

## Food for Thought

- ❖ Jesus, like any good fisherman, first catches the fish; then he cleans them. ~ Mark Potter
- ❖ There is just one way to bring up a child in the way he should go, and that is to travel that way yourself. ~ Abraham Lincoln
- ❖ Are you the kind of person, and is your church the kind of church, about which others in your community might say, "I don't share their beliefs, but I shudder to think about what this city would be like without them"? ~ Tim Keller
- ❖ Too many of us have a Christian vocabulary rather than a Christian experience. We think we are doing our duty when we're only talking about it. ~ Charles F Banning
- ❖ I get a lot of encouragement, but I never got an overdose. ~ Truett Cathy
- ❖ I am making my next life. ~ Amanda Smiley
- ❖ Before Pentecost the disciples found it hard to do easy things; after Pentecost they found it easy to do hard things. ~ A J Gordon



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## mission

The mission of our church is to  
**glorify Christ,  
proclaim the Gospel,  
reach the lost,  
and train and instruct  
Christians in the faith  
for service and daily living.**

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# VOICE of Faith

*Speaking the truth in love*

Faith Community Church  
(an Evangelical Free church)

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## God's Plan for Your Life

by Pastor Kevin Dick

Think about your journey with Jesus Christ! How did you first become a Christian? You were likely challenged by the good news of what Jesus had done for you on the cross. You saw the glory of God in the gospel. You repented and turned away from sin and claimed God's forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

You probably had a burst of spiritual excitement. This initial rush of understanding of God's great love for you was life changing. Unfortunately, as life continues from that time, you can begin to lose the high level of joy that once filled your heart.

At first, you may think you fully understand all the power of the gospel. In reality, you have only caught a glimpse of all that the gospel offers. Paul writes in reference to the gospel in 2 Corinthians 3:18, "And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree to another. For this comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit." In other words, you have only seen a fraction of what God wants to give you.

The gospel message is beholding the glory of the Lord. But, as Paul says, it is moving from one glory to another. The Lord himself takes us deeper so that we discover the glory of Jesus to a greater extent. The more you discover, the more you see. You behold the glory of God so you seek to be more like the Lord Jesus. In effect, you grow from glory to glory.

The need of the gospel to save from sin is critical, but you still need the gospel to move further in your growth. When it seems you are not moving, it is time to return to the glory of the grace of God in Jesus. Your grounding in the gospel moves you forward in mission and service for your Savior.

The power for the new life you have in Christ takes gospel living. It takes more than good teaching, fellowship with other believers, prayer and regular Bible reading, or the latest new spiritual strategy. But apart from the power and glory of the gospel, you cannot know a life of blessing and serving others.

God's plan for you is not mere existence. It's well beyond the drudgery of daily life. God has given you the gospel which is now woven into your heart as a gift and a dream so you can invest your days in meaningful purpose. You move deeper into the glories of God's gospel plan.



June 9  
The Birthday of the Church  
as recorded in Acts 2



- Caleb Gruber, 8th grade
- Nathaniel Oehler, Saturday April 20, from Western Technical College in LaCrosse with a degree in IT-Network Administration.



We praise the Lord for three new members He has added to our congregation on April 28:

Carrie Lessard,  
and Daryl & Carolyn Aspenson.  
Let's welcome them heartily!

**A Discipleship 101 Class is offered to teens and adults each Sunday morning from 9-10 in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you there!**



See Sean Russell if interested in being trained for our sound room and/or projection ministries.



### Assessing Mountains

Mountains, we all have them. I suspect that sometimes we feel as if we are totally surrounded by them with absolutely no way out. Plus, we may not be completely certain how we got here in the first place. What we need to consider, however, is that sometimes we turn what really are only molehills into mountains. But do we look at the mountains we've conquered, those in our past? Do we remember our successes and how we've grown? Or do we only focus on the mountain in front of us? And do we look at it with deer eyes in the headlights and freeze?

I asked if we remember previous times we met mountains and what we did. So, did you get beyond them? Or did you give up? And was the 'giving up' because it truly wasn't the right approach? Or... My point is that sometimes we react to mountains, real or imaginary, without assessing and knowing what we can do, what our resources are, and if what IS the best answer.

Mountains, regardless of size, are issues we can't avoid. And if we try to avoid, we may be courting disaster. We have faced them in the past with varying degrees of success. Can we translate those previous behaviors and adopt or adapt them to the current situation? A mountain should never be regarded as something we can *not* resolve. Individual growth is tested by mountains and our response tells us (and those viewing or involved) volumes about how we contend with these experiences

**Be encouraged!**

Carolyn's new book, *The Start (Journey of Discovering)* is now available on [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).

Challenging, thought-provoking, insightful. Use it as a personal inventory of your walk with Jesus.



