



Connecting Everyone, Everywhere, Every-
day with the love and message of
Jesus Christ.

YOUR CONNECTION

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday
November 24
6:00

Pie Social and
Youth Pie Auction
to follow



Thanksgiving Eve Service is a great time to gather and be extra thankful for all that God has done in our individual lives, our marriages, our families, our church, and the list goes on.

After the service, we are having a Pie Social where you bring a pie and share it with all those that attend as we fellowship and continue to share what God has done in our lives.

The Pie Auction will benefit our Youth Group as they are heading out to Districts on Jan 7-9. Please bring an extra pie or pie's to auction and money to buy your favorite pie during the auction. So much fun!

It's going to be a memorable night, more to be thankful for!

In this issue of our Connection, you will enjoy seeing more of what God has been doing as He continues blessing us all here at Faith E. Free Church. Praising God From Whom All Blessings Flow!



Connecting with Pastor Matt

1 Thessalonians 5: 14-18

“And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all, See to it that no one repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, giving thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

I love the exhortations in the verses above. They are instructive both on a personal and corporate level. By addressing them as brothers it is clear Paul is writing to a corporate group. He is realistic about the varying experiences of their group discipleship. The exhortations are personal and specific toward those in different places. There were some who were on the sidelines watching but not engaged. They probably always had a reason as to why they were not doing anything. I can hear them “I am too busy or “I don’t need to be involved to be a Christian”. I still hear the idle today. Then there are those engaged but discouraged. Maybe they don’t see the fruit from their efforts, or they are battling temptations and feeling defeated. To them Paul tells us “encourage them! Build them up!” Then Paul points out that among the church there are some who are simply worn out, weak. These struggles happen on multiple levels. Physically, emotionally maybe even spiritually. Paul asks the church to be patient with them. It may take awhile for them to work things through. You might hear some in the body share over and over their struggles to the point it is irritating. Be patient. Yes instruct, when necessary, listen to and pray for them, also be patient for God is working by His Spirit that indwells them.

He then states that which is opposite of the cultural mindset and that is don’t react and get back at those who wronged you. The mindset of the believer is to do good to everyone, which includes those who wronged you. This is the way of Christ. All the above are actions each of us are to take. Don’t wait for others to do them – you reach out and extend concern, patience, and encouragement. A church who does these things will stand out. A church that does these things will help all move forward in their discipleship. Let’s be a Church that does these things!

Paul is not finished. He calls the church to action. To rejoice, pray and give thanks. Notice the positive aspect of these exhortations. We are not to whine about circumstances but pray in them and give thanks that God is in it all. This is not Paul’s idea-but he states this is the will of God. Each of these exhortations is a deliberate choice. A choice only you can make. The question is will you make it. I say these next things lovingly and understanding this may be hard for some reading this. But if you find you have not been engaged with the body it’s time to do away with the excuses and assimilate once again. If you find you have been drowning in circumstances it is time to choose to believe God’s Word and rejoice, pray and give thanks. The great news is we have God’s Spirit and His power within us to take these actions. When we do, we know we are in God’s will! So, let’s be a Church that intentionally chooses to follow the call from 1 Thessalonians 5.

God’s richest blessings!

In Christ,
Pastor matt

Connecting with Pastor MP

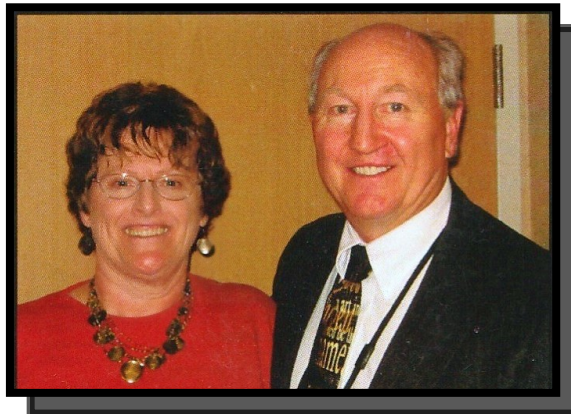
We are just so grateful. We have the blessing of being able to gather young people together to experience the wonder of being present to each other. The numbers of young people in attendance at our youth group each week just highlights how important being present to each other is!

However we cannot take this for granted.

Yes, it is good for us to be thankful. This helps us appreciate what is really important and how dearly we are blessed by these things. The best way to be thankful is to actually say so. This is why prayer is so important. We get to tell God how we feel. Let's tell Him how thankful we are. Let's do so often and while we are at it, let's not forget to pray for those who do not share in the blessings that we are experiencing.

