

Connecting Everyone, Everywhere, Everyday with the love and message of Jesus Christ.

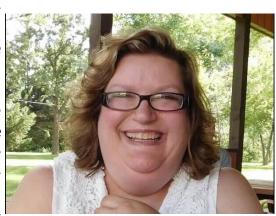
#### **New Administrative Assistant**

Dear Church Family,

I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve as the Administrative Assistant for our church!

Here's a few things to help you get to know me a little better...

I've been saved since I was 9 years old. My husband Marvin and I will celebrate 30 years of marriage in December. We have three children whom I homeschooled until 2019. The girls (Tori and Emma) are grown, and Robert is still at home and is attending school in Thorp. I've been out of the workforce for 25 years, but I'm enjoying this new role in my life. The Lord is working on me through the current study of Dan-



iel in the area of fear. I have a tendency to let fear get the best of me. But I'm working to consistently remind myself... "But God!" (Sometimes I have to say it out loud LOL!) -- I'm worried about my son learning to drive. BUT GOD is with him and I know that He is in control. So it's easy to release the fear to Him. (Ok, so it's not easy, but it's getting easier!)

There are so many aspects of our lives that adding "BUT GOD" to, would allow the release of negative emotions.

I'm looking forward to meeting and getting to know each of you in the days and weeks ahead! Bountiful Blessings,

Jeanie Penick

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Calendar

#### **Connecting with Pastor Matt**

#### How is your discipleship?

In Matthew 28:18-20 Jesus commanded every believer to "go and make disciples of all nations". He then told them, and us, key elements of what that process looks like. He used these two instructive phrases:

"Baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit"

"teaching them to observe all that I have commanded"

Baptizing and teaching. Another way to state these is: Identification with Christ and learning more about Him.

How are you doing in your discipleship considering these two ingredients?

Let us look at these two statements a little closer.

**Baptism (Identification)** – The picture we get from the early Church is the conversion of individuals was seen by their initial step f their faith in Christ. This physical act of being baptized was a visual dramatization of what Christ has done in the heart of a believing person. Romans 6:1-11 speaks to this where we read:

**6** What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? <sup>3</sup> Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized **into Christ** Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were therefore **buried with him** through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been **united with him** in a death like his, we will certainly also be **united with him** in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> For we know that our old self was crucified **with him** so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, <sup>[a]</sup> that we should no longer be slaves to sin— <sup>7</sup> because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

<sup>8</sup> Now if we died **with Christ**, we believe that we will also live **with him**. <sup>9</sup> For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

<sup>11</sup> In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God **in Christ Jesus**.

Can't miss the words of identification. With Christ, In Christ-These phrases pepper the NT and clarify what a believer looks like. They are becoming more like their Savior. So let me ask you — Are you becoming more like the Savior? I love the way Galatian 2:20 states it. "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave His life for me."

It is Christ who lives in me! It is Christ who lives in you. We belong to Him. When evaluating where you are in your discipleship, you must ask whether you are becoming more like Jesus. Do you want your life to be Christ in you?

**Teaching/learning** – There can only be teaching if there is learning also. As a believer we should always be doing both. Learning and helping others learn by teaching. What are we to teach? "All that I have commanded you". Another way to say it is God's Word. Are you learning? Where are you reading? Studying? Those who are growing in their discipleship are learning regularly. They are also sharing what they are learning.

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

We desire everyone **Know** Christ (Identify with Him in relationship )-**Grow** in Christ (teaching/learning)-**Go** serve and witness for Christ

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.

Know-Grow-Go. Seems to communicate God's discipleship plan. Might it be each of our pursuit!

#### **Connecting with Pastor MP**

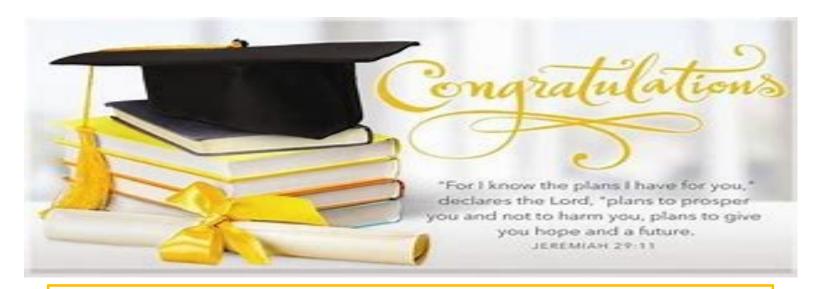
After a long and cold winter that decided it wanted to stick around throughout spring, summer is finally here! Along with the change of the season comes a change in our youth ministry schedule. We finished up our regular Wednesday night gatherings on Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup> by having a pizza party! A special thank you goes out to Kaye Denzine for her generosity in providing the pizza.