### The Father's Way

by Sharon Meier

"Things had been going pretty bad for me, and I seriously considered not going to Bible study that night. Instead, I had determined to take my hoarded pills all at once and be done with life. It was just too hard. But for some reason, I thought maybe I would go one last time and 'do the job' later on that night. I can't remember what was discussed, but I do remember walking back to the unit feeling a lot better and more hopeful. I realized that I could not change my circumstances, but I could change my attitude about them, with God's help. So that's what I did. I didn't take the "easy way out" that my biological dad did. Instead, I listened to my heavenly Father and took His way out. It was a life-changing moment for me."

My eyes filled with tears. Does truth matter? Does God intervene? Can volunteers really make a difference? Yes! Yes! Yes!

It is our Father's way to partner with us in His journey of life-giving, life-changing, life-filling. It is His way to share with us the joy of salvation, not only of our own but of others we meet along the way. It is our Father's way to give us opportunity to share in His immense redemptive story and purposes. What a good, good Father!

<https://www.facebook.com/PrisonFellowshipWisconsin>

If you confess with your **MOUTH** "Jesus is Lord" and believe in your **HEART** that God raised Him from the dead, you will be **SAVED!**

### How important are fathers?

*He shall go before Him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.*

Luke 1:17

How important are fathers to their children? First of all, the role of father was given to us by God. But over the last several decades, some have tried to redefine or redesign the family in a way that makes fathers unimportant or unnecessary. Numerous studies have shown what happens when we do this.

Between 1960 and 1990 the percentage of children living apart from their fathers doubled to 36 percent. Studies show that it is much worse for a child to lose their father through divorce than through death. Fatherlessness has been shown to be a contributing factor to early sexual activity. Teen suicides, shown to increase in fatherless families, have tripled since 1960.

Scholastic Assessment test scores have dropped 75 points since 1960; the drop is linked to the lack of fathers at home. Teenage boys raised without a father are more likely to get in trouble with the law. Children without their fathers are much more likely to suffer child abuse, according to several studies. One 26 year-long study found that the most important childhood factor in developing empathy is a father's involvement in the family.

Yet another study has found that 90 percent of the children who go to church with mom and dad will remain active in church through their teens. If neither parent comes with them, only 40 percent remain faithful. If only dad comes with them, 80 percent remain faithful. We must admit that we cannot improve on God's design for the family.

~ Written by Pastor Paul Bartz,  
Steve Schwartz and Paul Taylor  
[www.creationmoments.com](http://www.creationmoments.com)



**Rob Wiese**  
serving the Lord with the Forest Lakes District of the Evangelical Free Churches of America (EFCA) as Director of Student & Family Ministries & District Events

# GIVE A HELPING HAND



Make this craft to show appreciation for your dad or another special man.

### What you need:

- Acrylic paint
- Paintbrush
- Adult garden gloves
- Garden gloves that fit you
- Permanent marker

### What you do:

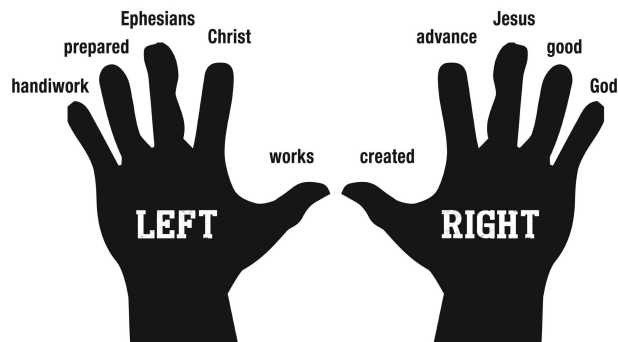
1. Paint your right palm and press it on the back of the right adult glove. Lift to reveal your handprint. Repeat with your left hand and the left glove.
2. If you have younger siblings, layer their handprint(s) on top with a different color.
3. Write your name(s) and the date.
4. Repeat steps 1 through 3 on your gloves.
5. Present the gift. Offer to use your gloves to give a helping hand with chores!



## Handiwork to do good works

God has a special plan and purpose for each of us.

Directions: Use the finger-position clues under the blanks below to complete Ephesians 2:10, NIV.



For we are God's \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
L pinky R thumb  
 \_\_\_\_\_ to do \_\_\_\_\_,  
L pointer R middle R ring L thumb  
 which \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
R pinky L ring R pointer  
 for us to do. \_\_\_\_\_ 2:10, NIV  
L middle

Answers: Ephesians, advance, handiwork, created, Christ, Jesus, good, works, God, prepared.

## Faith Kids' BIRTHDAYS!



June

4 Cason Gruber

7 Raegan McClendon



## Men's Golf Outing

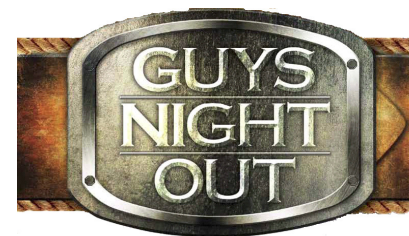
Wednesday, June 12  
at The Barn

Tee times: 5-6 p.m.

