



Connecting Everyone, Everywhere,  
Everyday with the love and message

## Kids Connection and Youth Group Event

**Free Ice  
Cream  
Lana's  
Scoops**

# KICKOFF CARNIVAL

**All  
Families  
are  
welcome**

**Carnival  
Games**



Sept. 07, 2022  
Faith E. Free Church  
705 N Madison, Stanley, WI  
6:00-7:30 PM

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

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

### Connection Groups

September 11th after  
worship service.

### Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, **Sept. 10** at 7:30,  
at Aroma Cafe.

### Tuesday U

Tuesday, **Sept. 13** at 6 pm.

## Five Things to Never Say to Anyone Who Has Cancer

Perhaps you have had the experience of hearing from someone who shares with you their recent diagnosis of cancer. You are stunned and at a loss of what to say to that person. You wonder in that moment, what is the right thing to say? What is the right thing to do? Often what we say is wrong – wrong – wrong. I have two types of cancer and have had numerous conversations with people over the past five years who, when hearing I have been battling cancer (Colorectal and Leukemia), have been quick to give me their take on my situation. Often their words, probably well-intentioned, instead came across careless, heartless, flippant, arrogant and even accusatory. It's not that people mean to say anything wrong but one can flippantly throw out words that have not passed through the filter of "What is a loving and helpful thing to say here?" What to say to someone who is battling cancer isn't really about being an expert or professional counselor. It's about being a friend. To say the right thing does require we think before we speak. It is also important we empathize with people—which means we need to know when people face cancer, and other crises, they see their condition as either a threat or loss; others who have processed their situation for a longer time may see it more as a challenge. In each case, words need to be spoken with the utmost care. I have identified five things to avoid saying to anyone you encounter who is battling cancer. To avoid these statements is a practical way to apply Proverbs 15:23, "A man finds joy in giving an apt reply- and how good is a timely word."

Statements to avoid:

**#1 - I know a woman who had the same thing and she lived six months after they told her.** I still try to figure out how this is helpful or in what world this could seem like a compassionate thing to say. If you say this – please apologize asap. Then ask your spouse to smack you – because this statement is unacceptable.

**#2 –You're just closer to heaven.** – So are they if they say it to me again. This statement invalidates the person's cancer and their battle. It demeans the person and their struggle. I would caution you to avoid flippantly throwing Bible verses out to those facing cancer.

You need to earn the right to communicate at that level with people. God's Word is powerful to change and comfort but when used as a quick fix pill, you insult the other person.

**#3 – Have you tried this diet?** Or similar, **You should stay away from...sugar, dairy etc...** This one draws me inside myself quickly. I cringe when this is said to me. The person who says this is an expert and their words come across as arrogant. Once again, think through your words before you speak them and ask, "Are these compassionate sounding? Am I speaking "quick fix" words?"

**#4 – You're going to be stronger for this.** We don't know why people go through what they do. We don't know why some face cancer and others don't. We don't know the lessons needed. While probably true, this sounds flippant and void of compassion. Better you just be quiet than throw out this or any other. Don't be a miserable comforter.

**#5 – Don't feel hopeless.** This makes you the judge and places you in the position of the feelings police. This is the one who is the authority on appropriate feelings for situations. Instead, encourage the person to express their feelings. Don't minimize the pain, loss or fear.

Heed the words of Dr. Gary Oliver, "Use tools such as empathy, of caring, of listening, of being there, of being present, sometimes of not even saying anything. These are the tools and the resources that... I've seen God use to soften hearts, to bring hope, to transform people."

When you encounter the many who battle cancer—and my friends, it's a battle—understand the most effective thing you can do and say is to express love and communicate love. When interacting with a someone in crisis, you have an incredible opportunity to support and strengthen another person. You can actually give them hope and perspective. So, consider what you do and say. To be honest, I am most comforted by the words *I love you* and a hug. Perhaps I am not alone.

# Connecting with Pastor MP

## CONNECTING WITH PASTOR MP

The summer has flown by and a new year of Faith Youth Ministry is upon us! I can't even begin to describe how excited I am for this coming year. Throughout the year we will be challenging our students to take steps toward "owning their faith". What exactly does this look like? We will be focusing on four different spiritual habits that we believe are good indicators of a student taking the next step in owning their faith. These four habits are 1) Spending time with God 2) Spending time with others 3) Using their gifts 4) Sharing their story.

