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Check the church directory for contact info on all missionaries and their sending agencies.



Spring BLU is for You!

If you consider Sheboygan eFree your home church, you are cordially invited to attend the May 7 Body Life Update (BLU). It's a time for community. We'll eat together (5:15pm potluck) and we'll learn together (our new elders/deacons, master plan activity, our giving, etc.).



Our potluck will consist of a huge variety of salads – from taco to mixed fruit to chicken pasta to spinach & strawberry, and more! Plus, it's your choice whether homemade or store-made. Check the most recent bulletin insert for the categories assigned by first initial of last names. The church will provide tableware and hot/cold beverages.

Members only will vote on the new budget, but anyone may pick up a copy of the proposed July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018 category budget, available now in each ABF and the office.

In addition, childcare for babies through 1st grade will be provided. See you there!

Let's Pray!

The National Day of Prayer has great significance for us as a nation, as it enables us to recall and to teach the way in which our founding fathers sought the wisdom of God when faced with critical decisions. It stands as a call for us to humbly come before God, seeking His guidance for our leaders and His grace upon us as a people (www.nationaldayofprayer.org). The theme for 2017 is For Your Great Name's Sake! Hear Us! . . . Forgive Us! . . . Heal Us!

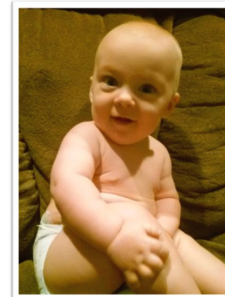
We invite you to come on Thursday evening, May 4 at 7pm as we join millions of Americans across the nation in prayer. There will be a brief devotional by Dr. Gary Hylander, singing, and then a time of prayer.



BabyCare Shower

Have you ever asked yourself "If April showers bring May flowers, what do May showers bring?" Well, the answer is help, joy, hope, and perhaps the Good News of Jesus to babies in need and their families throughout Sheboygan County!

On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14, there will be a "shower" for our BabyCare Ministry! We are asking all those who are able to bring diapers, new baby clothes (size newborn-12 months), and/or baby wipes to help stock our BabyCare closet. Please bring your items to the Guest Services counter. Refreshments will be served between services.



BabyCare

Awana Grand Finale

Moms and Dads are invited to join their clubber(s) and the Awana Staff for a Family Picnic and Grand Finale in the Multi-Purpose Room on Wednesday, May 17 from 6-8pm.

This festive evening will begin with a free-of-charge picnic supper, followed by music from our clubbers, a short drama, a PowerPoint presentation reflecting on the year's activities, and various small group displays. Please join us!



Forever Faithful Hosts Senator

Celebrate God's spring flowers and chirping birds by attending the May 11 Forever Faithful potluck and program! State Senator Devin LeMahieu will be speaking, preceded by a sing-a-long of inspiring music led by Glenn Moore.

Join your friends at 6pm in the MPR and enjoy casseroles, salads, desserts and fruit. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the Welcome Center coffee counter, or in your ABF.

See you there and bring a friend!



Happy Birthday/Anniversary in May

Omitted for security.



This and That

In observance of Memorial Day, the church office will be closed on Monday, May 29.

As college students come home for the summer or young adults move to the area for work, remind them of the Young Adults group which meets Sunday mornings at 9:30am and Tuesday nights at 7pm. Contact Pastor Bennett for more information.

Due to the holiday weekends, there will be no evening services on May 14 or May 28.

As another fantastic year of Good News Club comes to an end with a Finale Party on May 3, please be in prayer for these students — that the Holy Spirit will continue to work in their hearts throughout the summer!



May 3

Fill Up the Pantry Night

May 10

It's in the Bag Night

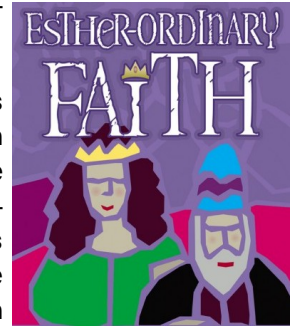
May 17

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Esther-Ordinary Faith will be Extraordinary!

