Contact Pastor Jon with any questions you may have or to update your email address.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

"There will never, ever be a time when God will not be God, when He will not be present, when He will not be in control, when He will not be sovereign over every detail of our lives." ~ Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth

We enthusiastically invite all women to be a part of **True Woman '22: Heaven Rules** via Livestream right here at eFree! This 3-day event will anchor your heart to the unshakeable truth that Jesus is King. Hear from speakers like Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth, Joni Ericson Tada, Dannah Gresh, and Kay Arthur. We'll be led in worship by Keith & Kristyn Getty. The conference will be streamed in the multi-purpose room at the following times. Come for the whole weekend or just a session or two:

Thursday, September 22

Session 1: 5:30pm to 8:30pm

Friday, September 23

Session 2: 8am to 11am

lunch break

Breakout session #1: 1pm to 2pm

Breakout session #2: 2:30pm to 3:30pm

dinner break

Session 3: 5:30pm to 8pm

Cry Out: A Global Prayer Event: 8pm to 9:30pm
(worship with Shane & Shane)

Saturday, September 24

Session 4: 8am to 11am



There is no charge for this event. Light refreshments will be served at the morning and evening sessions, but lunch and/or dinner on Friday will be an opportunity for you to go out and grab a bite to eat with friends while processing all that God is teaching you. In addition to the solid teaching, you'll enjoy giveaways and the deep heart connections made. Invite your friends and join us for what is sure to be a very special weekend!



MOPS KICKS OFF A NEW YEAR

If you're ready to develop friendships with women who are rooting for one another, praying for each other, and seeking God together, you belong here. Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) meets from 9:30-11am on the first and third Tuesdays of each month beginning September 6. Free childcare is provided and check-in opens at 9:15am. If you're a mom with a child ages birth through kindergarten, we would love to have you join us! For more information, visit www.mops.org/groups/sheboyganefree. If you are able to volunteer to help with childcare, please contact Cassie Becker.

STUDENT MINISTRIES - GRADES 6-12

MISSION

"We exist to multiply disciples of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, prayer, and the ministry of the Word."

RISEN - Wednesday Evenings

- 6:30-6:50pm Dinner
- 6:50-7:00pm Worship
- 7:00-7:25pm Teaching (This year we'll be covering the book of Genesis: Foundations)
- 7:25-8:15pm Small Group Discipleship

STUDENT EQUIP- Sunday Mornings

- 10:00-10:15am Fellowship
- 10:15-10:45am Alternating weeks (Teaching or Spiritual Disciplines)
- 10:45-11:15am Group Discussion

Student Equip teaching will include the following this year:

- Systematic Theology: What does the whole Bible say about _____?
 - Salvation (Sanctification, Perseverance, Glorification)
 - The Church (Nature & Purpose, Worship, Baptism, Lord's Supper)
 - End Times (Second Coming, Judgement, Heaven, Hell)
- Bible Study: Learning to faithfully read and interpret Scripture
 - Book of the Bible (TBD, probably a New Testament epistle)
- Spiritual Disciplines
 - Personal devotions: Prayer and Word
 - Bible Memorization

BIBLE QUIZZING - Wednesday Evenings • 5-6:30pm

- Study and Memorize Scripture (This year will be the book of Acts)
- Traveling Quiz Meets (October, November, January, March, and April)



**RISEN kicks off
Wednesday, September 7
6:30-8:15pm • Cafe 19**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



FAREWELL TO GWEN

September 1st is Gwen's last day on staff as the Children's Ministries Director. She brought her passion for teaching and discipling children to the staff team in July 2018 and, since then, has been responsible for developing curriculum, training volunteers, upgrading kids' equipment, and working with leadership. We wish her well as she stays at home to mother Kester, Archie and the little one to come. She has been an incredible blessing to the families of eFree. Thank you, Gwen!

GIVING KIDS HOPE

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, and 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 partners with Cooper Elementary to bring hope and love to our at-risk youth. If you're interested in finding out more, please contact our church liaison Michele Fortino at lilitaly414@gmail.com.