We will be kicking off our summer festivities on Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> after church service with our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Kickoff to summer cookout! There will be food, games, and plenty of fun.

We're also excited to announce that throughout the summer the youth ministry will be hosting family movie nights at the church on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7pm! This will be a good opportunity for the youth and their families to fellowship together while enjoying good family entertainment.

We're very excited to see how God moves in our students throughout the summer!

Matt Peters (Pastor MP) Youth and Worship Pastor Faith Free Church Stanley, WI 715-644-8591



# Hailey Schneider 12th Grade Robert Penick 8th Grade Elizabeth Tobola 8th Grade

#### What's Coming Up

#### **Baptism**

Want to follow Jesus in baptism? Pastor Matt or Pastor MP would love to meet with you. FEFC believe that the Water Baptism (preferably by Immersion, Matthew 3:16) is an ordinance to be observed by the church during this present age. It is however, not to be regarded as means of salvation (1 Corinthians 11:23-32, Acts 2:41). Please talk to Pastor Matt or Pastor MP if you are interested in following Jesus in baptism.

#### **Youth Group**

There will be special event through out the summer. Keep connected to hear about those.

#### 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. We are here for you.

#### **Family Movie Night**

The third Thursday of the months of June, July and August.

#### **Women's Ministry**

Saturday, June 11 9:00 in the fellowship hall

#### **Men's Prayer Breakfast**

Saturday, June 4 at 7:30, in the fellowship hall.

#### **Fellowship Time**

Before the service at 9:15
June 12, July 10, Aug 14
For all ages

#### Save these dates!!!











## Sisters In Christ



Sisters in Christ finished the book of James this year.

### Resources in the Foyer for you and/or someone you may be ministering to:

- BIBLE, English Standard Version, version used here at FEFC. The Bibles are located in the bookcase in the foyer.
- BOOKS:
  - 1. "Now that I'm a Christian", What it means to follow Jesus, by C. Michael Patton,
  - 2. "Not Like Me", "A Field Guide for Influencing a Diverse World by Eric Michael Bryant.
  - 3. Living a Life of True Worship by Kay Arthur and Bob and Diane Vereen
- Pamphlet, "Bridge to Life" to help with evangelism.
- Devotionals (daily Bible readings with stories of encouragement: "Our Daily Bread", by Our Daily Bread Ministries, on table in foyer and "Begin the Journey with the Daily Office, Remembering God's presence throughout the day," by Peter Scazzero, located in the book shelf in the foyer.
- Guidelines for Protecting Purity
- Baptism, an expression of your Faith
- "Child Dedication" flyer

**Also**, FEFC does have a library located north of the foyer.

#### **Testimony from Sharon Wundrow**

May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 was a day full of surprises AND a clear vision of God's sovereignty

My routine pacemaker check up started with the receptionist saying that my 11 a.m. appointment was cancelled at 10 a.m. "Why?" And was my first question but the answer was just the start of seeing His hand that day. Apparently, some appointments I had at Rochester Mayo failed to actually come off "the system". The staff thought I had had my device checked already but now moved forward to do the check-up. So nurse- in- training carried on with her newly learned steps. She nervously moved the reading device around on my chest where the 2016 model pacemaker was installed. Some quiet words were exchanged between the 2 nurses and then the lead nurse turned to me and said, "We're sorry and a little bit confused. Your pacemaker is in 'safe mod'" and will not allow us to go forward with checking it." The only thing it could read was that it started running out of proper battery value on January 25, 2022 (over 3 months ago). The little medical device was conserving all its energy for its primary job of pacing my heart, thus not allowing it to read the device.

Then started a steady stream of Drs., nurses, and pacemaker specialists who all came to the same conclusion: Sharon can't drive home due to a failing pacemaker. Of special note for my readers is that I am pacemaker dependent. My heart does not have its own ability to beat properly. If the pacing stopped, which it could at any moment, I could die immediately or have a number of other issues happen that would certainly turn fatal if medical attention wasn't give immediately.

Mayo has some wonderful people, and I am pretty sure I saw a large share of them that Wednesday. Everyone snapped into a very busy mode that started with locating a Dr. on staff that could install a new appliance. There were only 2 and the best one, the Electrophysiologist, was in a current surgery. No matter, we started with an exam by a cardiologist on the floor, then labs, x-ray, and off to the Catheterization Lab. I had a space of time to start to ponder while lying under the big lights with a huge TV screen in front of me. No, cartoons were not on the screen! Instead, an x-ray type picture of my heart there. "God's Got This" is what my hubby had reminded me over the phone just before they rounded up staff for the surgery. The best Dr. at Mayo EC gladly introduced himself and graciously agreed to stay late to take out the old and put in the new.

