

**PERSONS**  
Gary & Christine



**Wycliffe**

We felt like “snow birds” as we left Maryland at the end of January and flew south for a month-long trip to the Philippines. Our standby travel went smoothly and neither one of us suffered with jet lag in the Philippines. That’s a first for me (Chris)! We had a productive month in Bolinao. With only a few glitches, Gary was able to update seven computers to the newest version of our dictionary software. Pray the development problems in this new version will be resolved soon. He was also able to make repairs to a couple of computers that weren’t functioning well. We praise God for the newest member of our team, Rhodora Gismundo. She’s volunteering to help with the dictionary. Pray for her as she trains on the software. We still need another speaker of the Anda dialect of Bolinao to help with various aspects of the dictionary, so pray also for God’s provision of that person. Two members of our team are dealing with family needs; pray this will not slow down progress on the dictionary. The dubbing and editing of the Jesus Film in the Bolinao language has been completed, and the churches are looking forward to a public viewing to help catch any changes that need to be made before the master film is produced. Gary again presented to the Bolinao Evangelical Ministers’ Association the possibility of having the Bolinao New Testament recorded through Faith Comes by Hearing. It would be another big undertaking for them, so pray for God’s wisdom as they consider whether or not to pursue this opportunity. We still have about 375 Bolinao Bibles left, and we’d like to donate these to some of the outreach programs the Bolinao churches have in remote locations. We also met with a representative of the Department of Education (DepEd) regarding what steps need to be taken for their approval of Mother-Tongue Based Multilingual Education (MTB-MLE) in elementary schools. Teachers have attended several seminars and workshops as well as produced Bolinao teaching materials in the past; however, more training and materials would be needed to make MTB-MLE viable in the schools. Pray for wisdom for those who will be making decisions about this. Thank you for your part in what God is doing in our lives and in the lives of the Bolinao people!

**FAMILY MATTERS**

**PRAYER**  
Pray for me as I have my cornea transplant on Monday morning. Pray for wisdom for the doctor and that my vision will be restored. Pray there will be no rejection of tissue and no allergic reaction to the drops. I long to be able to read my Bible again. (Char Kelly)

Pray for my niece in Arizona who has been diagnosed with flesh eating disease. She may lose her arm. Pray for healing. (Shirley Almberg)

**PRAISE**  
I had my six-month cancer check-up and was diagnosed as cancer free!  
(Ron Heitman)

**FAMILY NEWS**  
We extend our sympathy to Peter & Cheryl Rivard and the Eastman family in the loss of Cheryl’s brother, Kevin Bishop, on May 5, 2018.

Thank you for the beautiful flowers for the memorial service for Bob’s mother Joanne! We are so very grateful for your many faithful prayers for our family. There is great peace and comfort from the Lord through the body of Christ.  
(The Family of Joanne Lee)

Congratulations to Karen Larson on her marriage to James P. Galvin in Texas, over the winter! Karen & James will reside in Hinckley during the summer and in Arizona during the winter.

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



**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 <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:

- London Short-term trip
- Men’s Breakfast
- Youth Challenge Fundraiser

**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.



**FIRST EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH**  
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MAPLEWOOD, MN 55109  
P 651.777.5180 WWW.FIRSTEFC.ORG

MAY 13, 2018  
**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*

**WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?**

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11  
PASTOR TODD OLSON

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- KIDS’ CHOIR PRAISE AND WORSHIP
- CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
- YOUTH CHALLENGE BENEFIT CONCERT



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.

## ONLINE GIVING

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

## KRISPY KREME FUNDRAISER FOR CHALLENGE

How long has it been since you had a fresh Krispy Kreme Doughnut? Well, it won't be long now until you can enjoy one again! First Free Youth are taking pre-orders for Krispy Kremes that will be delivered same-day fresh from Clive, Iowa, on Sunday, June 3. Order your dozen (or two or three—they freeze well) at the table in the Lobby by May 27, or place your order with one of our youth going to the Free Church Challenge Conference. Cost is just \$10 per dozen. For more information, contact Nancy Zugschwert, coordinator, at nancyzugschwert@gmail.com.

## CRESCENT PROJECT

June 19-23 | Bethel University

Sahara Challenge is an intensive classroom training and preparatory course focused on bridging the Gospel to the Muslim heart and mind. Participants include missionaries, pastors, lay workers, and college students, who receive practical tools and an encouraging message designed to spur a lifetime of service. For more information go to crescentproject.org/sahara or contact Maridee Farrow at maridee@farrowmedia.com or 612.816.6871.

