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# Faith Family newsletter

You are invited to:

# 60<sup>th</sup>

# ANNIVERSARY



This year Faith Evangelical Free Church will be in existence for sixty years. Praise the Lord!! Our service in the park (August 6) will be a celebration to commemorate sixty years of serving the Lord. This is also our Baptism Service. Please let Pastor Matt or Pastor MP know if you want to be baptized. If you know someone who has attended Faith over the years and may have moved away, please let the office know their address.

# Baptism – An expression of your faith.

*“When they believed the good news.. and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.”* Acts 8:12

At Faith E. Free, we teach, model, and encourage what Jesus and the early Church modeled, namely, Believer’s Baptism.

The act of baptism is symbolic of our new relationship with God. Scripture is clear that we enter a new relationship with God when we accept the fact that we are sinners in need of salvation and personally receive Jesus Christ as our Savior.

Being baptized symbolically expresses our faith (which is why we do not baptize babies as they are unable to express faith).

Baptism is a public testimony to the fact of our new relationship with Christ based upon faith. Baptism represents at least three things:

**1. Baptism Represents Victory** — Dramatizes the death of our old nature and our resurrection to new life in Jesus Christ. It proclaims we have been rescued from slavery to sin and that Satan has been defeated.

**2. Baptism Represents Humility** — Examining in human terms the idea of going under the water is kind of silly. There is nothing gracious about going under water and coming up looking half-drowned. This may have been the point Jesus was making when He called His followers to do so.

Refusal to be baptized was and still is seen as an act of pride. In my experience, the primary reason believers refuse to be baptized is pride.

**3. Baptism Represents Celebration** — It is joyous victory in Christ the believer wants to celebrate. This proclamation celebrates the sentence of death being removed and the wonder of entering into a relationship with God.

It’s also time for the Church family to celebrate with the baptized believer.

While baptism does NOT save, it is an important step of obedience and our Christian witness and testimony.

So I need to ask, “Have you trusted Christ as your Savior?” If so, have you been publicly baptized to demonstrate your faith?

If you have not been baptized, please contact pastor Matt. There are also scheduled opportunities through-out the year to be baptized.

Some Scripture passages to read regarding the practice and symbolism of baptism.

Romans 6:1-11; Colossians 2:12; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:41; 8:12-13,36,38; 9:18; 10:47-48; 16:5,33; 18:8; 19:5

# Family Birthdays and Anniversaries

## Birthdays:

May 5 Rebekah Tobola  
 May 8 Travis Alger  
 May 15 Ella Williams  
 May 18 Nolan Alager  
 May 20 Cathlyn Gulczynski  
 May 21 Marta Greehow  
 May 25 Emma Penick  
 May 31 Kaye Denzine  
 June 4 Lori Czubakowski  
 June 7 Seth Peters  
 June 11 Lucy Wundrow  
 June 14 Bonnie Eckstrom  
 June 27 Thomas Tobola

## Anniversaries:

May 2 Jim and Cathlyn Gulczynski  
 May 22 Chad and Emily Eichstadt  
 May 27 Dale and Sandra Isaacs  
 June 5 Randall and Beverly VanDeLoo  
 June 10 Herb and Dana Copus  
 June 23 Jim and Rhonda Saunders  
 June 30 Jack and Sue Kolpien

If you do not see yours, please send to the office.



A very special Thank You goes out to all those involved in helping with the Easter Service at the Theatre. So many people gave of their time and talents. It went so well.

Thank you so much!

## Women's Ministry Connection:



We continue to reach out to all women in the church. We traditionally try to meet on the 2nd SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH. We share: brunch, lots of laugh, sometimes tears, special times of getting to know each other better, women need other women

who are willing to just listen. We have a devotion or small lesson as well. Being able to just meet in a small group lets us get a better view of who we are and what each of us has been through. Someone is always willing to respond with a scripture or a God given answer that just might be what you needed at that moment. Seeing the love that these women have for each other in this church reminds me of the love the Lord has for each one of us. Please feel free to grab a sister, family member, friend, or neighbor and come join us. We would love to join with every woman to share God's word and a time to just share our love with you.

Because Mother's Day is on the 14th of May we have decided not to have Women's Ministry Connection in May. We will see you all in June on the 10th, at 9 am in the fellowship hall. If you ever have any questions, or would like to do the devotion, lesson, the brunch meal please don't hesitate to contact me.

