

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:

- Offering Envelopes
- Widow & Widowers
- Free Calendars

Welcome

DECEMBER 2, 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**

THE ARRIVAL

THE SHEPHERD

MICAH 5:2–4

PASTOR TODD OLSON

HIGHLIGHTS

CHURCH PLANT PREVIEW

NEWCOMERS LUNCH

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

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 at any time during the winter months a decision is made to cancel services due to the weather, this information will be posted on our website, www.firstefc.org, and a message will be left on the church voicemail system.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

2019 offering envelopes are available beginning today 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).

STOCK GIFTS

Making a gift of appreciated stock can be a great way to give generously. The benefits to you include avoiding capital gain taxes and getting a charitable deduction based on the fair market value of the stock on the day of the gift, without any out-of-pocket cash payments. If you have any questions about how to make such a donation, please contact our accounting office. If you've recently made such a donation, please also make sure our accounting office is informed so that we can appropriately record your gift/designation.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT INVITES

There are Christmas concert invites available on the Welcome Center wall.

NEWCOMERS LUNCH

TODAY, Dec. 2 | 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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD WAREHOUSE NIGHT

Mon., Dec. 3 | 4:30-10:30 p.m.
Meet at First Free

Senior high students and senior adults are invited to go to the OCC warehouse to sort gift-filled shoe boxes to send to kids around the world. We will take a motorcoach and eat together at McDonald's, so bring money for food. Students: sign up on the Youth Wall. Senior adults: sign up with Annette Peterson (651.653.7433).

CALENDARS

2019 Calendars are available at the table in the Lobby. Help yourselves!

PRO-LIFE LEADERSHIP MEETING

Sun., Dec. 9 | 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. Lunch is provided. RSVP Ann Fenderson if you are able to attend.

SENIOR HIGH STUDY SPACE

Weds., Dec. 12 | 6:30-8 p.m.
Youth Center B

9-12 graders, use this space for study, tutoring, college applications, etc. Subject matter experts will be present to help!

WIDOW & WIDOWERS OPEN HOUSE

Sat., Dec. 15 | Noon-4 p.m.

You are invited to an Open House at the Choe's home to enjoy savory appetizers and homemade Christmas cookies and candy. Carpool with friends if you can and stop by between noon-4 p.m. We will also sing carols and check out Karen's nativity collection from around the world! Sign up in the Lobby either today or Sunday, December 9 to pick up directions for the Choe's home. You can also call or email Karen at 651.337.1496 or choekaren@gmail.com.

MEN'S MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP

Sat., Dec. 15 | 8-9:15 a.m. | Room 201

Men, come enjoy donuts, bagels, coffee and fellowship! The topic will be "Living and Leading Like King David - Mostly" led by Pastor Jim Kirkpatrick.

**CHURCH PLANT PREVIEW
TONIGHT!**



CAPITAL CITY CHURCH

Join us for our first worship service as Capital City Church, First Free's church plant. Whether you're contemplating joining Capital City or wanting to celebrate with us and send us off well, please join us TONIGHT at 6 p.m. for a preview service. We're meeting at St. Mark's Lutheran Church at 550 7th St W, St Paul, MN 55102. There is ample street parking and a small lot connected to the church.



In what has amounted to the deadliest wildfire in California history, 90 percent of Paradise, California, has been destroyed. More than 7,600 single-family homes and 260 commercial structures burnt to the ground. Forty-eight lives lost and hundreds more missing.

Eighty homes of EFCA congregants were destroyed by the fire, leaving just two families from Paradise EFC with homes to which to return. Still, by the grace of God, all the congregants' lives were spared. We're responding, but we need your help. Along with the physical restoration, the Crisis Response team is focusing on trauma care - providing support and counseling to those who experienced this disaster firsthand.

PRAY

For God's peace, comfort, hope and restoration to cover Pastor Art Worthington, Paradise EFC and all those affected by the fire in the Paradise community.

For God's wisdom, guidance and strength for those on the ground responding from Crisis Response and the EFCA Western District.

For unity, both in Northern California and across our EFCA movement, as we seek to help our neighbors recover from this disaster.

For God to be glorified and the Gospel to be spread in the face of this devastating fire.

GIVE

After Hurricane Harvey hit, we raised over \$1.6 million in relief funds, by the grace of God. The devastation in Paradise has been even more catastrophic on our EFCA family, so we are in great need of your financial support.

By check: EFCA, 901 E 78th St., Minneapolis, MN 55420
Indicate Paradise CA Fire Response 21709-39286
Online: Give at efca.org/california-wildfire-response

ROCKPOINT 55+ CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Thu., Dec 6 | 11 a.m. | Rockpoint EFC

Seniors 55+ and Widows & Widowers are invited to a Christmas program with special music by Dan & Karin Wickman at Rockpoint EFC. Tickets are \$10.00 and include a Christmas lunch. Tickets must be purchased by TODAY and are available in the church office or from Nathan Greenwalt.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS



"Christ is Born!"

Sat., Dec. 8 & Sun., Dec. 9
4 p.m. | Worship Center



"Christmas Collective"

Sun., Dec. 16 | 6:30 p.m.
Worship Center

A celebration of Christmas featuring the Worship Choir, Worship Orchestra, The First Free Singers, a brass ensemble, as well as Scripture reading, Christmas hymns, and a Gospel presentation. Kids' Choir will also sing. Childcare provided through age five.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Mon., Dec. 24 | 3 & 4:30 p.m.

Join us for a Christmas Eve candlelight service that celebrates the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Childcare provided through age five.

GOODIE BUFFET

Sun., Dec. 16 | 9 a.m.-Noon, Gym

Bring Christmas treats to share while you enjoy fellowship with our church family.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST FREE

Today, December 2

8:30 a.m. - Sunday Morning Prayer - 202
9 a.m. - Blended Worship - WC
Nursery, Preschool, Sunday School (K-12),
Adult mini-Congregations
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
12:30 p.m. - Newcomers Lunch - FH
5 p.m. - Prayer Meeting - 202
6 p.m. - Church Plant Preview Service - Offsite

Monday, December 3

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

Tuesday, December 4

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

Wednesday, December 5

9 a.m. - Mom's Day Away - 212
9:45 a.m. - Senior Adult Bible Study - 204
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, December 6

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

Saturday, December 8

8 a.m. - Men's Bible Study - 202
9:30 a.m. - BB Gun Shoot - AC
4 p.m. - Christ Is Born! - WC

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 2, 2018

GENERAL FUND

	WEEKLY	YTD
Actual Giving:	\$32,419	\$751,301
Budget Giving:	\$37,427	\$748,538
	(\$5,008)	(\$72,091)

LIBRARY HOURS

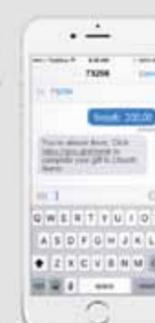
Sunday: 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Tuesday: 11:45 a.m.-2:15 p.m.
Wednesday: 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
6:30-8:15 p.m.
Thursday: 8:15 a.m.-2:15 p.m.

**TEXT GIVING IS SIMPLE,
FAST AND SECURE**

"All must give as they are able, according to the blessings given to them by the Lord your God."
-Deuteronomy 16:17

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and securely
from anywhere,
anytime.

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And "amount"
To 73256
And follow the prompts.



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

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