## BIBLICAL STUDY PROGRAM

Biblical Study Program to Turkey and Greece: If you are interested in the Journeys of Paul and Churches of Revelation study program scheduled for April 26-May 9, 2019 please contact Pastor Todd at tolson@firstefc.org or 612.756.3888.

## ELDER PRAYER FOCUS FOR MAY

Please join the Elders as they pray for:

- Church planting
- Youth Challenge Conference
- Missions: ELIC summer trips & Cru July London trips
- Church Unity

## LONDON MISSION TRIPS

July 21-29 or July 21-Aug. 2

Is God nudging you? These trips are family friendly, so teens, grab a parent and go! We will be handing out copies of the Jesus Film and Scripture in Arabic on the streets. Come to the information table in the Lobby to learn more and to pick up informational materials.

## CHURCH PLANTING: VISION AND UPDATE MEETING

June 10 | 6 p.m. | Youth Center

We invite the whole church to attend! Whether you feel the call to consider being on the launch team and joining the church plant, or helping to launch us out, please come and hear what God is doing in our preparation for planting.

## HARVEST GARDENS OPENING DAY

Sat., May 19 | 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tag day was accomplished on May 12! Join us in welcoming gardeners and assist as needed. Many wheelbarrows are needed for gardeners to use to haul compost to their plots on May 19. If you can lend or donate a wheelbarrow, it would be greatly appreciated.



**CHALLENGE**

**BENEFIT CONCERT**

**SUNDAY, MAY 20 | 7:30 P.M.**

**WORSHIP CENTER**

Join Pastor Dorkham and other First Free worship team members as they share in song. Students will share about their upcoming Challenge trip to Kansas City, MO. Come hear how God has worked through this conference in the past and pray for the upcoming conference. All are welcome and a freewill offering will be taken to benefit students attending the conference. Childcare for Infants-age 5.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

Sat., May 19 | Fellowship Hall

7:30 a.m.- Coffee  
8 a.m. - Breakfast served  
Speaker: Dorkham See

Sign up in the Lobby  
Contact Brian Finley at 651. 357.0793 or amybrianfinley@gmail.com if you have questions.



**Babylon**  
Daniel's Courage in Captivity

**Vacation Bible School 2018**

PLAN AHEAD!  
Registration begins June 3!  
Sun.-Thu., July 22-26

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

MAY 20  
6 P.M. | WORSHIP CENTER

Topics to be addressed include:

- Budget
- New members
- Nominee Committee member vote

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

## NAMES SUBMITTED FOR THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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|-----------------|----------------|
| Abby Beard      | Lori Juvlund   |
| Joe Beard       | Kirsten King   |
| Nancy Beich     | Tom LaBarre    |
| Jim Bennett     | Carmen Lepley  |
| Jeannine Brown  | Gwen Malcolm   |
| Kevin Brown     | Lisa Manrodt   |
| Dawn Capistrant | Russ Mull      |
| Tim Devine      | Mark Nelson    |
| Carey Eigen     | Rob Osterlund  |
| Barb Freiling   | Dave Racer     |
| Bill Freiling   | Paul Rothermel |
| John Gregerson  | Dave Schaefer  |
| Dave Gustafson  | Craig Tator    |
| Nancy Gustafson |                |

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST FREE

### Today, May 13

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, May 14

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

### Wednesday, May 16

9:30-11:30 - Preschool Playtime - AC  
9:45 a.m. - Senior Adult Bible Study - 204  
6:30 p.m. - Men's Growth through Discovery - FH  
Women's Growth through Discovery - 201

### Thursday, May 17

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

### Saturday, May 19

8 a.m. - Men's Breakfast-FH  
8 a.m. - Men's Bible Study - 202  
8 a.m. - Harvest Gardens Opener - HG

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

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

## 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  
Jonathan Laansma

**Army National Guard**  
Andrew Beach  
Matthew Longendyke

**Marines**  
Paul Addington  
Peter Gillen

**Navy**  
Jarrod Schad

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

MAY 6, 2018

### GENERAL GIVING\*

Offering: \$44,421  
Receipts: \$1,573,536\*\*  
Expenditures: \$1,543,526\*\*  
Net change: \$30,010

### SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

Offering: \$625  
Receipts: \$80,211\*\*  
Expenditures: \$69,769\*\*  
Net change: \$10,442

\* Average weekly need is \$35,403 to meet our 2017/18 budget  
\*\* For the period 7/1/17-4/29/18



Sunday | May 20  
1:30 p.m.  
Worship Center

Join the Kids' Choir as they finish their ministry year with a time of worship and praise!

IT IS THE  
*power of God*  
THAT BRINGS  
*Salvation*  
TO EVERYONE WHO  
*believes*

ROMANS 1:16