Lori Czubakowski, Women's Ministry Leader 715-864-9097

# Connecting with Pastor MP

## CONNECTING WITH PASTOR MP

Can you believe it? After a long, seemingly never ending winter, Summer is finally right around the corner! It seems like just last week we were gearing up for our kickoff carnival to start our year at Faith Youth.

God has really blessed our group this past school year! We're seeing so many of our students share the gospel with their friends and inviting them to journey with them in their faith walk. This has resulted in as many as 43 students showing up on Wednesday nights eager to learn more about Jesus.

I am absolutely blown away by what God is doing. None of this would be possible without the continued prayers from all of you in our congregation. We have many prayer warriors within our body and it shows! Please continue to shower our students in prayer.

The end of the school year does not mean the end of youth ministry. As many of you know, several students will be embarking on a mission trip to Knoxville, TN from June 17-24th. Students will have the opportunity to partner with other churches to be the hands and feet of Jesus. You may have seen some of our youth asking for donations to help fund our trip. Thank you to all who have been able and willing to help our students to fund this experience.

## Connecting with Pastor Matt

I am filled with gratefulness, excitement, and expectancy for the work of the Spirit among the ministry here. We are seeing marked spiritual growth throughout our ministry. Individuals are spending more time in the Scriptures and prayer, owning their faith, taking faith steps in decision making and are sharing their faith more. Those are just the reports of what I am hearing. I trust more is happening beyond this. What a joy to be a part of this. On Sunday am we have sensed as leadership a tangible hunger for worship, fellowship, and the Word. No one can manufacture this. It is a work of the spirit. This has been also seen in numerical growth. Our youth group consistently sees over 30 students on Wednesday night.

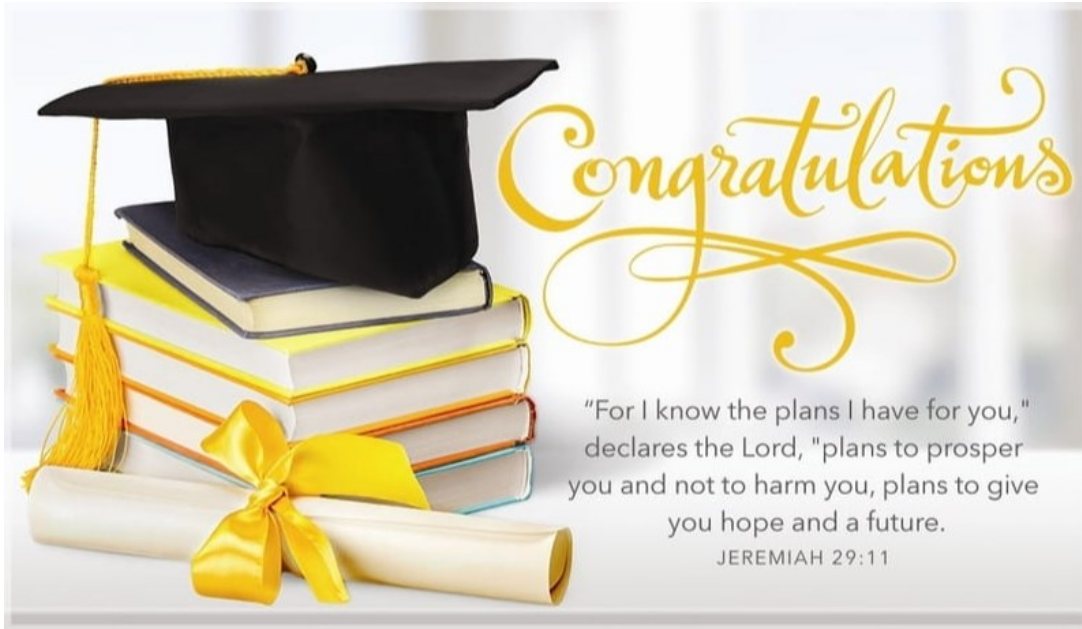
Our Sunday am attendance is growing. On Easter we had 230 attend the service at the theatre with verbal testimonies of being touched one way or another. If you or someone you invited has trusted Jesus Christ as savior for the first time. Please let us know so we can walk with you and those you know in regard to their new life in Christ. I feel Faith Church is experiencing God's unique touch as we can't explain all that is happening, and it feels like we are just hanging on to the Spirit. It is an exciting place to be.