God – you knew God – you protected me

God – you cared about me God – you brought me to this moment

God – you have more for me to learn about you God – thank you for your protection

God – you have more people for me to tell about you God – I know you are speaking to me

I was home sleeping in my own bed by 9 p.m. God went before me and I still shake my head in wonder: and it brings a big smile to my face.

Dear Brothers and Sister: We have a Great Big God Who Went Before Me May 4, 2022. Praise Him!

By Sharon Wundrow

#### Missionary Highlight

Evangelical Hospital Chaplain Incorporated
PO Box 153 \* Marshfield, WI 54449
Www.evangelicalchaplain.org
Spring 2022

Greetings from the Chaplain's Desk:

As we approach Resurrection Sunday, I am reminded of the finished work of Jesus Christ our Lord and what that means to humankind. Without the work of Christ at Calvary and His resurrection from the grave we would all be lost to an eternity without HIM, worse would be an eternity in Hell. "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." John 3:17-18 May you and your loved ones know and experience the true meaning of Resurrection Sunday.

Please continue to pray for the ministry as the Lord allows me to be in the hospital setting sharing the love of Christ and when given an opportunity to share the Gospel message with those who need the new birth in the Spirit. John 3:6 Recently, I was paged to see a patient on the heart floor. He was very ill and had a lot of time to think about his eternity. As I shared the Holy Spirit brought conviction of his need for a Savior. I asked if he wanted to invite Christ into his life and ask His forgiveness for his sin. We prayed together for him to make Christ his Lord and Savior.

Brothers and Sisters, this is why God has called me to minister in the hospitals for such a time as this. Thank you for your part in supporting this unique ministry through prayer and giving. I am truly grateful to serve our King in this way and to be a light house in the midst of a very dark world.

As a reminder, remember to list your denominational preference at admission to the hospital and I will receive a list of evangelical admissions, i.e. Baptist, Bible, Evangelical Free, Alliance, Independent, Non-Denominational. Unfortunately, I may miss you if you put down Christian as your preference. As you know this is a very generic term in our culture. You can also ask to see Chaplain Randy and I should receive that referral.

Until He Comes Again, Chaplain Randy and Bev VanDeLoo



#### **VBS**

RE: VBS, Sunday, July 24 – Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup> and upcoming parades

A great big thank you to all who have already signed up to help share the love and message of Jesus Christ during VBS 2022!

We are still looking for more help. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer, or you can email or call me. If you are not available that week of VBS, we can still use your help in getting ready. We have many different areas for you to choose from. There is something for everyone to do from 6<sup>th</sup> grade through our Senior Saints.

<u>Sunday, June 5</u> - Please let me know that your able to help with VBS by next Sunday.

Wednesday, June 8, 1st VBS Meeting. At 6 pm. Come and just check it out and see if an area jumps out at you.

-We will show a short video,

-fill out background checks

- make sure all positions are filled.

- Break out into the various areas you are working in
- You will be given the VBS material for your area of ministry and given time to start going through it and to begin planning with your team.

Come one, come all and be blessed beyond measure. This is a great opportunity to reach our community with the love and message of Jesus Christ.

Laurie Natzke

Children's Ministry Coordinator

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P.S. Next Sunday, June 5, is the Thorp Dairy Days Parade. Parade begins at 12 noon. Dress up as animals, farmer, farmer's wife.... whatever farm...We will be a herd of animals making sure everyone has "herd" that Jesus loves them as we let them know about our VBS and let them know about FEFC. There is an important meeting after church for the supplemental budget as well as pictures for the directory being done. If you are participating in these please just get to the float ASAP. We will be at the back of the line. Do not forget your lawn chairs.

**Stanley Rodeo Days Parade** will be **SATURDAY**, **June 18 2:00**. Wear whatever you would wear on a desert adventure. We will add our floating rock statue on the float. There will still be room for people to ride and a need for people to pass out candy and tracts.

Thanks again to you all! Please pray for these events and the lives that will be touched.

#### Memories from years gone by....



#### **2022 Glow Club Recognition Night**



# June 2022

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July 2022
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 9 Prayer 10 Service Communion Graduates Recognized Supplemental Budget Vote	9	7	8	9 6 Elder Meeting	10	11 9 Women's Ministry
12 9 Prayer 9:15 Fellowship 10 Service	13	14	15	16 7 Family Movie Night	17	18
19 9 FEFC Worship Service 10:30 Chapman Park Service	20	21	22	23 6 Elder Meeting	24	25
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