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# Faith Family newsletter

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July 26 5:30 potluck and session July 27 8:00-3:00 Breakfast and lunch included \$20 registration fee- please register asap

Click the link to register now!

Desperate for Jesus Conference for Women - People (planningcenteronline.com)

# Connecting with Pastor Matt

### A word from Pastor Matt

I have thoroughly enjoyed the process the search team has gone through in searching for our new Student and Worship director. The members of our search team are:

Matt Badzinski – Youth volunteer

Amanda Swope – Parent of teenagers

Ashley Andrew- youth volunteer and worship team member

Chaselee Swope- Youth representative

Zeke Czubakowski – Youth representative

Chad Eichstadt – HS teacher and elder

As we have gone through the process, we as a search team have had discussions on who we are as a church and attempted to communicate to candidates what makes Faith EFC unique. I was reminded every church has its DNA or unique identity. The DNA is composed of core values, community we reside in, theology and philosophy of ministry. When I posed the question to the team about what made Faith EFC unique? What were they were excited about the church? I was overjoyed to hear the answers that came were Christ centered, warm relationships, Biblical, united and welcoming. Each of those qualities help make us uniquely us. As we seek to serve in ways which make disciples and fulfills the Great commission Jesus gave to His disciples (us) these qualities are a huge part of us fulfilling that calling. As ministry leaders plan ministry, we use the following components (Core values, mission and process and target-see detailed description below) to keep us focused and intentional. These components flow out of who we are. I want to encourage you to keep being Christ centered, biblical, warm, welcoming and maintaining unity. Together, everyone using their gifts and passions in the power of the Spirit we can continue to impact our communities for Christ.

### **Our Core Values:**

At Faith we are: Bible believing Grace expressing Family oriented Discipleship focused Ministry equipping

### **Our Mission:**

Connecting Everyone Everywhere Everyday with the Love and message of Jesus Christ **Our Discipleship Process:** 

<u>Know</u> (Christ) Come to know and grow in relationship <u>Grow</u> (In Christ) Through deepening worship, spiritual disciplines and walking in the Spirit. <u>Go</u> (Serve Christ) Through personal witness, using spiritual gifts and body involvement.

Our Target (Beginning of outreach/ministry)

Stanley, Thorp and Boyd

# Family Birthdays and Anniversaries

### **Birthdays:**

- July 7 Braden Denzine
- July 7 Michelle Miles
- July 8 Emmett Czubakowski
- July 20 Rhonda Saunders
- July 21 Sue Kolpien
- July 30 Timothy McCredden
- July 30 Emily Smocyzk
- July 31 Hilmer Eckstrom
- Aug 2 Jackson Swope
- Aug 3 Patricia Tobola
- Aug 5 Lily Lewallen
- Aug 9 Sharon Wundrow
- Aug 10 Chaselee Swope
- Aug 11 Beverly VanDeLoo

- Aug 12 Elizabeth Tobola
- Aug 14 Huego Wundrow
- Aug 14 Victoria Damiana
- Aug 15 Bruce Westphal
- Aug 24 Matt Badzinski
- Aug 26 Zephyr Greenhow

### **Anniversaries:**

August 1 Tim and Natalie McCredden

August 25 Jeriame and Amber Czubakowski

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



A Pastor once shared, I would love to give church goers one practical step to improve their Sunday church experience. Arrive 15 minutes before service, and stay 15 minutes after service. In 3 weeks, a lot will change about your experience. Let me give you three things that will change:

- If you walk through the door of your church 15 minutes before a service, you will find the worship more impactful and your pastor more insightful than ever before. A calm heart is fertile ground.
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- You will find new friends. Your experience in church will be dramatically altered if you arrive expecting friends to be there. But you can't build new friendships on the run.
- 3. You will find a place to serve. If you have time to talk with the folks who are serving, you will find out that most people really like serving, and after a few conversations ,they will probably ask you to serve with them.

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**15 MINUTES EARLY** 

In short, if you struggle to enjoy church, be radical in a really ordinary way. Start your Sunday morning routine 30 minutes earlier, and you will find out your church is actually a pretty great place to hand around in. Shared from a friend on Facebook.