A 2019 study found that on average teens spend 7 hours and 22 minutes a day on their phones. Meanwhile a separate study found that only 3 percent of teens are reading their Bibles daily. If we want to help students to develop the spiritual habit of spending to with God, then we have to meet them where they are at. That's why this year we will be utilizing the YouVersion Bible app to read through scripture and do devotionals together! This is a great tool because it will allow our group to all read through the same devotionals and passages of scripture together and discuss it with one another from within the app. But we don't want this to be exclusive to our students, we want parents to be involved in this as well. Whether we realize it or not, our children are watching their parents to figure out how they should live. If parents show their children that they value being in the Word of God, chances are children will take note of that and will see the value in that as well. I encourage both youth and their parents to join us on this journey throughout the year. We'll be starting our first study together on Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup> (the first night of Faith Youth). To join us, please let Pastor MP know or see the bulletin board outside of the youth room for a QR code to join the study.



Please click the link below, or go to our Facebook page (Faith Free Stanley) to fill out the medical consent form for your student for the new year as it started in June 2022, so filling it out now goes through May of 2023: <https://forms.gle/QVTzEgWLDCxGSbom9> or scan the QR code to go to consent form.



## Women's Ministry

Hello Ladies,

The summer has gone by and the feel of fall is in the air, children are back to school, and the gardens are full of what God has so graciously given us.

We would like to offer an opportunity for you to come together with other ladies for a day.

IT'S JUST FOR YOU:

Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 9am-2pm

At Faith E Free Church.

We will open with music.

Be presented with speakers that have a great interest for Women.

Enjoy a lunch together.

Be presented with a Fall Dessert  
Apple/Pear Demonstration.

Close with music & time together.

Cost will be \$15 which will include material, speakers and food

Please sign up in the foyer, you can pay that day or give to Women's Ministry Leader, Lori Czubakowski



# Women's

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## *Sisters in Christ*

### **A Special Women-Only Event!**

Sisters In Christ Bible Study ~ Kickoff the new year on September 16th at Aroma Café in Thorp at 9am for a social brunch. Then we will be going through a study titled "Life Lessons From Psalms" beginning Friday, September 23rd at 9am. We will be meeting at the church for the lessons.

**Women's Ministry  
will be meeting  
September 10 at  
9 am  
at the church in the  
fellowship hall**

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# Children's Ministry

VBS and now a new year planned! Go God Go!

I praise God for the privilege to have done Vacation Bible School ministry (VBS) with such a great group of people. I continue to pray God's blessings on each of you beyond all measure. Psalm 90:17 "Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands...." What a joy to proclaim the monumental love of God to so many during the parades, preparation for and during VBS. To God be all the glory!

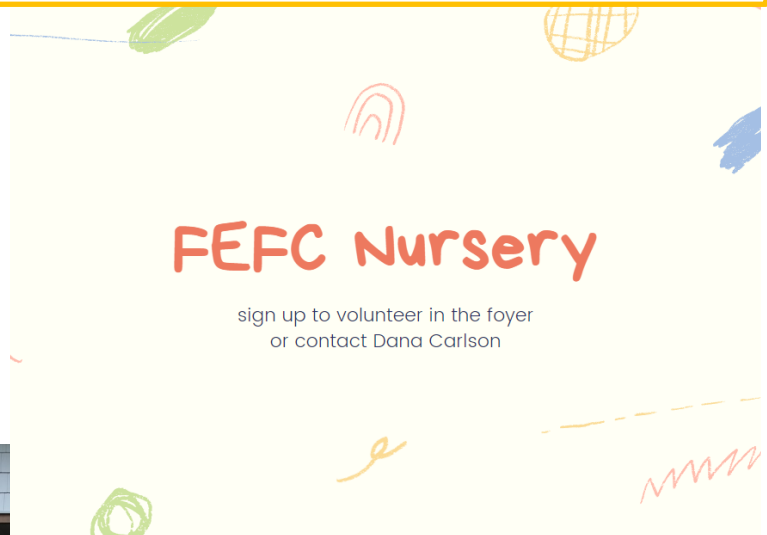
As we get ready for our new "Kids Connection" fall ministry here at FEFC, I pray the children will return with great fervor and invite others to come. We are using ORANGE. The Orange strategy for combining critical influences in life to fuel faith in the next generation. Orange is a path, a strategy that combines the strength of two—yellow (the church) red (the home) to create the brilliance of another, Orange. By combining the critical influences of the light of the church and the love of the family, the Orange strategy synchronizes efforts and shows a generation who God is, more effectively than either could alone.

