



Connecting Everyone, Everywhere,  
Everyday with the love and message

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**Women's Ministry Brunch**

Saturday, **Nov. 12/Dec. 10** at 9:00.  
Fellowship Hall at church

**Connection Groups**

November 13th &  
December **4th** after  
worship service.

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.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast**

Saturday, **Nov. 5/Dec. 3** at 7:30.  
Look inside for locations.

**Tuesday U**

Every Tuesday at 6 pm. At church in conference room.

# Connecting with Pastor Matt

## Side by Side

As a Church we have journeyed together through Daniel and learned how we can live as foreigners and strangers in a place that is not our home. We just completed a study on what our eternal Home will be like and it has been a great encouragement to us as to what awaits us. Since God has not taken us home yet how should we live with one another. What does it look like to live in true Biblical community? Our current study called *"Side by Side-A study of the One Another commands of Scripture* will help answer that question..

All believers are called into a way of life that forms our character and shapes our community to be more like our Savior, Jesus Christ. The place God has given for this is the church-the called out, called together community of believers.

God has given us in His word many commands and examples of what He desires His Church to look like. He has done so for a reason. The overarching purpose is that we would live and interact in ways which result in the praise of His glory. There are other reasons God has given us His One another commands and we will look at these. At the core of the commands lies God's design that the full purposes and blessings of biblical character and community cannot take place outside of the Church.

God is shaping a community that stands in direct contrast to the volatile and vindictive atmosphere we live in. He is calling us from a consumer mindset to a Christlike mindset that seeks to build one another up.

That is what Phil. 2:3-4 exhorts us toward.

<sup>3</sup> *Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,* <sup>4</sup> *not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.*

Paul goes on in the next couple of verses to point to Jesus the ultimate example.

<sup>5</sup> *In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:*

<sup>6</sup> *Who, being in very nature<sup>l</sup> God,*

*did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;*

<sup>7</sup> *rather, he made himself nothing*

*by taking the very nature<sup>l</sup> of a servant,*

*being made in human likeness.*

The basis of our coming together is Jesus Christ. He is Lord and His commands are non-negotiable. As an imperfect people redeemed by Jesus we are a people who gather for and with others at the foot of the Cross of our Lord. The picture the New Testament gives us is one of discipleship connected with the Church. The Church is not a place we go but a life we live together. The believer is formed in and through the church as believers gather in mutual submission under God's Word, His Spirit and to one another.

The challenge we face is that we have become so accustomed to thinking and acting like individuals that we have a hard time seeing the truth that as believers we are His Body. The One another commands are reciprocal, mutual commands. You cannot do them alone. To be a follower of Jesus is to belong to others.

*"In Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.*

*Romans 12:5*

The One another commands are a pathway toward holiness as we learn and practice them the character of the people and the Church is transformed to the praise of His Name.

1. **Accept one another:** Rom.15:7 Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.
2. **Admonish one another:** Col. 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in our hearts to God.
3. **Be at peace with one another:** Mark 9:50 Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with each other.
4. **Be devoted to and honor one another:** Rom. 12:10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.
5. **Be kind and compassionate to one another:** Eph. 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
6. **Carry burdens for one another:** Gal 6:2 Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the love of Christ.
7. **Confess sins and pray for one another:** James 5:16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.
8. **Encourage one another:** 1Thess. 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.
9. **Forbear one another:** Eph. 4:2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.
10. **Forgive one another:** Eph 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
11. **Greet one another:** Rom 16:16 Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ and greetings.
12. **Love one another:** John 13:34 A new command I give you; Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.
13. **Serve one another:** Gal 5:13 You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.
14. **Stir up one another:** Heb. 10:24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds.
15. **Stop passing judgement on one another:** Rom 14:13 Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling-block or obstacle in your brother's way.
16. **Submit to one another:** Rom 12:16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.
17. **Wash one another's feet:** John 13:14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.



