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MASTER PLAN, PHASE 2 - IT'S GO TIME!

The construction trailer is in place! Phase 2 of the Master Plan is now in progress! After unifying votes, generous giving, vendor interviews and some waiting, the Lord has brought us to the start line. Let the demolition begin!

As in past building projects, we are changing this facility to better minister in this and the next generation. We've previously expanded Christian Education rooms and the MPR and God blessed those changes and multiplied committed followers of Jesus! And now, with expanded parking, a secure pre-school kid's area, amazing fellowship space, and an upgraded sanctuary, we trust that God will provide the workers and heart for us to continue to be a light on the hill for Sheboygan County and beyond.

We need you! For those who have already volunteered for cleaning, demo, hospitality, and more, watch for communications about specific needs and sign up for specific dates when requested. If you haven't signed up to volunteer, but would like to help out, contact Larry Brahan (ljbrahan@gmail.com), our Time & Talent Coordinator.

The week beginning Sunday, October 23 is going to bring a lot of changes! That day at 8am, we will hold the last service of this season in the Sanctuary. On Thursday, October 26 we will begin moving the Kid's Ministries' classrooms (Babies-Kindergarten) downstairs. We need help Thu, Oct 27-Sat, Oct 29 so everything can be in place and ready to go for Sunday, October 30. If you can help, please email Cora Mason (cora.m@e-free-family.com).

On October 30, the 8am traditional service will move to the MPR until the end of the project. The traditional style of the service remains unchanged. Bear with us as we manage the logistics, dear ones! Feel free to send comments and questions to Heather (heather.t@e-free-family.com). As we focus on Jesus, we know that even seasons of inconvenience and change glorify him!

The three-year giving pledge season has ended, and every dollar given to the Lord through the ministry of this church counts! It is all invested for God's glory, and we are asking everyone to consider what the Lord may be laying on their hearts. Every additional dollar given during Master Plan construction decreases the amount of loan we may need. Will you seek the Lord and see what he may be calling you to do? If each of us increased giving by \$20 per week (which we know is not possible for everyone, but helps as an example), that change alone would increase giving by \$260,000. Every gift, small and large, is invested in disciple-multiplying ministry!

We must stop at a moment like this, so important in the life of our church, and thank God. He has led us to this and is supplying our needs. He is good. In his name, we reach neighbors and breathe and live. What an honor to be here. Together. Right now! It's go time!!



Jon and Drew MacDonald unloading stage risers



Mr. Ertel overseeing storage of, well, everything



September 27 the Catalyst construction trailer arrived

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PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

October is Pastor Appreciation Month - a time specifically set aside to demonstrate respect and appreciation for our pastors and their families. It's a wonderful opportunity to tangibly show our children what expressing appreciation can look like. And modeling gratitude doesn't have to be an overwhelming task or cost. You can send a note, cook a meal, or offer your skills and time (babysitting, yard work, etc.).

Together, let's be especially mindful of our pastors and their families this month and remind them how thankful we are that they consistently point us to Jesus.



PRAISE & PRAYER SERVICE

The whole church family is invited to come and worship together on Sunday, October 23 at 4:30pm. Preschool childcare will be provided.

We are very vulnerable people. At risk and unable to truly protect or provide for ourselves. In this state, when we cry out to the Lord, he hears us and takes action. As we press into God's compassion, we will hear testimonies, worship, and offer prayer to the Lord for the vulnerable. We will hear from people saved from heart issues and cancer, and from themselves because God is compassionate.

We invite all to gather. Children and adults. Single and married. Healthy and sick and weak and strong. Come seek the Lord with us in praise and prayer!

MUSINGS ON STEWARDSHIP

by Heather Tempas, Church Administrator

So often when we hear the word stewardship, we think of wise use of money. That is certainly a major aspect, but not the sum of the meaning. One of the sources I researched defined stewardship as "an ethical value that embodies the careful and responsible planning and management of resources entrusted to one's care."

For the last several months I've been pondering all the resources – time, health, material goods, skills, income, and more – that God has entrusted to me. I value most my relationship with Jesus. Therefore, I want to use all my resources in a manner that pleases and honors Him, to benefit His Kingdom. As we've entered a new program year here at church, I've been asking God to show me how He wants me to use my resources. What ministry does He want me to serve in? Should I give more than my tithe? I have Fridays off; does he want me to use that time to bless someone?

I've used the word "my", but it's really "His." I belong to Him, and I want to choose what He wants for me, to value what He values, and to find my joy in being a manager, not the owner.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

A 5-week Membership Class led by Dale Vinson begins Sunday, October 16 at 10am in the Fireside Room. In this class, you will learn the church's history, hear about the ministries of the church, and be invited to consider how you might use your spiritual gifts to serve the Lord.

This class is an excellent place for newer fellowshippers to get to know us! You can take the class even if you are not currently pursuing church membership.

Contact Kay in the church office to sign up for the class.



Our next Parent-Child Dedication is on Sunday, November 20. If you'd like to dedicate your child to the Lord in one of the morning services, contact the church office by November 13.



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 kicked off in September and vigil hours will be held daily (7am-7pm) through November 6 outside Planned Parenthood in Sheboygan. You can sign up for time slots by visiting 40Daysforlife.com and searching on zip code 53081.

