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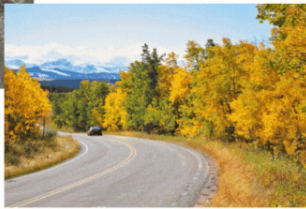
Faith Family newsletter



MARRIAGE BANQUET Journeying Together



Saturday, Feb 10, 2024
5:30 pm
Faith E Free Church
Stanley, WI



Featuring:

Darryl and Daphne Minkin
\$35 per couple
Deadline Sunday 2/4/24
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(715)644-2001



Register online or call the office 715-644-2001

childcare available please specify when
registering with how many children and ages.

The Minkin's will also be leading worship
on Sunday the 11th of February. Come
for both events and be blessed big!

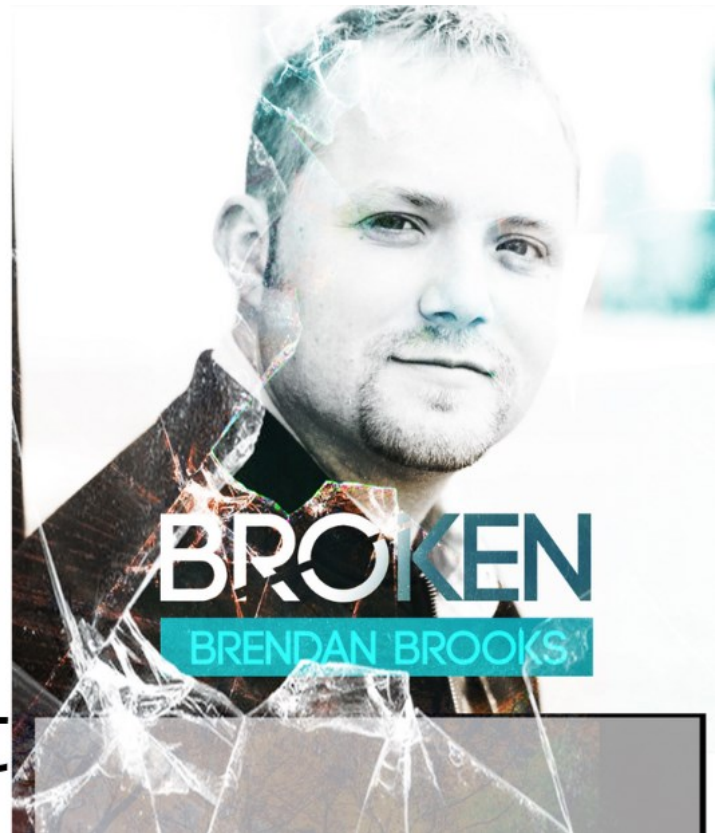
NO REGRETS MEN'S CONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 3, 2024

FEARLESS
ISAIAH 41:10

REGISTER HERE!

noregretsconference.org

Feb 18th
Brendan
Brooks
10 am leading
worship
and pm concert



Women's Ministry Connection meets January 13 at 9 am in the lower-level fellowship hall. February will not have a Connection. We will see you back in March!

Sisters in Christ

We are meeting on Friday mornings from 9:30-11:00 at the church. We are ending a study from Women of Faith called "Building Your Strengths" January 5th. Then on January 12th we start a study called "Living a Life of Balance." Any women are welcome to join us. If anyone has questions please call/text Shannon at 715-773-2444.

Family Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

		Feb 20	Tina Krizan
		Feb 23	Kaylee Krizan
		Feb 25	Cooper Isenberger
		Feb 26	Braden Ciszak
		Feb 27	Sandra Davidson
		Feb 27	Amanda Swope
		Feb 28	Randall VanDeLoo
Jan 1	Pastor Matt Miklasz		
Jan 2	Jeriamie Czubakowski		
Jan 7	Edlyn Wundrow		
Jan 9	David Lane		
Jan 16	Jaime Barth		
Jan 18	John Kolpien		
Jan 24	Adelyn Natzke		
Jan 24	Briella Pelekoudas		
Jan 25	Sandra Isaacs		
Jan 31	Esther Unterschuetz		
Jan 31	Wyatt Wnek		
Feb 2	Cyndy Miklasz		
Feb 7	Ryan Chevrier		
Feb 7	Gabe Swope		
Feb 8	Evelyn Czubakowski		
Feb 11	Aro Greenhow		
Feb 15	Zachary Ciszak		
Feb 20	Debra Makovsky		

Anniversaries:

Jan 23	Greg and Laurie Natzke
Feb 25	Ryan and Amanda Chevrier

If we are missing some dates, please send to the office.