# Connecting with Pastor MP

## CONNECTING WITH PASTOR MP

It's time once again for Faith youth to start looking ahead to the Districts Youth Conference!

The DISTRICTS Youth Conference is held every January with the purpose of bringing youth groups from the Evangelical Free Church of America's (EFCA) Forest Lakes Districts (FLD) together to grow in their relationship with Christ.

DISTRICTS is a growth level conference with outreach potential, where the gospel is clearly presented. This plug and play event for students in Junior & Senior High challenges and equips students to live on mission with God and take the next step in their relationship with God.

The goal of this conference is to create an environment through large group rallies & seminars where students can experience God together and have adult leaders who can walk alongside of their students as they go home.

If you are interested in sending your child to the Districts Conference or if you are interested in sponsoring a student to go to the conference, please see Pastor MP.

Matt Peters (Pastor MP)  
Youth and Worship Pastor  
Faith Free Church  
Stanley, WI



**November 18 Friendsgiving**

**No Youth Group on November 23 But come to the Thanksgiving  
Eve Service and Pie Social/Auction**

**December 10 Ugly Christmas Sweater Party**

**No Youth Group December 28**

# Women's Ministry

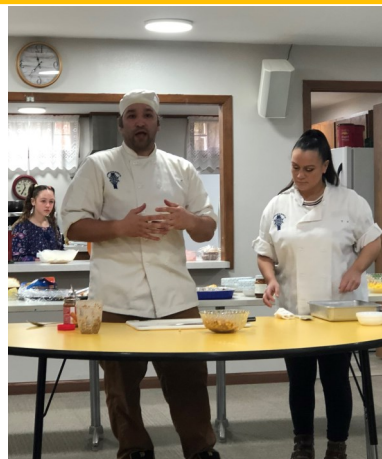
On Saturday, Oct. 15 at 9 am a lovely group of ladies got together to share a time of: fellowship, laughs, food and dessert demonstration. We got to get some life coaching from our own Emily Eichstadt who shared her ABCD to a Joyful Life. Jean Jirovec shared with us some ideas of how to deal with some of the issues we as women have to deal with during this season, we are in no matter what your age. She gave us some great ideas and made us laugh. They say laughing can extend your life. We all extended our lives on Saturday as well as listened to some good common sense ideas. Melissa Schultz gave us a great plan for making and completing what we need to get done. A 90 day plan to Dream with God and keep God at the forefront of our lives. We each took away a workbook to help us stay on task. Stephanie Hurlburt, a Christian Mental Health Counselor, WOW, what great ideas she shared with us. Teaching us about our body and mind. How it goes to extremes to help keep us thinking and reacting, why it is so important for us to have God at the forefront of our lives. If we know him, we know the truth no matter what we hear from the outside world.

We enjoyed a lunch of soup, salad, sandwich. Connie Szak with her outstanding Chicken Dumpling Soup, Nick Czubakowski and Aliesha Quintana with their homemade Cream Pumpkin & Squash Soup (yummy).

Nick and Aleisha followed up with a great dessert demonstration of: Pumpkin-Apple Baklava. They showed us some easy prepping plans, how to construct the ingredients, some humor and some great cooking advice. They followed all this up by serving each person a piece of finished dessert. It was awesome.

A special thanks to Jerry Czubakowski, Nick, Aliesha, and Malina Czubakowski for taking charge of the kitchen. They kicked me out several times, sending me back up to enjoy the activities upstairs. Loren Davidson for overseeing the sound board and power point information. Thanks to all the people in the background who helped: Bonnie Eckstrom & Lydia Awe for the neat welcome bags, Diane Fryza for taking charge of the registration table. Tricia Tobola, Bonnie Eckstrom, Violet Miles, and Joy VanDeLoo for the awesome music (some wonderful old hymns along with some new music) at the beginning and the end of the day. Anyone else who contributed in even a small way. It takes many hands to make an event easy.

