

**ROFKAHR**  
DAVE & MICHELLE



**REACHGLOBAL**

Dave and our daughter Rachel traveled to the Middle East last summer for a few weeks. They did the pre-work necessary to set up logistics for our Apex summer teams and our two-year internships for 2018. They met with partners in Amman, Jordan and Beirut, Lebanon. It's been a busy, but very productive time since the first of the year. I had the privilege to meet for a day with EFCA Missions Pastors in Phoenix to discuss how ReachGlobal can work even more closely with them to pursue the fulfillment of the Great Commission. It was a great time of mutual learning. Following that, I did a 2-hour seminar at the Perspectives course in Willmar, MN on "The Story of His Glory" – the thread of God's glory throughout the Scriptures – truly his story. The end of January I was on campus at Trinity International University promoting our Apex Internships and meeting with faculty, staff and student leaders to strengthen our connection to the campus as a pipeline for future laborers for the Kingdom. I had the privilege to speak at their chapel service on "What Does the Gospel Have To Do With Justice?" (<https://youtu.be/Lx3ZnyVr9g>) This month I traveled to San Antonio, TX to meet three days with the ReachGlobal Directional Team and then three days with EFCA Senior Pastors participating in our annual Theology Conference. The Directional Team continues to unpack clarity and purpose for our team (this is the senior leadership team for the mission). This year's theological topic revolves around the issue of "Justice and the Gospel." I am heading to Columbia, SC to Columbia International University for their missions week. We have not been on campus there before – please pray for favor. Pray for our daughter-in-law, Jenny – five months pregnant and dealing with a mean virus (not flu). Pray for our Trinity contacts – we had multiple great conversations with students – pray for multiple sign-ups for Apex this coming summer. Pray for continued favor with EFCA Missions Pastors, for growing ministry connections, and for my Mobilization Team to serve them well.

**FAMILY MATTERS**

**PRAYER**

Tim is home for two weeks helping his parents, Emma and Arlowe, as his brother Steve moves into a group home and his mom starts chemo. Emma's cancer has spread to her liver. Please pray for help for Tim's sister, Cindy, who is also disabled and still living at home. Pray for the family. These are a lot of changes in a short time. Pray too for the girls at home in Spain. (Spring Becker)

**FAMILY NEWS**

Thank you for your words of sympathy and the beautiful flowers for Marilyn's memorial service. (The Family of Marilyn Lutz)

We praise God for our Dad, Roger Larson, a longtime member of First Evangelical Free Church as he celebrates his 100th birthday on Feb. 13, 2018. We are grateful for his love and commitment to Jesus as we are blessed with a godly legacy! (Jan [daughter] & Judd Ekblad)

**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](mailto: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 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays)	201

10:15 a.m.	Room
The Point Gathering	JH Youth Center

10:45 a.m.	Room
Bereans	201
Disciplemakers	202
Faithful Followers	204
Koinonia	HS Youth Center

**INFORMATION TABLES**

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

- Men's Breakfast
- Widow & Widowers Valentine Luncheon

**PRAYER NETWORK** for urgent requests  
Paige Lincoln (651.785.8220)

**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](mailto:lwhorton@firstefc.org).

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE**  
Must be in writing or email to [ckeller@firstefc.org](mailto: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.

# Welcome

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***

**GOD WHO... GUIDES**

ISAIAH 58  
PASTOR DAVID CAPISTRANT

**HIGHLIGHTS**

WIDOW & WIDOWERS LUNCH

MEN'S BREAKFAST

ANNUAL MEETING



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 Newcomer's Lunch, offered monthly.



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.



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Please let the pastoral staff know when you are admitted to a **HOSPITAL** by calling 651.777.5180.

## WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

If at any time during the winter months a decision is made to cancel services or events due to the weather, this information will be posted on our website, [www.firstefc.org](http://www.firstefc.org), and a message will be left on the church voicemail system.