We plan to start up another small group by fall along with another *Every Man A Warrior* men's small group. Spiritual growth and community never take a "summer break" in God's economy. You and I will be tempted to put it in cruise spiritually over the summer by not prioritizing Sunday worship and other needed growth opportunities. Don't do it!! Many years as a pastor has shown me it doesn't take long for the enemy to get a foothold in a life that neglects spiritual disciplines and spiritual community.

I am praying this summer sees great spiritual growth in our body and bold witness from our body.

Love in the Savior,

Pastor Matt



Please let me know by May 1st, if you have a high school graduate or a college graduate that you want recognized for their achievements! Email at [office@faithfreestanley.org](mailto:office@faithfreestanley.org) or call 715-644-2001.

Your invitations for graduation parties can go up on the bulletin board in the foyer. It will be ready with a banner soon.

**Please let the staff know how we can help you in your faith journey!**

Anyone wanting to:

- Meet with Pastor Matt about what it means to be born again,
- How to grow in your Faith
- Need a Bible, want to know where to start reading
- Interested in being baptized
- Want to dedicate your child(ren) to the Lord
- Thinking about becoming a member
- Need prayer or share a praise about something that He worked out for good!

Please fill out the connection card located under a seat near you. You are important to us. We are here for you.

# Children's Ministry

It's been a great year here in children's ministry. I want to thank the parents and grandparents for bringing their children. I also want to thank all the many volunteers and prayer warriors. We have been so blessed to get to know each of the children, meet new friends, have fun, make memories and all grow in our relationship with God.

Everyone please watch for summer activities where you and the kids will have great opportunities to participate. Pinewood derby in May, community VBS and parades in June and July and FEF VBS July 30-August 3. God is moving and it is so great to be a part of it.

May we all continue to see God's hands moving in mighty ways,

Laurie



Scan code to get link to online registration or go to [www.faithfreestanley.org](http://www.faithfreestanley.org)



## Love Thy Neighbor

### Community Vacation Bible School

Soo Line Park - Stanley, WI

Ages 3 years through 5th grade

Friday, June 9, 1:00-4:30

Friday, June 30, 1:00-4:30

Friday, July 21, 1:00-4:30

Rain Location: Grace Community Bible Church 219 S. Broadway

Call or text  
Laurie at  
Faith E Free  
715-644-8178



Call or text  
Julie at  
Grace  
715-379-6548





# Faith E Free Church Campout

## 7/14-15/2023

You can camp from 7/10-7/17, but the official Church Campout is that Friday-Saturday, the 14th-15th. We will be at Jerry Turner's at N4687 Cty Rd G, Gilman. There will be restrooms available. All sites, electric or not are \$25 per night.

Friday at 4 pm a soup supper will be available so come and enjoy when you can. Bring games and plan on singing and fellowshiping into the night!

Saturday there will be more fun and fellowship. We will be grilling together, so bring something to grill for your family and bring side dishes to share. Saturday will wrap up about 7 pm. We need a count so let the office know if you are planning on coming by June 29th and which nights you will be staying.

**Women with Purpose** in Chippewa at the Fill In Station.  
11:30 am Wednesday the 17th of May.

Scan the QR code with your phone to go to the website  
for more information or visit  
[www.lh.wwpwi.org](http://www.lh.wwpwi.org)



Women's Ministry Connection no meeting in May. June 10th at 9 am in the lower-level fellowship hall.

Men's Prayer Breakfast's will be May 6th at 7:30 in the church fellowship hall, lower level.

Then also June 3rd at Aroma Café in Thorp.

Scan the QR code to get your own sign in credentials for **RightNow Media** which our church holds a subscription for. It is a wealth of devotionals and kids videos and just such a great encouragement to me as a Christian, wife, mom, grandmother and working woman. But there are a lot of really neat things on here. I hope you enjoy it as much as I do!



**Here is the Link:** <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/faithevan>  
**Or you can enter this text Code:** FEFCW to 49775

**Sisters in Christ.** We start at 9:30am every Friday and finish at 11:00am. We are going through "Life Lessons from Daniel & Esther" by Max Lucado. Each lesson stands alone which is great if you can not attend every Friday morning. We are a friendly, welcoming group striving to learn more about God and how we can follow him more closely with a genuine relationship. We welcome new ladies to join us on Friday mornings! If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Denzine at 715-773-2444. Sisters In Christ will end for the season with a brunch at Aroma Café on May 12th at 9:30 am.