Cost: \$9 for cart & 9 holes  
Supper at church afterwards.

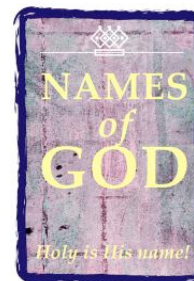
Contact: Ery Jones

Sign up  
at the Information Center  
in the church lobby.



Saturday, June 22  
5:30-8:30

Men 18 years of age and older are invited to come for a great meal, fellowship, and Bible study. We are studying a series taken from the book by Dr. John MacArthur entitled Twelve Ordinary Men: How the Master Shaped His Disciples for Greatness, and What He Wants to Do with You. The sign up sheet is at the Information Center in the church lobby. See George Schneider for more details.



## YHWH Avinu

"The LORD our Father"

... O Lord, You are our Father.  
We are the clay,  
and You are the potter.  
We all are formed by Your hand.  
Isaiah 64:8



Sunday, June 16,  
10:30 a.m.  
on the river front  
in the pavilion  
near The Depot



Now Recruiting!

Volunteer Sign Up  
for garbage clean up  
at Rendezvous  
June 13-16



Happy  
Father's  
Day!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>EACH OF YOU MUST SHOW GREAT RESPECT FOR YOUR FATHER... LEVITICUS 19:3 NLT</b></p>						
<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Needs Fund</li> <li>Communion</li> <li>9:00 AM Discipleship 101</li> <li>10:15 AM Worship</li> <li>3:00 PM Read Bible Aloud</li> </ul>	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30 PM Prayer Time</li> <li>7:30 PM Elder Board meeting</li> </ul>	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bulletin Deadline</li> </ul>	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bulletin Deadline</li> </ul>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 AM Discipleship 101</li> <li>10:15 AM Worship</li> <li>3:00 PM Read Bible Aloud</li> </ul> <p><i>Baptism</i></p>	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pastor at Conference 10-12</li> <li>6:30 PM Prayer Time</li> </ul>	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pastor at Conference 10-12</li> <li>6:30 PM Trustee Board Meeting</li> </ul>	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pastor at Conference 10-12</li> <li>Bulletin Deadline</li> <li>5:00 PM Men's Golf Outing</li> </ul>	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rendezvous Clean Up</li> <li>Flag Day</li> </ul>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rendezvous Clean Up</li> </ul>
<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fathers Day</li> <li>Rendezvous Clean Up</li> <li>Newsletter Deadline</li> <li>9:00 AM Discipleship 101</li> <li>10:30 AM Worship on the Isles</li> <li>3:00 PM Read Bible Aloud</li> </ul>	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30 PM Prayer Time</li> </ul>	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bulletin Deadline</li> </ul>	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bulletin Deadline</li> </ul>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30 PM Guys Night Out</li> </ul>
<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 AM Discipleship 101</li> <li>10:15 AM Worship</li> <li>3:00 PM Read Bible Aloud</li> </ul>	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secretary on vacation</li> <li>6:30 PM Prayer Time</li> </ul>	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secretary on vacation</li> </ul>	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secretary on vacation</li> <li>Bulletin Deadline</li> </ul>	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secretary on vacation</li> </ul>	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secretary on vacation</li> </ul>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food Pantry Sunday</li> <li>9:00 AM Discipleship 101</li> <li>10:15 AM Worship</li> <li>12:00 PM Potluck Lunch</li> <li>3:00 PM Read Bible Aloud</li> </ul>	<p><b>needed for Rendezvous cleanup</b></p>					

## June Volunteers



Date	Church Cleaning	Fellowship Time	Greeter	Ministry Highlight	Nursery	Trustee Duties	Ushers	Mowing
2	Part One: Saylor Part Two: Slotman	Bob & Sharon Meier	Jonelle Kann	None	Bob Meier Sandy Goree	Tyler Schmidt	Erv Howard Carlyn Mike	Erv Jones
9	Part One: Collins Part Two: Schneider	Sarah Aspenson	Jonelle Kann	Men	Heather Saylor Katherine Lein	Tyler Schmidt	Erv Howard Carlyn Mike	Chuck Mansfield
16	Part One: Goree Part Two: Jones	Rendezvous	Jonelle Kann	Worship	None	Tyler Schmidt	Erv Howard Carlyn Mike	Nick Johnson
23	Part One: Meier Part Two: Peak	Howard & Diane Slotman	Jonelle Kann	Children	Meredith McClendon Rachel Peak	Tyler Schmidt	Erv Howard Carlyn Mike	Bob Meier
30	Part One: Irish Part Two: Mathre*	Potluck Lunch	Jonelle Kann	Prison	Diane Slotman Miah Miller	Tyler Schmidt	Erv Howard Carlyn Mike	Cody Saylor