

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.

	Room
The Bridge	101
Faith Connections	102
Body Builders	103
@the.CORE (2 nd , 4 th /5 th Sundays)	201

10:15 a.m.

	Room
The Point Gathering	YCA

10:45 a.m.

	Room
Bereans	201
Disciplemakers	202
Faithful Followers	204
Koinonia	YCB

INFORMATION TABLES

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

- Operation Christmas Child
- Women's North Woods Event
- Trunk or Treat

Welcome

OCTOBER 7, 2018

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***

CONQUERING COMPROMISE

REVELATION 2:12-17

PASTOR DAVID CAPISTRANT

HIGHLIGHTS

NEWCOMERS LUNCH

WOMEN'S NORTH WOODS NIGHT

HARVEST GARDENS CLEAN-UP

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please be sure we have your current contact information by filling out the registration pad when it comes by, or contacting the church office.

FAITH CONNECTIONS MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

The Faith Connections mini-Congregation is coordinating a pajama drive as part of the 10x10 Church Foster Care Event on Oct. 13 in Maplewood. If you'd like to participate please go to "The City" for more information, or contact Nancy Zugschwert at 651.387.3715.

NEWCOMERS LUNCH

TODAY, Oct. 7 | 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 Todd, along with some of our staff, will share about the mission and vision of First Free and how you fit into it. Childcare provided.

GRACE GROUP

God Reigns Against Cancer's Efforts
Thu., Oct. 11 | 10 a.m.
Pine Tree Apple Orchard

Women who have or have had cancer meet to share news, personal experiences, helpful information, encouragement and prayer. Caregivers are always welcome. If you have questions, contact Pat Plooster (651.777.3322) or Diane Johnson (651.777.0041).

YOUTH FALL FLING RETREAT AT CAMP SHAMINEAU

Fall Fling is a chance to get away and hear from God, fellowship with your youth group friends and worship God together! Enjoy favorite activities like the climbing wall, paintball, crafts and a flag football tournament.

Junior High

Fri.-Sun., Oct. 12-14

Meet at First Free. Leave Fri. 3:30 p.m.

Return Sun. 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$125. To sign up fill out a registration form and sign up on the Youth Wall by Oct. 3.

Senior High

Fri.-Sun., Oct. 19-21

Meet at First Free. Leave Fri. 3:30 p.m.

Return Sun. 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$150. To sign up fill out a registration form and sign up on the Youth Wall by Oct. 7.

HARVEST GARDENS CLEANUP

Sat., Oct. 13 | 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Harvest Gardens

Join the Harvest Gardens team to button up and put the gardens to bed for the season. This is a great activity for the whole family. You can help anytime between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., so come when you can, leave when you must.

OCC FUNDRAISER

Wed., Oct. 17 | 4:30-8 p.m.

10% of all sales will be donated to First Free for Operation Christmas Child by Pizza Ranch at the Maplewood location.

MEN'S MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP

Sat., Oct. 20 | 8-9:15 a.m.

Mark your calendars for our monthly men's get-together! "Godly Men Live By Faith," (Living by faith through work, in relationships and as a daily walk with God) led by Pastor Jim with donuts, bagels and coffee!

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY INFO. MEETING

Sun., Oct. 21 | 12:15 p.m. | Room 201

If you are interested in being involved in a pro-life ministry at First Free please attend this informational meeting. We will discuss the formation of a ministry team that will keep the church informed on pro-life issues like the sanctity of human life in the womb, euthanasia and human trafficking. Please plan on attending or contact Pastor Jim or Pastor Todd for more information.

GRIEF SHARE

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Sun., Oct. 28 | 3-5 p.m. | Youth Center B

Holidays can be difficult for those experiencing the loss of a loved one, so GriefShare offers a special event proven to help many through their grief journey during the holidays. Everyone is welcome. Call 651.777.5180 for more information.

BRIDAL SHOWER

Sat., Oct. 28 | 3-4:30 p.m. | Room 201

You are invited to a bridal shower for Rachael Brown. Rachael is daughter of Amy Brown and granddaughter of Norma Anderson. She grew up attending First Free and worked many summers at Camp Shamineau. Rachael met Corin McHargue during Reign Ministries training camp. Please bring a recipe to share! They are registered at Target, Macy's and Amazon.