We truly are blessed, so let's give back to God – Pray!

Connecting with Randy and Bev VanDeLoo



Randy and Bev VanDeLoo have been married for over 40 years. They have 6 Children all grown up and adults, Noah, Sarah, Anna, Joy, John, and Silas.

Their Backgrounds: Bev is a retired RN. Randy is a former Public School Health Educator, Christian School Teacher and now a Chaplain. Bev states they both grew up in East Wisconsin.

Testimony: Bev gave her heart to the Lord during nursing school, as several friends and fellow nursing students led her to a saving faith in Jesus. Randy watched a Billy Graham crusade in August 1976 and yielded to the Holy Spirit's prompting to receive Christ as Lord and Savior.

Family Interests and Hobbies: Interested in our 6 children and 9 grandchildren—enjoy spending time with them!!

Church Involvement: Randy—Former principal and teacher at Faith Christian Academy and associate pastor for 19 years (here at FEF church, Stanley), VBS leader. Randy and Bev both worked as Sunday School Teachers, nursery workers, and worked in the Wednesday night youth clubs. Bev also helped with a women's serving group.

They would also like to share that Randy is currently the Evangelical Hospital chaplain at the Marshfield Medical Center and Our Lady of Victory Hospital in Stanley. Bev is ministering to her 93 year old parents in Kiel Wisconsin.

Evangelical Hospital Chaplain



Chaplain Randy and Bev VanDeLoo

“I was sick and you visited me” Matthew 25:36b

The banquet to help support the ministry that God has called Randy and Bev to was held on November 6, 2021.

Greetings from the Chaplain’s Desk:

By God’s grace and provision this chaplain is still able to see patients in the hospital as I work part time for two health systems. The majority of my time is still at the Marshfield Medical Center. My ministry remains the same. I minister to the believers who have identified themselves by their church denomination i.e. Baptist, Bible Church, Evangelical Free, Missionary Alliance, Independent, Assembly of God, or Non-Denominational. I receive a list from the hospital of your admission and will see you when I’m there. Many people still put down “Christian” for their religious affiliation. Unfortunately, I won’t see you on my list. Please feel free to contact me directly by phone call, text, or e-mail and I would be honored to see you or a loved one. It has been my privilege to lead many to the throne of grace at End of Life visits. The beauty of the Gospel message is that God Loves You and sent his Son, Jesus Christ to die in our place, taking our punishment and giving us the forgiveness of sin and the hope of eternal life with him in Heaven for those who repent and turn to Christ for his mercy. God is so good and loving that even at the hour of our death He reaches out to us who believe and receive His gift of everlasting life. I believe our time on earth is short and yet much work is still to be done in leading the lost to a saving knowledge of Jesus. Thank you for your prayers and financial support of this ministry. I am your representative in visiting the sick traumatized, suffering, and dying.

Thank You, for your part in keeping the Evangelical Hospital Chaplain ministry going.

Until HE Comes Again....

Chaplain Randy VanDeLoo



“Marriage Rocks”

The Marriage Rocks Banquet, where 26 couples attended, was focused on each couple Celebrating their unique marriage. It was held at Faith E. Free Church here in Stanley, October 23, 2021. The banquet was a great time of food, fun, fellowship and encouragement.

The Speakers were from Northern Wisconsin, Rick and Lori Goff. Rick and Lori have been married for 36 years, have 4 children and 4 grandchildren. Rick has been a pastor for over 30 years working with families and teenagers specifically for over 20 years. Rick is an author. The most recent book [“Before I Say I don’t”](#). [There is a blog, https://www.beforeisayno.com](https://www.beforeisayno.com).



Rick stated these truths: Strong nations fall when marriages fail. Marriages are under attack. Marriage was God’s idea! The couples were encouraged to do something special with their unique marriage. To revive marriage, they spoke of two of God’s important covenants: 1) Salvation, attained when we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and His work on the cross so that we could have our sins forgiven and become right with God. 2) Marriage as it is vital to God. God hates divorce – it causes hurt and pain for all involved.

Some Rocks to build upon: Resist divorce. Ask God to help, find good counsel with a pastor. Don’t let the enemy hurt you or your children.