# Introducing Isabella Andrews as our new

# Director of Student and Worship Ministry.

Isabella graduated from Crown College in May of 2024. She has a Bachelor of Arts and Science in Worship Ministry and Christian Studies and a minor in Psychology. She interned at Freshwater Chur h in Minnesota in worship and student ministries. She is the youngest of three girls and she grew up in Cody, Wyoming. Her parents have always been involved in ministry. She asked Jesus into her heart at the age of five, but didn't truly make her faith her own until high school. She is outgoing and loves to be around people. She believes a successful youth ministry involves ministering to the next generation by sharing the Gospel, communicating with both the youth and their parents, connecting the youth to the larger church body, recruiting Godly and patient volunteers, and representing Christ in all aspects of life. Please be in prayer for her move, transition and the team here on staff as we grow! She begins here on Augst 5th and we invite you to welcome her with a gift (ie, Aroma gift card (she loves coffee), restaurant gift cards, etc.). See Amanda Swope (amandaswope81@gmail.com) for more ideas and how to get it to her to bless Isabella all at once.

### Women's Ministry Connection:



We continue to reach out all the to women in church. We traditionally try to meet on the 2nd SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH. share: We 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.

August 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

Thank you so much for your prayers, visits, cards, phone calls and gifts bestowed on me following my fall on April 5th. I am home now on home care and will be happy to once again join you, my church family. Praise the Lord for His continued healing. Love In Him, Lydia Awe



Please help us in the Welcome and Greeter positions. We need people to sign up to stand behind the welcome desk and greet and hand out bulletins as desired and give brochures to those interested in certain ministries. We also need people at the front door greeting everyone as they enter the church. See Natalie McCredden or Jeanie Penick to sign up. Or the yellow folder behind the welcome desk is the sign up sheet just put your name down for either position and then just be there that day to help out.

## Faith and Freedom - Don't forget to Vote on August 13th, 2014

To find out what is on your ballot, go to <u>myvote.wi.gov</u>. You can also register to vote on <u>myvote.wi.gov</u> as well as request an absentee ballot. A person can vote by absentee ballot in person at their clerk's office two weeks before August 13. Absentee voting by mail has already started.

Trouble knowing who to vote for? Check out the candidates on their website and/or contact the person running to see what their values are. Do they stand for what the Bible teaches?

What are their views on abortion?

Where do they stand on gender?

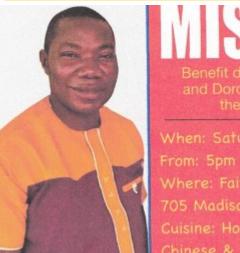
Do they view marriage between one man and one woman?

When truth is on the attack, it is always best to get information from 'the horse's mouth', so to speak.

"Government is God's ordinance. Politics is man's corruption of Government."

~Pastor Jack Hibbs- Calvary Chapel

Submitted by Laurie Thain



Benefit dinner to help Titus and Dorcas' children finish their education:

When: Saturday Aug. 3rd From: 5pm – 8pm Where: Faith Ev Free Church 705 Madison St. Stanley, WI Cuisine: Homemade Authentic Chinese & Mexican Dishes As many of you are aware, our dear friend and coaborer, Titus Davis, went missing in Monrovia, Liberia on June 24th, 2021. To date, he has not been found. A successful benefit dinner was held a few weeks after his disappearance to help his children get their education. This benefit will help them to finish their education and give them a better chance for success. All meals are offered on a free-will offering basis. Thanks for prayerfully considering in aiding them. All proceeds (100%) will go to further their education.

(Pleae make checks to: Faith Evangelical Free) - Note: Titus Please contact Michael at 715-429-0977 with any inquireries.

August 3rd Benefit dinner to help Titus' and Dorcas' children finish their education 5-8 pm in the fellowship hall.

See Sue Kolpien to sign up in different areas to help with this fundraiser. Need servers and meal prep people and bars brought for dessert as well. Please come and enjoy delicious home made Chinese and Mexican food and fellowship.

This fundraiser is exclusively for college tuition for two of the college age children, Priscilla (Early Childhood Education) and Isaac (Business Management) to finish their degrees so they can help support their mother and siblings after Titus' disappearance three years ago. He was the President of the Evangelical Free Church of West Africa. He was walking to work one day and then was never seen again.

The money raised goes directly into a fund designated for college expenses.