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

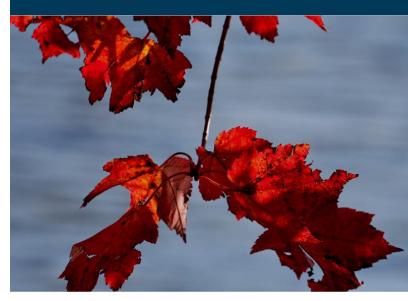


FOREVER FAITHFUL Luncheon & Program November 1, 12-2pm

LOWER LEVEL LIGHTING TO BE UPDATED

Several months ago, knowing that our Sunday and much of our midweek programming will move to the lower level at the end of this month, we reviewed the facility to see if any improvements were needed. Lighting popped to the top of the list.

The week of October 17, we will be switching all the fluorescent ceiling fixtures to flat panel LEDs – no fixtures to change over, no ballasts, no lamps to burn out. Although the initial cost is higher, we'll qualify for a Focus on Energy rebate as well as see long-term savings on our electric bill. And, we'll have steady, bright, dependable lighting in all our meeting rooms!



DATES TO BLESS AND BE BLESSED

Monday, 10/10 - Construction demo begins

Sunday, 10/16 - Communion Sunday

Sunday, 10/23 - Praise & Prayer Service

Thu, 10/27-Sat, 10/29 - Help move Kids Min

Sunday, 10/30 - 8am service begins in MPR

Sunday, 11/13 - Fall Body Life Update

11/13-11/20 - Master Plan Giving Week

Wednesday, 11/23 – Thanksgiving Eve service

Wednesday, 11/30 - Community Blood Drive



The Concert Choir will be presenting a favorite Christmas musical this year, "Little Lion, Little Lamb" on Sunday, December 11. You have the opportunity to listen to a preview on Sunday, October 2. We will enjoy a potluck supper at 5pm in the Welcome Center, and then preview the concert at 6pm in room 109. All are welcome to join us for the evening.

This year's concert will have parts for speakers, soloists, and a children's choir. General choral singers, all parts, are always welcome. A sign-up sheet is on the choir bulletin board right next to the coffee counter. Rehearsals will begin on Sunday, October 23 at 3pm in room 109. If you have any questions, please text Lynne Zimmermann at 920-918-2150 or email zimcnt@aol.com. Please put "concert" in the subject line.



When you're grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. On Saturday, November 5 from 9-11am, Griefshare will host *Surviving the Holidays*, a seminar where participants can learn ways to prepare for the holidays and even discover hope for the future.

The seminar will include a 40-minute video filled with practical holiday survival tips as well as real-life stories of those who have navigated the season after a loved one's death. There will also be a time for attendees to share as they are comfortable. All attendees will receive a copy of the GriefShare Holiday Survival Guide. If you're hurting, we're here, and we want to help. There is no cost to attend, but please register in the church office or on the website so we can plan accordingly.

STUDENT MINISTRIES FALL PARTY

All students in grades 6-12 are invited to our annual Fall Party being held at the Rice home (533 Minnesota Avenue, Oostburg) on Wednesday, October 5 from 6-8:30pm.

Dinner will be provided by RISEN leaders who will be competing in a chili cook-off. For dessert we'll have a caramel apple station and stay warm with hot cider and cocoa. And of course, Mr. Rice will provide a roaring bonfire. Invite a friend and join us for a great evening of fellowship! Printed invitations are available in Cafe 19.

DISTRICTS YOUTH CONFERENCE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN



NEW RISEN MERCH AVAILABLE

RISEN merchandise is on sale every Wednesday evening during RISEN. Hoodies are \$15, t-shirts are \$5 and notebooks are just \$2!



The Districts Youth Conference in Green Bay is a growth-level conference with outreach potential, designed to challenge and equip middle school and high school students to live on mission with God and take the next step in their relationship with Him. The 2023 conference is from January 13-15, and we'd love for all our students to attend. We'll leave the church at 4pm on Friday, January 13, and return on Sunday, January 15 between 12:30-1pm. A complete itinerary and further information about the conference can be found in the registration packets or by visiting www.districtsyc.com/.

Early registration is \$120 through October 16. If more than one student from a family is attending, the cost is reduced to \$110/per student. Beginning October 17, the cost increases to \$140 with October 23 being the final deadline. Registration packets are available in Cafe 19 each Wednesday during RISEN and in the church office during office hours. Checks should be made payable to Sheboygan eFree Church and returned with the completed registration form. Contact Kim Buhr (kim.b@e-free-family.com) with questions.

HELP DISCIPLE OUR CHILDREN

We have started the year with full groups, and we need your help. Join the Kid's Ministries team! We seek to teach the Scriptures, proclaim the gospel, and disciple our children in the ways of Jesus. We have openings in AWANA on Wednesday nights, especially Sparks (K-2nd grade). We also have needs on Sunday mornings. Contact Cora Mason (cora.m@e-free-family.com) for more information.

JOY MILLER RETIREMENT

Many thanks to Joy Miller who has just stepped down from teaching Sunday School at eFree after decades of ministering to our children.

Thank you, Joy!

AWANA THEME NIGHTS

October 5 U.S.A. Night

October 12 Backwards/Inside Out Night

October 19 Crazy Hat Night - AWANA STORE NIGHT

October 26 Bring a school supply for Operation Christmas Child



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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