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/>





Men's Prayer Breakfast will be January 6th at 7:30 in the lower level of Faith E Free Church.

Then February 3rd will be No Regrets Men's Conference.

Sign up at

www.faithfreestanley.org.

Connection Groups

January 14 and

February 11

There are groups for all ages. Adult and children meet in the lower level and Youth (Grades 6-12) meet in the youth room. These groups take place on the second Sunday of every month September through April. **New group for 18-25 year old young adults.**

Connecting with Pastor MP

Happy New Year! As we step into 2024, we're thrilled to announce an exciting new chapter for our youth group – a journey through the entire Bible in one year! Starting on January 1st, we will be embarking on a transformative adventure, diving deep into the Word of God together.

Why a Bible Reading Plan?

Scripture is a living, breathing testament to God's love, wisdom, and guidance for our lives. By engaging in a systematic reading plan, we have the incredible opportunity to connect with God on a daily basis, gaining insight, inspiration, and understanding of His plan for us. The Bible is a powerful source of comfort, direction, and growth, and this plan will help us cultivate a habit of immersing ourselves in its timeless teachings.

Introducing the YouVersion Bible App: Our Companion on this Journey

To make our journey seamless and accessible, we'll be utilizing the YouVersion Bible App. This user-friendly app offers a variety of reading plans, including the one we've chosen to guide us through the entire Bible in a year. The app provides features like daily reminders, social sharing, and the ability to engage in community discussions, enhancing our collective experience.

How Can You Join?

Download the YouVersion Bible App: If you haven't already, head to your app store and download the YouVersion Bible App. It's available for both iOS and Android devices.

Find the Reading Plan: Once you have the app, scan the QR code. Join the plan, and you'll be all set to start on January 1st.

Daily Engagement: Set a time each day to read and reflect on the designated passages. The app makes it easy to track your progress and stay on course.

Community Support and Accountability

We're not alone on this journey! Our youth group will serve as a community of support and encouragement. Feel free to share insights, reflections, and questions in our dedicated space within the YouVersion app. Let's uplift each other as we grow in our understanding of God's Word. **Spread the Word!**

Invite your friends, family, and fellow youth group members to join this transformative experience. The more, the merrier! Let's make this a shared adventure as we delve into the richness of God's Word together.

We can't wait to witness the growth and transformation that will unfold as we commit to this year-long Bible reading plan. Let's make 2024 a year marked by a deeper connection with God and each other.

In His Word and Love,

Pastor Matt Peters



Connecting with Pastor Matt

Colossians 2:6-7

6 So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, 7 rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

As we begin a new year, I find it helpful to ask myself, “Have I grown in my walk with Christ this year? And if so, how?”

How would you answer that question? How would we corporately answer that question? As your Pastor I am very concerned about if and how we have grown. My calling is to teach and equip God’s people to serve God. To some degree I need to measure if I have made progress in that call. It is hard to do for a couple of reasons: One it is totally the work of the Spirit in bringing spiritual growth in a believer’s life. I really have very little to do with it. Secondly, we are all at different places in our spiritual journey and steps and areas of growth may look different than in another’s life.

I, along with the elders, do however have a process we seek to help the body grow. Our evaluation is simple; are individuals in the body, young and old, growing in their discipleship? That is, as a follower of Jesus, are you and I progressing in specific areas we are called to in Scripture? We must be intentional in our design in ministry and firm in our commitment.

At Faith E Free we have made our discipleship process simple.

We desire everyone:

Know Christ (Identify with Him in relationship and surrendering to His Lordship)

Grow in Christ (obedience, teaching/learning)

Go serve and witness for Christ in increasing ways.

Everything we do will be towards this end. We won’t do everything as a church ministry here at Faith EFC. But we will prayerfully strive to lead every member toward being a growing disciple. Growing disciples live victorious lives. Growing disciples have stronger relationships. Growing disciples have a greater impact. Growing disciples use their spiritual gifts to build up the body.

Know-Grow-Go. Might this next year find you and I progressing in our walk with Jesus. To Him be the Glory!