Today we have the freedom to demonstrate our faith as we pray in public, attend church or witness to others. But what if our faith in God was judged only by our response to crisis? Queen Esther kept her faith a secret to silently influence the Persian court, but it was dramatically demonstrated when she risked her life to plead for the salvation of her people. In our upcoming spring musical, the audience will learn the value of a living faith as they see a first-hand account of the events in Esther's life. *Esther-Ordinary Faith* will be presented by the students in Praise Express on Saturday, May 20 at 7pm and Sunday, May 21 at 6pm.

In the musical, a fictional scribe, Zerox, details Esther becoming queen through God's intervention in Haman's plot and Mordecai's appointment as the king's adviser. And, as Zerox tells the story, he experiences the testimony of Esther and develops his own faith in God and His grace. All this is done through gritty songs and witty dialogue between these characters and the residents of Susa, the "Susans." Songs like *God Is in Control*, *The Eleventh Hour*, *While You Sleep* and *In That Moment* will help children and adults understand the sovereignty of God, and the confidence we can have in trusting Him with the greatest of problems by displaying our own "Esther-Ordinary Faith"!



Parent-Child Dedications



The next Parent-Child Dedication service will be held on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14. If you are interested in having your child dedicated on that day in any of the three morning services, please contact the church office by May 7. Please also submit a digital photo to Briana in the church office (briana.r@e-free-family.com).

For more details on Parent-Child Dedications, pick up a brochure in the Welcome Center or view it on our website under the Resources tab.

Vacation Bible School 2017

Students who have completed grades K-6 are invited to sign up for a tour of Bodyworx Laboratories, where amazing research allows children to be miniaturized and transported inside the human body. Tours will be

conducted from 9am – 12pm on June 26-30. While there, students can tour such places as the eye, the digestive system, the heart, and more—all from the inside!



Throughout this exciting adventure, children will be taught how the body testifies to God's majesty and wisdom as they participate in Bible stories, Scripture memory, crafts, object lessons and more.

Watch for *The Honeycomb!*

Faith Community Nursing (FCN) will debut its newsletter, *The Honeycomb*, on Sunday, May 21! The newsletter will be distributed periodically, and each edition will highlight an FCN nurse with a short bio and photo, as well as offer seasonal tidbits of health information to benefit the congregation.

FCN looks forward to connecting with people, encouraging hearts, and educating minds with each edition.

**GRACIOUS WORDS ARE
LIKE A HONEYCOMB,
SWEETNESS TO THE SOUL
AND HEALTH TO THE BODY.
PROVERBS 16:24**



Military Wall Update

It is time for our semi-annual update of the Military Wall. New pictures or information changes should be provided to Briana Ringel in the church office by Sunday, May 14.

If you'd like your immediate family member added to the Military Wall, contact Briana (452.6520 or briana.r@e-free-family.com) for a detailed list of what information is needed. Remember, Sunday, May 14 is the deadline.



Church Budget Questions?

If you find the Fiscal Year 2018 church budget hard to understand, or wonder what's included in each category, please stop in during one of the Budget Q&As: Sunday, April 30 and Sunday, May 7, from 9:15-9:45am and 10:45-11:15am. All sessions will be in the Library, and a member of the Finance Committee will be pleased to assist you.



HEARTH Applications

The HEARTH home school group will be mailing 2017-2018 application packets the beginning of June. If you or someone you know is interested in joining our group, please forward complete mailing address information to Kim B.



Coming Up for Student Ministries

The Student Ministries Service Projects night will be Wednesday, May 3 from 6:45-7:45pm. Students will meet at the church at 6:30pm.

Student Ministries will conclude another great year on Wednesday, May 24. Jr. and Sr. High students will both meet in Café 19 from 6:30-8pm

Stop by the Guest Services counter in the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings to pick up the weekly Praise & Prayer Sheet, fill out a Connection Card, sign up for various events, and ask questions about the church and its ministries.



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