We will begin this year with a "Kickoff Carnival" Wednesday, September 7, 6-7:30. You can find invitations in the foyer to hand out so everyone knows!

Please pray for and say you will be a part of this very important connection, our Kids Connection, where we are working on connecting kids to God, to each other and to make a difference in our world.

Thank you,  
Laurie Natzke

Children's Ministry Coordinator



# September 15, 6:30 pm



*Carrie Krucyk*

Invite everyone to attend this great information-filled meeting here at Faith Evangelical Free Church. It will be an encouragement to us all as we seek direction in how to help families and mothers.



*Women with Purpose*

*Sept 21, 2022 Luncheon*

Featuring  
**Toni Mattson**

*“Have You Written Your  
Obituary Yet?”*

**Living the life you want to be re-  
membered for.**

**New Venue!**

**The Fill Inn Station**

104 W. Columbia Street  
Chippewa Falls, WI

**11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**\$15.00 lunch donation**

**RSVP online at:**

<https://lh.wwpwi.org/> or scan QR code below







## Women with Purpose Celebrates Season “6”!

Excitement is growing as **Women with Purpose** in Lake Hallie kicks off their 6<sup>th</sup> season on September 21, 2022, at our new venue, the Fill Inn Station at 104 W. Columbia Street in downtown Chippewa Falls.

Begun in 2017, this faith based, non-profit strives to empower, equip and encourage women to live balanced, purposeful lives. This is achieved at monthly luncheons where women hear motivational speakers who offer practical information, motivation and encouragement on a variety of topics for women in all stages of life all the while sprinkling in God’s words and principals. As we establish relationships with the women who attend our luncheons, we have opportunity to share God’s saving grace, pray for our new friends and offer practical help and direction for women with more serious problems and needs.

Women are also given opportunity to support a “Purposeful Partner” (PP), a local non-profit organization that is chosen by **Women with Purpose** each month. The attendees of the **Women with Purpose** monthly luncheon are encouraged to bring donated items and/or cash donations according to the list of needs provided by the Purposeful Partner.

There are many ways you can help support Women with Purpose the most important being prayer support and attendance at our luncheons. We also have many opportunities to financially support our organization and have many levels of sponsorship. Take a look at our website today, [LH.wwpwi.org](http://LH.wwpwi.org), to register for the luncheon, support our Purposeful Partner, see our speaker schedule for September through May, or to take the opportunity to be a sponsor.

Join us on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022, as we welcome Toni Mattson who will be talking about leaving your legacy with a very poignant question, “Have You Written Your Obituary Yet?”

Thank you for all your prayerful support over that past five years and helping us to continue to glorify God in this women’s ministry.

Connie Szak

## Tuesday U presents:

**Reclaiming the Mind:** This is a series of six 10-week sessions. It is offered during the regular school year as two groups of three sessions. It takes two years to complete the entire series but is well worth it. The lessons are a roughly one-hour video for the class, and then assigned reading (roughly one-hour as well) so you can be prepared for the group discussion at the class (usually 1½ -2 hours). In total this will take about 3-4 hours from your week.

This school year we are restarting with series one: “Intro to Theology”. Theology is simply the study of God. There is no better way to deepen your faith than to study who God is, what he does, and why he even cares about us. This series gets you started on that road.

There are no prerequisites and is a great start from new believers to well versed saints. There is an informational meeting Tuesday (big surprise) **September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**. Even if you are not sure you want to take the classes, you can get information and see what its’ all about. The first lesson will be on **September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**.

The second series is: “Bibliography and Hermeneutics”. This covers the Bible and how to interpret it. It goes over how the Bible was written, protected, and how it can be better used today. While having “Intro to Theology” completed would be beneficial, it is not a prerequisite. You can jump in at this point if you would like.

From here on you will need to have gone through at least “Bibliography and Hermeneutics” as a prerequisite. Without this background in the Bible, and proper interpretation, the lessons would be extremely difficult.

The third series is “Trinitarianism”. Why do we have the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit yet there is only one God?

This will complete the first year.

The second year is “Humanity and Sin”, “Soteriology” (salvation), and finally “Ecclesiology and Eschatology” (church and end times). You cannot jump into the second year without completing at least sessions two and three of year one.

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# September 2022

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