## LOST & FOUND

An assortment of clothing, Bibles, mugs, 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. Note that valuables, such as eyeglasses, car keys, jewelry, etc. are kept locked in the church office. Also check the Kitchen Lost & Found for dishes left behind.

## NURSERY CAREGIVERS NEEDED

First Free has experienced a baby boom over the past few months. We are now beginning to see the babies in the Nursery quite steadily. As a result, some additional help is needed on Sunday mornings. Would you consider serving one service, once per month? Please contact Tonya Dahl at [tdahl@firstefc.org](mailto:tdahl@firstefc.org) or 651-324-8814.

## WIDOWS & WIDOWERS

Wed., Feb. 14 | Noon  
Fellowship Hall

Come for a Valentine's luncheon for friends to get together to celebrate God's love! Sign up at the table in the Lobby or contact John & Karen Choe at 651.337.1496.

## GRIEFSHARE

Mondays through April 6  
10 a.m. | Room 202  
Cost: \$20 for a workbook

GriefShare is a video seminar series featuring some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on grief and recovery topics as seen from a biblical perspective. The video seminars are combined with support group discussion of the materials presented during the video. Anyone is welcome to begin attending GriefShare at any point in the 13 weeks. Contact Carolyn Schultz (651.777.0029) or Diane Johnson (651.777.0041) to sign up or with questions.

## ELDER PRAYER FOCUS FOR FEBRUARY

Please join the Elders as they pray for:

- Praise that we met our General Fund financial goals in 2017
- Church planting
- More followers of Jesus

## FAITH CONNECTIONS MINI-CONGREGATION

9 a.m. | Room 102

If you are looking for a place to connect with people as you deepen your faith, come and visit the new Faith Connections mini-Congregation led by Jim & Nancy Zugschwert, Peter & Karen Thompson, and Josh & Kendra Madison. Each week you'll find application-focused Bible teaching (currently studying James), round table fellowship and discussion format, and dedicated time each week for meaningful get-acquainted activities. There's a place for adults of all ages, singles, and couples. We'd love to have you join us!

## BIBLICAL COUNSELING ALLIANCE CONFERENCE

March 3, 2018

The Dr. Stuart Scott and Martha Peace conference venue has been changed to Fourth Baptist Church, Plymouth, MN. To register or find more information go to [www.bc-alliance.org](http://www.bc-alliance.org).

## CAMP SHAMINEAU MEN'S RETREAT

Men's Ministries wants to encourage all men to attend the Men's Overhaul Retreat at Camp Shamineau March 2-4. Joel Hanson will lead the worship music. This is an opportunity for fun and fellowship alongside Christian men as well as spiritual growth. Cost is \$109. If interested, contact [www.shamineau.org](http://www.shamineau.org).

## SAVE THE DATE - GUYS ROCK RIDGE WORK TREK

July 29-Aug. 2

All men, junior high through adults, can serve Rock Ridge Camp in Ely, MN by splitting wood, clearing trees, cabin rebuilding etc.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST



Saturday, Feb. 17 | Fellowship Hall

7:30 a.m. - Coffee

8 a.m. - Breakfast served

Speaker Jordan Monson.

Please sign up in the lobby so we can have an accurate count for food.

Any questions, please call/text Brian Finley

651. 357.0793 or email [amybrianfinley@gmail.com](mailto:amybrianfinley@gmail.com)

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, FEB. 25 | 6 P.M. | WORSHIP CENTER

(Childcare for Infants - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Topics to be addressed include:

- Church plant
- New members
- Elect church officers

The 2017 Annual Report will be available to pick up at the Welcome Center on Sunday, Feb. 18.

## ELIC SHORT TERM TRIPS

### INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Sun., Feb. 18 | 12:15 p.m. | Lower Fellowship Hall

Lunch will be provided.

Join Laura Heckman, the ELIC Senior Manager, Short-Term Programs, as she shares the opportunities to serve in China and Cambodia this summer. Mike and Amanda Keller will share about their long-term commitment with ELIC.