Love in the Savior,

Pastor Matt

Children's Ministry

Happy New Year! I was blown away by the support and turn out for the kiddos of the church as 2023 came to an end. As the children wanted to each have their turn to share Scripture and the gifts we can give to Jesus with the Christmas program, let us encourage and remember throughout 2024 what they taught us that night. Thank you to all who showed up to watch the kiddos share, drink some hot cocoa (along with eating the goodies added) and enjoyed the photo booth. It was a night to remember Jesus is always the reason for the season.

WOW! This year is already taking off and I am so excited and thrilled to see all the changes and directions the Lord is leading the children's ministry. The nursery is taking small steps to modernize and revamp for parents, babies and young children to have a space just for them on Sunday mornings. Along with that Kids Church is focusing on how to measure up and how God guides us to safety when we seek Him first. This is just a fun time for kids to step out and have some age-appropriate worship and a Bible lesson while the parents tune into the sermon and what the Lord has for them. Childrens ministry is not just about serving kids but also parents which can lead to blessing the whole family.

We have started a new series on Wednesday nights called "What Can I Do" it discusses Jesus and His life growing up and how the kids can listen for God's voice and follow Him. "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of you mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." Romans 12:2 ESV We are also talking about how God gives us the strength to do what He asks of us which we know because Philippians 4:13 ESV says, "I can do all this through Him who gives me strength."

As we look at 2024 and we make plans for this new year, it's a great time to share your gifts with the children here. Maybe you have a gift, a passion, maybe just something that provides you joy please let me know (painting, reading, singing, nerf war expertise you name it) because you never know how God may use you in the lives of others in our church including the kids.

Hears to 2024 and what God brings to those who follow His will.

Psalm 133:1 says "How good & pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" One of the most enjoyable ways to live out this verse for me is being a part of the worship team at Faith Free. It's a great opportunity to connect with the other musicians. We PRAY together before we PLAY together! And there's usually some great conversation as well!

In 1 Peter 4:10 I'm also reminded to use "whatever gift I have received to serve others, as a faithful steward of God's grace..." Each time I'm able to play with Matt, Jim, Vi, & David I grow in the musical gift God has given me. It pushes me to grow both in skill & creativity, and it's way more fun than playing music by myself!

In 1 Corinthians 12:27, Paul says that "you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a (unique) part of it." Since I'm behind the piano, I like to joke that I'm a "KEY" part of the body! (Depending on your sense of humor, or lack thereof, you can either laugh or roll your eyes here!)

One other verse I love is John 4:23 "*...true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.*"

Being a part of the worship team provides a sense of community. an opportunity to develop my gifting, and validation of my uniqueness in the body of Christ. But most important for me... is knowing that the God of the universe both demands & deserves our praise. And each time I play, I have an opportunity to use my gift to love God, to serve & encourage His people, and to thank Him for everything he's done and will continue to do for all of us. As a kid I watched a movie called "Chariots of Fire". It was about Eric Liddell. He won the gold medal for the 400 meter race in the 1924 Olympics. At one point he said..."God made me fast! And when I run, I feel His pleasure!"

That sums up my heart exactly... God made me musical! And when I play, I feel His pleasure!

Marvin Penick

Church Cancellation Policy and plan

Wednesday night activities:

Decision Making: Pastor MP and Jaime Barth will make the decision. Communication will be via flocknote and Facebook.

Sunday services:

Decision making: Jerry and Pastor Matt will make the decision to cancel or not.
Communication: Lori flocknotes; Jeanie will send email and Facebook post; Loren contact WWIB.

Other events:

Decision will be made by event coordinator and communication cascaded by event coordinator.

HE LOVES ME??

Why does Buddy insist on bringing me one of my shoes? He does that every time I come home. It's getting to be an expectation of sorts. He meets me at the door first with his tail held up high and wagging it fast. That means that he is greeting me. He is happy to welcome me home no matter how long I was gone. But it's the next move that stumps me. Off he runs as I stumble into the kitchen with packages. Boom, back at my side with a shoe in his mouth or it could be a slipper or even a dirty sock. Then let the games begin.

"Give me the shoe, Buddy!" He turns tail and runs merrily around the living room furniture. "Buddy, that's mom's shoe!" Now he's slowed down a little, but his tail is high and wide long swings; (which means this is a really FUN GAME), so I sit down on a dining room chair in hopes of having a down to earth chat with Buddy about the game. It takes awhile for him to stop circling the living room but sooner or later he parks in front of me with the shoe still in his mouth. "Buddy, are you ready to give me my shoe?" Yep, he gives in and allows me to take the slipper out of his mouth. I have a little conversation about the shoe, his mouth and why he should not go for the footwear.