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Please express your gratitude to our full-time Pastors and Ministry Directors. Emails are firstinitiallastname@firstfetc.org. (For example tolson@firstfetc.org)

Todd Olson
Senior Pastor

David Capistrant
Pastor of Adult Ministries

Kenny King
Pastor of Youth & Families

Dorkham See
Pastor of Worship & Arts

Jim Kirkpatrick
Pastor of Care & Outreach

Jordan Monson
Church Plant Pastor

Sam Olson
Director of Junior High & College Ministries

Nathan Greenwalt
Director of Administration & Senior Adult Ministries

Neighborhood outreach event!
Wed., Oct. 31 | 6:30 - 8 p.m.



Participate by:

- Bringing your children to "trunk or treat" around the parking lot full of decorated cars.
- Sign up to decorate your car and pass out candy.
- Donate candy at the table in the Lobby.

Sign up at the table in the Lobby or contact Tyler Bakker (tbakker@firstfetc.org) if you want to help.

FIRST FREE TEAM
World Vision
TODAY, Full Marathon – Beth Olson
Scott Schaefer (C) Ben Lathrop
Max Schaefer Kenny King

Help provide clean water for children without breaking a sweat! Support these marathon runners!

PRAY AND GIVE TOWARDS CLEAN WATER FOR KIDS IN AFRICA, IN JESUS NAME!



women's fall kick-off
Fri., Oct. 12 • 6:30-8:30 p.m. •
• Activity Center •
• s'mores • cider • games •
• worship •
• speaker: Kelsey Capistrant •
wear your favorite flannel! free event!

If you are not a night-time driver and would require transportation, please let us know and we will make arrangements for you.
RSVP to Jess Brown (jess.brown137@gmail.com or 651.788.2754) or sign up at the Lobby table.

CHURCH Multiplication SUNDAY PRAY WITH US

Today is EFCA Church Multiplication Sunday, a day we are committing to pray for increased fruitfulness in the multiplication of churches throughout the United States and beyond. As God continues to show his faithfulness, we want to humbly go before him in prayerful dependence for the future. But we can't do it alone! We need you to stand with us by praying with us! Will you join us, as one church with one voice, by praying to the One who is able to do far more abundantly than we ask or think?

PARTNER WITH US

THIS WEEK AT FIRST FREE

Today, October 7

8:30 a.m. – Sunday Morning Prayer – 202
9 a.m. – Blended Worship – WC
Nursery, Preschool, Sunday School (K-12),
Adult mini-Congregations
Membership Matters – 107
10:15 a.m. – The Point – YCA
10:15 a.m. – Kids' Choir (3-6)
10:45 a.m. – Contemporary Worship – WC
Nursery, Preschool,
Chapel Time/Kids' Choir (K-2),
Adult mini-Congregations
12:30 p.m. – Newcomers Lunch – FH
5 p.m. – Prayer Meeting
6 p.m. – Church Plant Training – Offsite

Monday, October 8

10 a.m. Grief Share – 202
6:30 p.m. – Men's Basketball – Gym

Tuesday, October 9

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

Wednesday, October 10

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, October 11

7:30 a.m. – Men's Prayer Meeting – 202
9 a.m. – Mom's Day Away – 212
10 a.m. – GRACE Group – Offsite
6:30 p.m. – Men's Basketball – Gym

Friday, October 12

6:30 p.m. – Women's Fall Kick-Off – AC

Saturday, October 13

8 a.m. – Men's Bible Study – 202
8 a.m. – Harvest Gardens Clean-up – HG

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.
Taylor Nielsen

Air Force Reserves
Dale Buetow

Army
Sean Brownlee
Kyle Fenstermacher
Jonathan Laansma

Army National Guard
Andrew Beach
Matthew Longendyke

Marines
Paul Addington
Peter Gillen

Navy
Jarrod Schad

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

	GENERAL FUND	
	WEEKLY	YTD
Actual Giving:	\$30,082	\$475,637
Budget Giving:	\$37,427	\$523,977
	(\$7,345)	(\$48,340)


LIBRARY HOURS

Sunday: 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Tuesday: 11:45 a.m.-2:15 p.m.
Wednesday: 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
6:30-8:15 p.m. (during mid-week programming)
Thursday: 8:15 a.m.-2:15 p.m.

ONLINE GIVING

If you have set up recurring giving online, please double check that your recurring gift has not expired. This happened to some of our members without them realizing it. Thank you to everyone who generously gives to First Free as part of their regular tithe.

RENOVATION IS UNDERWAY!



RESTROOM RENOVATION

PROJECT COST	THIS WEEK	TOTAL RAISED	REMAINING NEED
\$140,000	\$1,945	\$127,235	\$12,765