**And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"**

## SHORT-TERM GLOBAL OUTREACH

Where might you serve in 2018?

WHEN	WHO	WHERE	CONTACT
March 10-17	College-age	TEXAS ReachGlobal	<a href="mailto:solson@firstefc.org">solson@firstefc.org</a>
May 23-June 25	18-age 40	CHINA (ELIC)	<a href="mailto:sdennison@usfamily.net">sdennison@usfamily.net</a>
June 12-July 27	College-age	CHINA (APEX)	<a href="mailto:halforange@gmail.com">halforange@gmail.com</a>
June 22-August 5	Adult 65 & under	CHINA (ELIC)	<a href="mailto:sdennison@usfamily.net">sdennison@usfamily.net</a>
June 22-July 27	Adult 18 & up	CAMBODIA (ELIC)	<a href="mailto:sdennison@usfamily.net">sdennison@usfamily.net</a>

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST FREE

### Today, Feb. 11

8:30 a.m. - Sunday Morning Prayer - 202

9 a.m. - Blended Worship - WC

Nursery, Preschool, Sunday School (K-6),  
Adult mini-Congregations

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

5 p.m. - Prayer Meeting - 202

### Monday, Feb. 12

10 a.m. - GriefShare - 202

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

### Tuesday, Feb. 13

9:30 a.m. - Women In The Word - YC

7:00 p.m. - Evening Women In The Word - 201

### Wednesday, Feb. 14

9:30-11:30 a.m. - Preschool Playtime - AC

9:45 a.m. - Senior Adult Bible Study - 204

10 a.m. - Women's Study of John - 201

Noon - Widow and Widower Lunch - FH

6:30 p.m. - Expedition, Nursery-Gr. 6 - AC

Junior High Gr. 7-8 - Gym

Women's Study of John - 106

Men's Growth through Discovery - FH

Women's Growth through Discovery - 201

Marriage Class - 101

Worship Choir Rehearsal - WC

8 p.m. - High School Gr. 9-12 - Gym

### Thursday, Feb. 15

7:30 a.m. - Men's Prayer Meeting - 202

9 a.m. - Mom's Day Away - 212

### Saturday, Feb. 17

8 a.m. - Men's Breakfast - FH

8 a.m. - Men's Bible Study - 202

AC - Activity Center  
PO - Pastor Todd's Office  
WC - Worship Center

FH - Lower Fellowship Hall  
YC - Youth Center  
HG - Harvest Gardens

## 2018 FIRST FREE ELDERS

Jon Addington  
Mike Anderson  
Eric Berglund  
Marty Dennison  
Randy Gnadke  
Harv Hendrickson  
Dan Larsen  
Chris Manrodt  
Caleb Olsen  
Todd Olson

## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

### Air Force

Nathan Persons

### Air Force National Guard

Roger Hall, Jr.  
Taylor Juvland

### Air Force Reserves

Dale Buetow

### Army

Sean Brownlee  
Kyle Fenstermacher

### Army National Guard

Andrew Beach  
Matthew Longendyke

### Marines

Paul Addington  
Peter Gillen

### Navy

Jarrold Schad

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

FEB. 4, 2018

### GENERAL GIVING\*

Offering: \$41,716

Receipts: \$1,146,508\*\*

Expenditures: \$1,070,742\*\*

Net change: \$75,766

### SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

Offering: \$680

Receipts: \$51,256\*\*

Expenditures: \$46,991\*\*

Net change: \$4,265

\* Average weekly need is \$35,403 to meet our 2017/18 budget

\*\* For the period 7/1/17-1/31/18

THEN YOU  
SHALL CALL,  
AND THE LORD  
WILL ANSWER;  
YOU SHALL CRY,  
AND HE WILL SAY;  
'HERE I AM.'  
ISAIAH 58:9A