

FIRST FREE SUNDAY MORNINGS

(Unless otherwise noted in *This Week at First Free*)

WORSHIP SERVICES

Blended – 9 a.m.

Contemporary – 10:45 a.m.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Great attention is given to provide the best possible care for our infants through Pre-K. Silent paging, security IDs, and a separate nursing mothers' room help to make a safe and secure environment for your little ones.

Birth–Age 5 – 9 & 10:45 a.m.

ELEMENTARY/YOUTH

Sunday School Grades K–12 – 9 a.m.

Kids Choir Grades 3–6 – 10:15 a.m.

Chapel Time/Kids Choir Grades K–2 – 10:45 a.m.

PRAYER MEETINGS

The First Free family is invited to join together in prayer. God hears our prayers! Some pray silently, others pray out loud. Everyone is welcome!

Sundays: 8:30 a.m. & 5 p.m. – Room 202

(Times subject to change; see *This Week at First Free*.)

SERMON RECORDINGS

Recordings of this morning's message (and any prior Sunday's message) can be found on our website, or a CD may be ordered by emailing Tara Larsen (tlarsen@firstefc.org).

ADULTS

Mini-Congregations are our Sunday morning adult Bible study and fellowship groups. Get to know a group of people more intimately as we encourage one another to be fully devoted followers of Christ.

9 a.m.

The Bridge (Resumes in Feb.)

Faith Connections

Body Builders

@the.CORE (2nd, 4th/5th Sundays)

Room

101

102

103

201

10:15 a.m.

The Point Gathering

Room

YCA

10:45 a.m.

Bereans

Disciplemakers

Faithful Followers

Koinonia

Room

201

202

204

YCB

INFORMATION TABLES

For more information on the following ministries, visit the table(s) in the Lobby:

- Offering Envelopes

Welcome

JANUARY 6, 2019

FIRST EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH SERVICES | 9 & 10:45 A.M.

*We exist to glorify **GOD** by making and maturing disciples of **JESUS CHRIST** to minister to the world with the Gospel by the **HOLY SPIRIT***

THE BOOK OF JAMES LIVING BY FAITH IN TRIALS

JAMES 1: 1–18

PASTOR TODD OLSON

HIGHLIGHTS

NEWCOMERS LUNCH

JANUARY TRAINING & EQUIPPING CLASSES

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS CLASS

PRAYER NETWORK for urgent requests

Paige Lincoln (651.785.8220)

Carol Jaehnert (651.776.9859)

PRAYER, PRAISE OR FAMILY HAPPENING

Submit by filling out a gold communication card. Drop it in the offering plate, the box at the Welcome Center, turn it in to the church office, or email lwhorton@firstefc.org.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE

Must be in writing or email to ckeller@firstefc.org by noon on Tuesday.

BUILDING USAGE

All building use must be reserved through the church office by completing a Reservation Request form. Forms can be found on our website or picked up in the church office.



If this is your first time at First Free, you are our guest, and we extend a warm **WELCOME** to you! Be sure to pick up a Welcome Gift at our Welcome Center and plan to join us at a Newcomers Lunch, offered monthly.



**FIRST EVANGELICAL
FREE CHURCH**

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Join us for **COFFEE** & fellowship in the Lobby between services.



HEARING Assistance devices are available at the Welcome Center.



Please silence all **MOBILE DEVICES** during the service.

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

If a decision is made to cancel services due to the weather, information will be posted on our website and a message will be left on the church voicemail system.

UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORIES

Updated Church Directories are available to pick up on the Welcome Center wall.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

2019 offering envelopes are available at the Lobby table. If you give online and no longer need envelopes, or if you have never received envelopes and would like them, please email our accountant, Kari Berglund (kberglund@firstefc.org).

JOB OPENING AT FIRST FREE

We are seeking a part-time Director of Children's Outreach to provide vision and direction for children's ministry through outreach events and mid-week programming, working with parents, volunteers and Family Ministries leaders so children become followers of Jesus Christ. View position summary and download an application at firstefc.org/employment. Contact Kenny King with questions (kking@firstefc.org).

LOST & FOUND

An assortment of Bibles, mugs, shoes, lots of clothing, badminton rackets, gloves and other items have made their way to our Lost & Found. Please take time to check for items that may belong to you or your family members. Our Lost & Found is located at the north end of the lower level, near the elevator. Please note that valuables, such as eyeglasses, car keys, jewelry, etc. are kept locked in the Church Office.

NEWCOMERS LUNCH

TODAY | 12:30 p.m.
Lower Fellowship Hall

Come meet our Pastors and hear about our Church over lunch. If you are new to First Free, are interested in learning more and getting connected, join us! Pastor David, along with some of our staff, will share about the mission and vision of First Free and how you fit into it. Childcare provided.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Sat., Jan. 12 | 9 a.m.-Noon | Room 202

This class is for people who are new, interested, or intending to join the church at First Free. Membership Matters covers the beliefs of the church and the importance of the office of church membership. Contact Lorri Whorton (651.777.5180 or lwhorton@firstefc.org) to let us know if you plan to attend.

GRIEF SHARE

Begins Mon., Jan. 14 | 10 a.m. | 202

A supportive and encouraging 13-week session for helping you through your grief journey. Cost of workbook is \$20. To register call Diane Johnson (651.777.0041) or Carolyn Schultz (651.777.0029).

ENCOUNTER: A NIGHT OF WORSHIP & PRAYER

Sun., Jan. 20 | 6 p.m. | Youth Center B

We invite the church family to a Night of Worship & Prayer. Childcare provided through age 5. A light meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. in the Gym.