I can't help but smile...just a little but a lot! First, I have some of the blame because I forget to close the bedroom closet door. (That's where his shoe stash mostly comes from.) Roger has a pile of shoes right next to the back door where we come in from outside, but does Buddy never-ever pick up one of his shoe's noooooo?? So, the fun is over for Buddy but not for me. I just got to love on him a little cuz he just gave me back the shoe. Right?

I try to be a student of my dog, so I Googled "Why does my dog carry around my shoes?" The overall answer is that since my dog loves my scent, he likes my stinky shoe and it is his way of showing me he loves me...what? Really? The article goes on to explain that if he doesn't chew on it he is showing double love. Nope never chews it just presents it. I am LOL now and wondering to myself: HOW I do I show love to my Lord Jesus?

Usually, it is pretty simple and often I forget. I love Him all the time but is it gleeful, sincere, playful thankful expression when I do remember. Does Jesus like my smile and gratefulness? Goodness knows there is so very much to love Him for. Maybe the beauty of the sunshine against the blue sky, the smile of a friend, the hug I got from Roger before he leaves for bowling league, a tasty meal, the pictures of my grandchildren on the shelf on the other side of the room or a gleeful dog who captures my heart with this silly game.

How about it could you express more love to the King of Kings through your day? Just another teaching from a dog named Buddy. "Show me love....how? It may be different, strange, unusual but how do you show love to the Lord.

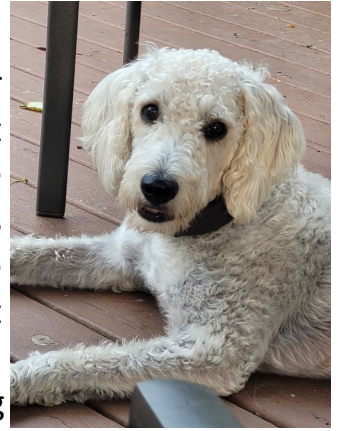
I'm going to step it up and Buddy and I challenge you to do the same.

[Proverbs 17:22](#) A **cheerful** heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

[Psalm 100:2](#) Worship the LORD with **gladness**; come before him with joyful songs.

[Isaiah 51:11](#) Those the LORD has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. **Gladness** and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

[Psalm 89:1](#) I will sing of **the LORD's** great **love** forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.



January 2024

See below for time of events

February 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
			Kid's Club youth group		9:30 Sisters	7:30 Mens Breakfast-Aroma
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Prayer		6:00 TU	Kid's Club youth group		9:30 Sisters	Women's Ministry
Worship	1:00 Book Club	6:00 Romans	Kid's Club youth group	Elder Meeting		6-8 Night of Prayer
Communion		6:00 TU				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Prayer			11:15 Women With Purpose youth group		9:30 Sisters	
Worship	1:00 Book Club	6:00 TU	Kids Club			
Connection Groups		6:00 TU	Kids Club youth group			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Prayer			Kids Club youth group		9:30 Sisters	8:30-11:00 Leader Retreat
Worship	1:00 Book Club	6:00 Romans		Elder Meeting		
		6:00 TU				
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
Prayer			Kids Club youth group		9:30 Sisters	7:30 No Regrets Men's Conference
Worship	1:00 Book Club	6:00 TU				

9:30 Sisters In Christ

6:00 Tuesday University

9:00 Prayer Meeting on Sundays

6:00 Elder meetings

6:00 Kid's Club

10:00 Worship Service on Sundays

February 2024

March 2023

See below for time of events

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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Prayer Worship	29 1:00 Book Club	30 6:00 TU	31 Kid's Club youth group	1	2	3 7:30 No Regrets Men's Conference
4 Prayer Worship Communion	5 1:00 Book Club	6 6:00 TU	7 Kid's Club youth group	8 Elder Meeting	9	10 5:30 Marriage Banquet
11 Prayer Worship w/Minkin's Connection Groups	12 1:00 Book Club	13 6:00 Romans 6:00 TU	14 Kid's Club youth group	15	16	17
18 Prayer Worship w/ Brendan Brooks Concert Brendan Brooks	19 1:00 Book Club	20 6:00 TU	21 Kid's Club youth group	22	23	24
25 Prayer Worship	26 1:00 Book Club	27 6:00 TU	28 Kid's Club youth group	29 Elder Meeting	30	1 7:30 Men's Prayer Breakfast

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