On a personal note: Women's Ministry has grown and we encourage all women from the church to get involved, fellowship, share your gifts, come together and become a part of Women's Ministry. If you have any questions or ideas, we can help with please don't hesitate to contact me. We have our Women's Ministry Brunch the second Saturday of each month. Everyone is welcome and we encourage you to bring a friend and connect with us.



# Children's Ministry

## Reaching the lost With Jesus

Growing up my family would pick up children on the way to church. Some of their parents would then begin attending. Times have changed but I can't help but wonder if that same thing could happen today. What if we as a congregation took the time to reach out and find those children that may want to come to church on Sunday mornings and or Wednesday nights. I know of some grandparents in our congregation doing just that and maybe you are too. But if you are not, think of the possibilities.

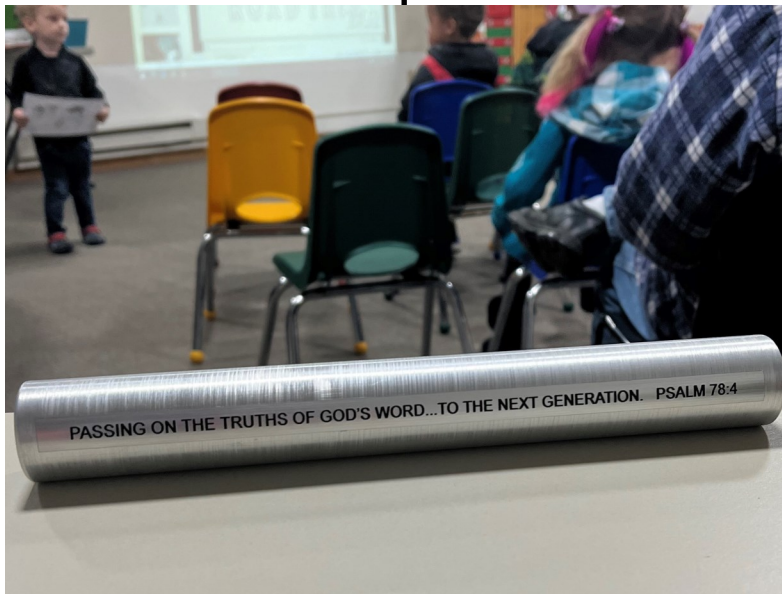
Perhaps friends of your children? I have reconnected with one of my friends "Laura" that our family picked up for Sunday School and church. Her siblings ended up coming as well. Oh, I know kids now a days stay up late and or get up early

just to do gaming. But what if we asked them, kept asking them, don't give up on them, maybe they would eventually come. I am doing that with some neighbors. They get excited say they are going to come, but we have not seen them here yet. I do say yet...because I believe God is working on their hearts. Praying for them is vital and not hounding them but encouraging them as the Lord leads.

So many people are looking for something to fill that emptiness inside of them that we know only God can fill. One day, I believe they will realize it and their lives will be forever changed.

What are you doing to reach the lost for Christ? Are you praying for your neighbors or people in your life that you may have influence? If not, I would challenge you to find 4 such people, maybe families, and pray for them. Ask the Lord to provide opportunities for you to

be able to share with them the hope you have. Pastor Matt gave out a month or so ago, "Developing Your Personal Testimony". Have you filled it out yet? They are on the back table if you need one. That will help you be more confident. Luke 12:12 says, The Holy Spirit will give you the words to say at the moment when you need them.



I know it can be scary for some of us. But, I assure you that there is great reward. One day I was riding my

bike to the park and the Holy Spirit said to me in a still small voice, "go back home and get a tract and take

it to that worker". I quickly turned around and went back home to get the tract. As I am getting in the car, I am thinking about what I

am going to say to this young man when I give him the tract. Nothing came to mind. I pulled up beside him, he just happened to be standing at the edge of the road. I rolled down my window and while handing him the tract, I opened my mouth to speak, still not knowing what to say, and I said, "Your grandma is praying for you"! He got the biggest smile – his eyes lit up. I smiled back praising God for what He had just done. That was it, I drove away. What a great feeling to be used by God to answer a grandmother's prayer!