JANUARY TRAINING & EQUIPPING COURSES

JTE Courses are designed to train us as disciples of Jesus Christ. They are oriented toward adults to comprehend the truths of God and how they apply to various topics. "Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever." 1 Corinthians 9:25

STEWARDSHIP MADE SIMPLE

Sundays, Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 | 9 a.m.
Room 107

Financial stewardship made simple through setting a budget, planning ahead, developing a legacy and giving generously. This course is led by our Stewardship Committee.

MARRIAGE DESIGN

Sundays, Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 | 9 a.m.
Room 101

There are many definitions of marriage tossed around today. Join Mike & Debbie Anderson as they cover what is God's design for marriage. This is the course to strengthen your marriage relationship at any stage.

CHRIST-CENTERED LEADERSHIP

Sundays, Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 | 10:45 a.m.
Room 107

Being a leader in the church is a noble calling, but there are many tugs toward the distractions of life. This four-session course seeks to equip ministry leaders to build their lives and ministry on Christ alone. If you have led people before, or have wondered what it looks like to lead in the church, this course will be perfect for you! Open to men and women. Taught by David Capistrant.

SAVE THE DATE! - LADIES NIGHT OUT

Thu., Jan. 24

Please join us for a night of food, fellowship and fun as we gather for Ladies Night! This will be a great opportunity to make new friends and practice your hospitality skills if you would like, but in a smaller setting as we will be meeting in women's homes. Locations will be announced later this month. If you would like to host, contact Jeannine Brown (kjbrown103@gmail.com or 651.238.4983) for more information or a little inspiration for some fun ideas!

FLOOR HOCKEY

Fridays, Jan. 18 & Feb. 8 | Gym

All ages are welcome to play floor hockey from 7-8:30 p.m. We will transition to ages 13 and up from 8:30-10 p.m. Please contact: Matt Wellendorf (wellendorf.matt@gmail.com or 712.369.0031) if you have questions.

MARCH FOR LIFE

Tue., Jan. 22 | Noon

Save the Date to participate in the MCCL March for Life! Details coming soon! With questions contact Pro-Life Leadership Committee member Tom Greenlee (651.777.0479).

Text giving is now available at First Free!

Give easily and securely from anywhere, anytime.

TEXT: firstefc
AND: "amount"

TO: 73256
and follow the prompts.

If you have questions about giving, please contact Kari Berglund at kberglund@firstefc.org



|| JANUARY MEMORY VERSE ||

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

James 1:2-4

THIS WEEK AT FIRST FREE

Today, January 6

8:30 a.m. - Sunday Morning Prayer - 202
9 a.m. - Blended Worship - WC
Nursery, Preschool, Sunday School (K-12),
Adult mini-Congregations
Stewardship Made Simple-107
Marriage Design-101
10:15 a.m. - The Point - YCA
Kids' Choir (3-6)
10:45 a.m. - Contemporary Worship - WC
Nursery, Preschool,
Chapel Time/Kids' Choir (K-2),
Adult mini-Congregations
Christ-Centered Leadership-107
12:30 p.m.-Newcomers Lunch-FH
5 p.m. - Prayer Meeting - 202

Monday, January 7

6:30 p.m. - Men's Basketball - Gym

Tuesday, January 8

9:15 a.m. - Women in the Word - YCB
7 p.m. - Evening Women in the Word - 201

Wednesday, January 9

9 a.m. - Mom's Day Away - 212
9:45 a.m. - Senior Adult Bible Study - 204
10 a.m. - Women's Study of Job - 201
6:30 p.m. - Expedition, Nursery-Gr. 6 - AC
Junior High Gr. 7-8 - Gym
Women's Study of Job - 107
Men's Growth through Discovery - FH
Women's Growth through Discovery - 201
8 p.m. - Senior High, Gr. 9-12 - Gym

Thursday, January 10

7:30 a.m. - Men's Prayer Meeting - 202
9 a.m. - Mom's Day Away - 212
6:30 p.m. - Men's Basketball - Gym

Saturday, January 12

8 a.m. - Men's Bible Study - 202
9 a.m. - Membership Matters - 202

AC - Activity Center
PO - Pastor Todd's Office
WC - Worship Center
FH - Lower Fellowship Hall
YC - Youth Center (A, B)
HG - Harvest Gardens

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Air Force

Nathan Persons

Air Force National Guard

Roger Hall, Jr.
Matt Haller
Taylor Nielsen
Chris Gehrke

Air Force Reserves

Dale Buetow

Army

Sean Brownlee
Kyle Fenstermacher
Jonathan Laansma

Army National Guard

Andrew Beach
Matthew Longendyke
Connor Reiter

Marines

Paul Addington
Peter Gillen

Navy

Jarrod Schad

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

DECEMBER 30, 2018

GENERAL FUND

	WEEKLY	YTD
Actual Giving:	\$123,663	\$1,061,348
Budget Giving:	\$37,427	\$1,010,527
	\$86,236	\$50,821

LIBRARY HOURS

Sunday: 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Tuesday: Closed for the Holiday
Wednesday: 8:15 a.m.-2:15 p.m.
Thursday: 8:15 a.m.-2:15 p.m.



UPDATE: GENERAL FUND GOAL

We are excited to share that we have met the financial goal for calendar year-end giving! You may recall that we have been praying that giving to the General Fund would exceed \$360,000 between Thanksgiving and December 31. The Lord answered those prayers with General Fund giving totaling \$391,787! Thanks to everyone who participated in the challenge and, most importantly, praise the Lord for his provision!

In Christ,
Caleb Hardacre, Treasurer