PROMOTION SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 4TH

All kids move up into their new grades for the fall. Kids beginning 1st grade can head downstairs to L12 to join the Primary department, kids starting 5th grade can move across the hall to the Junior department in L31, and incoming 7th graders can head over to Student Equip in Café 19.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES NEEDS YOU!

There are many opportunities to plug in and serve in Children's Ministries this fall, so reach out! We need several teachers on Sunday mornings from preschool to 6th grade. Additionally, we are looking for Awana leaders and listeners for Wednesday nights (3 years old -grade 6). Contact Cora (cora.m@e-free-family.com) for more info!

AWANA BEGINS SEPTEMBER 7

The new year of Awana kicks off on Wednesday, September 7 from 6:30-8pm! Awana is a place where lives are changed and children are reached with the transformative message of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and it all begins in just a few weeks!

Cubbies provides foundational teaching for preschoolers, ages 3 (by September 1 and potty-trained) and 4. Games, puppets, crafts, awards, and other activities create a lively weekly experience where fun and learning go hand-in-hand.

Sparks offers fun with God's Word for grades 5K-2. The evenings are filled with fun games, music, teaching, and Bible memorization.

Truth and Training (T&T) leads students in grades 3-6 through a deeper dive into the Bible. T&T engages kids by answering their questions about God and the Bible, while we study the meaning of God's grace.

Your child and his/her friends won't want to miss out on this wonderful blend of Bible teaching, Scripture memorization, and tons of fun! Registering in advance is highly encouraged. Questions? Want to get involved? Contact Awana Commander Mike Vaszily (mgvaszily@yahoo.com).

FOREVER FAITHFUL PASSES THE BATON

Many thanks to Tim and Pat Petzold, who have just stepped down from leading the Forever Faithful Ministry. Tim and Pat have led this ministry for the past 12 years. Many hearts have been pointed to Christ throughout their fruitful leadership. Their passion, vision, and attention to detail are hallmarks of their effective and Christ-exalting ministry. As Tim and Pat step back, Forever Faithful welcomes Rendy Lilyquist who will serve as interim leader for the next year.



FOREVER FAITHFUL LUNCHEON

Forever Faithful will be hosting its next luncheon on Tuesday, September 13 from 12-2pm in the Multipurpose Room. After lunch and a time of worship, Jim Green, Executive Director from Campus Life will be sharing an update on their mission. Please sign up on the website, in Equip, or in the church office.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

SEPTEMBER 28-NOVEMBER 6

The fight for life continues even amidst the Federal ruling to overturn Roe vs. Wade. Women are still being referred for abortions by Planned Parenthood.

The fall 40 Days for Life Campaign will have its kickoff rally at the Knights of Columbus Hall (833 Center Ave., Sheboygan) on Sunday, September 25 at 6pm. Two guest speakers will be presenting their testimonies and will share about post-abortive healing.

Vigil hours will be held each day of the campaign. You can sign up for time slots by visiting 40Daysforlife.com and searching on our zip code.

If you have questions about the campaign, please contact our church liaison, Yvonne Menzer, at yvonnemenzer@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE

Due to the timing of the Master Plan Phase 2 construction, we will not be holding our Christmas Marketplace this year. We are looking forward to next year when our new Commons will be available to use as part of this very special event.

STAFF TEAM OPENINGS

While we look “outside the box” for additional staff, we welcome suggestions from you, the congregation, for the positions of Children’s Ministry Director and Facility Assistant. Both positions can range from half-time to full-time with corresponding benefits.

If you know of someone outside the church family, possibly in another local church or within the Forest Lakes District, who has a heart for reaching children with the gospel of Jesus Christ, please feel free to give their name to, or have them contact, Pastor Jon MacDonald. Heather Tempas would welcome inquiries regarding the Facility Assistant position.

LANDSCAPING DONATIONS

A huge thanks to the couple who donated both time and materials to purchase, plant, water, and fertilize our flowers this summer. The public face of the church as well as the corner sign (15th & Saemann) and North side of the building look both lovely and welcoming. Your work and your heart are so appreciated!



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**

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