# 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. The nwext opportunity is August 11th at the outdoor service.

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 If you are interested in **baptism** please talk to Pastor Matt. We will be baptizing in August on the 11st when we have our Church in the Park.

Welcome New Members:

Zack and Karyn Nitz Jaime Barth Jason Nelson Travis Alger Bruce Westphal

### 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.

### Brendan Brooks and Family Worship Night Out

We had a wonderful evening of Praise and Worship on July 17th. If you missed it we hope to have another one next summer. The music and praise was just great! The food and fellowship was amazing as well. There were about 65 in attendance for our first Family Worship Night Out.





## Children's Ministry

# From the Children's Ministry Director:

What a great summer it has been. We have been seeing the Lord bless our children's ministry with new children and families attending the church and I could not be more excited with this.

VBS was a great time to love on the kids as they sailed through the fruits of the spirit. So many great moments and memories that they will be able to look back on and cherish. One of my favorites was when the children were able to lay hands on Joy VanDeLoo and pray over her mission work and the offerings that the children gave to her through out the week. Such a blessing and experience for everyone involved. Another highlight was seeing some of the youth teach the kids through puppets. I think that may have been a favorite of many of the kids. To see the youth and adults connecting and building relationships with the children while being the hands and feet of Jesus to the children of the church and children in the surrounding communities and showing God's love to each and every one of them is what is what it is all about.

With only 5 nights of VBS and 9 fruits of the spirit the children had requested that we continue with the fruits of the spirit on Sunday mornings so we will be focusing on them for the end of July and beginning of August. Don't forget to ask your kids what they are learning about in Kids church. I find most of them are eager to share what they are learning about.



Mark your calendar for the fall kids club kick off party August 28<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm. We will have puppets, ice cream, carnival games, face painting and more. We hope to see all the kids and even some new ones this upcoming year. I am working on planning some new and fun things they won't want to miss out on. Don't forget to invite your friends, family and neighbors. Jesus said in Matthew 19:14 "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of Heaven." Let's show these kids the way to Jesus! Blessed beyond measure, Jaime

August 11th Church in the Park. We will have our service by the bandstand at 10 am. Please bring chairs if you can. Then we will have a potluck after the service at Mave's Pavilion by the playground. Please bring a main dish and a side or dessert.

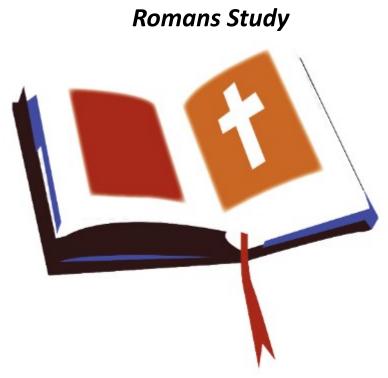


Deb and Jeff Makovsky's home W14736 County Line Road Thorp, WI 54771

6-8 pm stay later if desired June 8, July 13, Aug 10, Sept 14



Praise and Music Bring your favorite lawn chair and only finger foods if desired. There will be hotdogs, water, cups, plates and napkins. Yard Games This study is ongoing. Feel free to jump in when you can. 6:00 p.m. 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month



Come dig deeper into the book of Romans.

Smaller group meeting in the youth ministry room.



Family blessing Family Please prayerfully consider donating funds to the benevolence ministry (which helps with needs within the body.





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



**Men's Prayer Breakfast's** will be at Church in Fellowship Hall on August 3rd at 7:30 am in the church fellowship hall, lower level.

**Our Website** Is undergoing some new design changes, however, some updates have been made to the resources page. Revisit past sermons or watch if you have missed any. You should definitely check it out! Lots to see on other pages at: www.faithfreestanley.org



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Prayer Worship						7:30 Men's Breakfast 5-8 Davis Fundraiser
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Prayer Worship Communion				Elder Meeting		9:00 Women's Ministry Brunch 6-8 Makovsky's Bonfire
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Prayer Worship At the Park and Potluck		Romans				
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Prayer Worship				Elder Meeting		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Prayer Worship		Romans	6-9 Kickoff Carnival			

6:00 Elder meetings 10:00 Worship Service on Sundays

Kids Church during worship services. 9:00 Prayer Meeting on Sundays 6:00 Romans Study