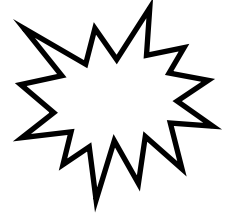
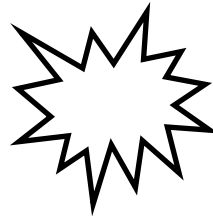
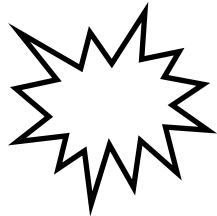
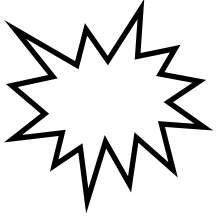
I hope that excites you. There are people that God wants to use you to reach too. Thank you in advance for letting him!

Reaching with you and Jesus the lost,  
Laurie Natzke  
Children's Ministry Coordinator





Men's Ministry will be meeting:  
 November 5th at Jim Gulcynski's cabin for  
 coffee and cinnamon rolls at 7:30 am.  
 Map is in foyer.  
 December 3rd will be at  
 Aroma Café in Thorp at 7:30 am.



## *Women with Purpose*

*Nov. 16, 2022 Luncheon*

Featuring  
**Cindy Currier**

*"How to Survive the Holi-  
 days After Losing a Loved"*

**New  
 Venue!**

When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. How do you deal with the emotions, what do you do about the traditions, and how do you survive those social events? Whether you have lost someone close to you or know someone who has, Cindy Currier will share ways to find hope for the future.

Cindy is Christian Counselor and a leader for GriefShare, a program to help people that are grieving the loss of a loved one. She is also a leader for Celebrate Recovery, a program to help people with habits, hang ups, and addictions. Her heart is to help others see who God created them to be and that He has never left them even in their hardest times.

Come be encouraged for yourself or someone you know who is going through a season of loss.

**11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**The Fill Inn Station**

104 W. Columbia Street  
 Chippewa Falls, WI

**\$15.00 lunch donation**

**RSVP online at:**

<https://lh.wwwwi.org/>



All FEFC staff and some leaders went to the Forest Lakes District Fall Conference and here are a few things we learned or were reminded of:

“The theme was encouragement & One Another. It just seems to be what God had for me because that has been what our Pastor Matt has been talking about the last few weeks too.”

“How important it is for us to be a part of a bigger picture. To go beyond our comfort zone. Share and get involved with others.”

Remember to keep God in the forefront of our lives. If we know God, we have a clear picture to our future.”

It was so good to renew some contacts with Pastoral staff who had loved ones in the Marshfield Hospital. A former Fort Wilderness staff member is now Pastoring an EFCA church plant in Rhineland.

Attended a Trauma Care workshop that was excellent. It was good to review the many types of heart aches that we go through. Thank you, Lord, for the body of Christ who is here to help us in this journey called life.

Pastor Randy VanDeLoo



2023 is almost here.

Please pencil these dates in for events coming up sooner than we all think possible.

1/13-15 Districts

2/4 No Regrets Men's Conference Event

2/18 Marriage Banquet

3/4 or 11-Mental Health Seminar

5/13 Children's Derby

6/25-7/1 Youth Missions Trip, Knoxville, TN

## Church Cancellation Policy and plan

### **Wednesday night activities:**

Decision Making: Pastor MP and Laurie Natzke will make 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.



Thanksgiving Eve Service  
and Pie Social/Auction  
6 pm November 23rd.  
Please bring an extra pie  
to be auctioned off. Pro-  
ceeds go toward our  
Youth Ministry.



**Christmas Eve Service**  
**5:30 pm Saturday, December 24th**

**Christmas Worship Service**  
**10 am Sunday, December 25th**

# November 2022

December 2022

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