Tuesday University will be finishing up their year the last Tuesday in May. Please consider this fall joining in this study as they dig deeper into God's Word!

**Our website has been undergoing some new design changes, however, some updates have been made to the resources page and you should definitely check it out! Lots to see on other pages at:**  
[www.faithefreestanley.org](http://www.faithefreestanley.org)



- 5/1 Deadline to give info on graduates.
- 5/6 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 at church
- 5/13 Children's Derby held at the School 11:30
- 5/21 Recognize High School and College Graduates
- 6/3 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 at Aroma Cafe
- 6/9 Community VBS at Soo Line 1-4:30
- 6/10 Women's Ministry Connection 9 am
- 6/17-25 Youth Missions Trip, Knoxville, TN
- 6/30 Community VBS at Soo Line 1-4:30
- 7/14-15 All Church Camp Out (Jerry Turner's  
N4687 County Rd G, Gilman)
- 7/21 Community VBS at Soo Line 1-4:30
- 7/30-8/3 Vacation Bible School
- 8/6 Church at the Park w/Baptisms &  
60th Anniversary Celebration

## Lessons from Buddy

5 a.m. and awake to the presence of a shadow of something in my face. Hey Buddy, don't you know I'm still asleep! Ya, he knows! He's a very smart dog. Well, smart enough to find my face but the thought pattern doesn't go any further than that. He's telling me something that I am not interested in engaging in. My thoughts have nothing to do with me getting up or trying to figure what he wants....it's more about "leave me alone I want to go back to sleep". He will have none of that.

Can you say "persistent"? More nose in the face, feet on the bed, and a quiet and persistent whining comes out. This goes on and on as I try throwing the covers over my face and then turn my back on him. Now I am getting hot: hot mad and hot and sweaty because I'm trying to escape the next tactic on the list, the sloppy wet kiss. Ya it's coming and unavoidable unless I get up and find out why my pup is anxiously disturbing me. So....

Out of bed I go to efficiently check off the list of issues. Water – check, food – check, potty – yep that's it. Out the door he goes as I review. Buddy was so persistent.....he needed my attention and I needed to put myself aside to give him the attention he "Really Needed". LOL He knows it's not good to leave a puddle in the house.

How persistent is God in your life? Does He wake you out of your slumber some nights? Does He really, really want you to listen? Can He keep you from slipping on something? Does He really care about you and your needs? Here are a few verses to help us be more open to God's persistent and longing communication with us.

*Acts 17:27*

*God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us.*

*Isaiah 30:18*

*Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; therefore, he will rise up to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!*

*Deuteronomy 4:29 But if from there you seek the LORD your God, you will find him if you seek him with all your heart and with all your soul.*

*Psalms 63:1 You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.*

*Proverbs 14:6*

*The mocker seeks wisdom and finds none, but knowledge comes easily to the discerning.*

Sharon Wundrow

# May 2023

June 2023

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
			Derby Workshop youth group		9:30 Sisters	7:30 Mens Breakfast-Church 9:00 Derby workshop
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Prayer Worship Communion		6:00 TU	Derby Workshop youth group	Elder Meeting	9:30 Sisters Brunch at Aroma	11:30 Children's Derby No Women's Ministry
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Mother's Day Prayer Worship		6:00 TU	11:15 Women With Purpose youth group Kids Connection End of year Party			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Prayer Worship Graduates recognized		6:00 TU	youth group	Elder Meeting		
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
Prayer Worship	Memorial Day	6:00 TU	youth group			7:30 Mens Prayer Breakfast

Derby workshop at 6 pm 6th and Broadway shop.

Kids Rock during worship services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays

9:00 Prayer Meeting on Sundays

6:00 Elder meetings

Nursery available 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays

10:00 Worship Service on Sundays

# June 2023

July 2023

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
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30	31	1	2	3	4	5

Day	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	Prayer Worship	29	30	31	1	2	3 7:30 Men's Breakfast-Aroma
4	Prayer Worship Communion	5	6	7	8 Elder Meeting	9 Community VBS Soo Line Park	10 9:00 Women's Ministry
11	Prayer Worship	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	Prayer Worship	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	Prayer Worship	26	27	28	29 Elder Meeting	30 Community VBS Soo Line Park	1

1:00-4:30 Community VBS

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