Lori named her 3 specific Rocks to build on:

1. Forgive – Be willing to forgive; God gave us forgiveness. When you don’t forgive it hurts yourself.
2. Repent to spouse, say you’re sorry and turn from it.
3. Work at it – don’t try harder, work at giving it to God continuously. There is an Enneagram personality test you can take to help you to understand each other, it’s a piece of the puzzle.

Rick named these specific Rocks to build on:

1. Intentionally spend time together. There are seasons of life and marriage changes. Kids keep us busy – make sure you take time for each other.
2. He concurred with Lori on the importance of forgiving each other. We often think “poor me”...we can be very selfish. It’s a choice you need to make every day to forgive.
3. Find your identity in Christ. It needs to be in Christ. Our identity is not our job, being a friend, a mom or dad, husband or wife. It needs to be in Christ. God helps thoughts, gives understanding of who you are in Christ.

Neil Anderson’s book “Identity Crisis” is a good resource.

Your spouse will let you down. All identities will fail except the identity in Christ. You cannot change your spouse, that’s God’s job. Spending time praying for your spouse and allowing God to change you is the way to go.

Neil Anderson has a book “Life as God created it to be.” Neil also has a Freedom in Christ website.

By way of a Next Step, cards were given to the couples to personalize so that they could thank each other and let each other know what they really appreciate about them.



Marriage Does Rock!
 Thanks to all who came and all who helped. We would especially like to thank our youth who served at the banquet in various ways. You are an amazing group of young people.



Hannah Swope with her daughter Kwinn took couples pictures. Thank You Hannah and Kwinn!

Mission Moments



Peggy Halvorsen and Laurie Natzke



Many Children that need our support

Teamwork Africa's 10th Anniversary Celebration banquet on Thursday, October 14th was an enjoyable, informational, and encouraging time for all. Peggy Halvorsen presented what God is doing in and through Teamwork Africa. We have another opportunity to meet Peggy and hear what God is doing on Sunday, November 21 as we have Pizza with Peggy in the lower level after the Worship service.

**Teamwork Africa
Missionary, Peggy Halvorsen
will be with us Sunday, November 21**



Come join us for
Pizza with Peggy after
the Worship service
All are welcome!

What's Coming Up

*Ladies you are cordially invited to a
"Ladies' Christmas Social"*

*At Faith E. Free Church
Saturday, December 11, 10 a.m.*

*Please plan to attend
and share this time
together with women
who love God and would
love to share moments
that turn into memories*

*We will also
have a
brunch/tea
so plan to
stay and
enjoy just
being with
other women*



Men's Prayer Breakfast

Faith Fellowship Food
7:30
Saturday, December 4,
Aroma Cafe
Speaker, John Milliren

All guys are welcome

Youth Group Christmas Party

Saturday, December 11
6:00-12:00

Games

Prizes

Food

Connection Groups

Connection Groups meet after Worship every 2nd Sunday of the month. In these groups, held throughout the church, discussion is made concerning the current sermon series. As the groups dig deeper in thought, discussion and prayer they connect together. There are signup sheets located in the foyer under the cross for all ages as our goal is to keep the groups small.

**THE INCREDIBLE
Power of
PRAYER**

ACTS 1:14

All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer.....

Let's devote ourselves together in prayer and watch God move, Sunday mornings, 8:45 in the youth room.

Volunteers are needed at Trinity Vineyard Church on Tuesday, December 21, to help hand out Christmas food baskets to families in need of food for their Christmas meal. If you are available for ½ hour, 1 hour, or until it is done it would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to help and or If you know of any family in need of food for their Christmas meal please call Linda Hakes at 715-644-2693.



November/December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:45 AM Prayer 10:00 AM Worship Connection Groups After the service			6:00 Children Youth and Rooted Groups meet			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
8:45 AM Prayer 10:00 AM Worship Pizza with Peggy after the service			6:00 Thanksgiving Eve Service Pie Social And Auction	Thanksgiving		
28	29	30				
8:45 AM Prayer 10:00 AM Worship						

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
December			6:00 Children and Youth groups			7:30 Men's prayer Breakfast Aroma John Milliren speaker 10:00 Decorate the Church for Christmas
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8:45 AM Prayer 10:00 AM Worship 10:10 SB Choral Communion			6:00 Children and Youth groups	6:00 Elder Meeting		10:00 Ladies Christmas Social
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:45 AM Prayer 10:00 AM Worship			6:00 Youth group No Glow Club		5:30 Christma s Eve service	Christmas
26	27	28	29	30	31	
8:45 AM Prayer 10:00 AM Worship			No children or youth group			