

**“So South Business Drive, County Trunk Y, and South 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
are all the same road?”:  
Becoming Connected to Sheboygan and E. Free**

John and Mary are recent transplants to Sheboygan. John works for a prominent company in the area and has joined a health club where he plays racquetball three times a week. Mary is still job hunting, and she is having a difficult time meeting people in the area. Their neighbors are friendly in a wave-as-you-drive-by sort of way, but they still have not met any couples that they enjoy being with.

Now that their driver’s licenses have been issued, bank accounts activated, and Pig Club cards attached firmly to their key chains, John and Mary are looking to put some solid roots down in Wisconsin. They have been attending the Evangelical Free Church for a few months and enjoy Pastor Gary’s sermons each Sunday morning. Although they are not yet ready to consider membership, they would like to be more Connected to the existing church family. Each has gifts and talents that they would like to use to serve God, but without friends to invite them to socials or to participate in events, opportunities seem to slip by.

After reading the bulletin, John and Mary often have questions such as:

- Does the church really need my help?
- Would anyone care if I joined this group?
- Why does it seem like everyone else knows what’s going on?
- And how do you navigate the basement of this building!?

Connections is a ministry that God is bringing to our church. We define Connections as “To serve and be served.” The intent of Connections is to help people like John and Mary find those places where they can plug in. And our mission is to build the information systems and develop the people to Connect our family.

If you would like to become more Connected or are interested in becoming a part of the Connections ministry, please contact Kelly Cousineau at 803-8080. Keep watching the church web site as we develop the Connections resources. Create authentic church community and help those looking to make E. Free a home away from their new home.

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