



We continually thank God for you and rejoice in long years of friendship together in the Lord. We come today to ask for prayer for the following concerns and celebrations. Pray for two groups of youth that work at Kids Around the World warehouse helping with the work of refurbishing the playgrounds that will be shipped internationally. One of the groups are college students in a discipleship ministry, the other are “kids in trouble.” May the staff love, care for and invest in these youth, encouraging some in their love and devotion to Christ, and calling others to join them in the great romance. Kids Around the World is continually sending out teams to share the Gospel with children, install play terrains in ministry sites, and provide emergency provisions for places of crisis. May the Lord’s name be honored in word and deed among the nations. Pray for meetings in India where there is a unique ministry to street children and their families. Policy and personality have obstructed the mutual purpose of caring for these children. We ask for humility as leaders meet, not with the mindset to “get their way,” but to follow the Lord’s directives on the care of these little ones, many of whom have come to faith due to the steadfast nurture of the local church. Suzanne is grateful that she can still type through the healing process of her shattered elbow after a bad fall in January. She’s been able to continue her work on the final chapters of her doctoral dissertation, in hopes of a May graduation. We rest in his plan and mighty power to restore flex and function.

**FAMILY MATTERS**

**PRAYER**

Pray that treatment for the deep vein thrombosis in my leg would be effective. (Roger Beach)

We’re thankful to God for his faithfulness to us, especially as he’s walked beside us with Daniel. On April 30, we found out that Daniel needs no immediate surgeries and his gastrostomy tube was removed! Praising God! Please pray with us that healing would be complete, as we prepare to return “home” to China this summer. We’re so thankful for your faithful prayers! (Mike, Amanda, Jacob, Sarah & Daniel Keller)

**PRAISE**

Thanks and blessings to those of you who were able to pray for me the last few weeks. The heart bypass surgery went well and the recovery is proceeding. I can feel the prayers helping me through it all. (Bill Alwell)

**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.

<b>9 a.m.</b>	<b>Room</b>
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

<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Room</b>
The Point Gathering	JH Youth Center

<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Room</b>
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
- Widow & Widowers Service

**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  
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# 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***

**THE VALUE OF HUMAN LIFE**

GENESIS 1:26-27, PSALM 139:13-16

PASTOR TODD OLSON

**HIGHLIGHTS**

NEWCOMERS LUNCH

INDIA REPORT

MEN’S BREAKFAST



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.

**NEWCOMERS LUNCH**  
TODAY, May 6 | 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 and 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.

**WORLD VISION TEAM LAUNCH**  
TODAY, May 6

Join Pastor Kenny and Dan Hobbs today to hear more about how you can partner with them and World Vision in experiencing life transformation while impacting global poverty. Join them for a 10 minute info meeting in the Library after first hour, or in the Worship Center after second hour.

**LONDON SHORT-TERM MISSIONS INFORMATIONAL MEETING**  
TODAY | 12:10 p.m. | Room 202

There will be a short informational meeting for those interested in hearing more about the the missions trips to London July 21-29 and July 21-Aug. 2. As the temperature rises in the Middle East, many Muslims flood into London and the cooler climate. This opens the door to opportunity to share copies of Scripture in Arabic and the Jesus Film to the Muslim community!

**BUDGET INFORMATIONAL MEETING**  
Wed., May 9 | 6:30 p.m. | Jr. High Room

If you have questions or are interested in hearing more about our upcoming budget for the next fiscal year beginning July 1, please join us for this informational meeting. A vote of affirmation will occur at the congregational meeting on May 20.

**GRACE GROUP**  
**God Reigns Against Cancer's Efforts**  
Wed., May 9 | 4:30 p.m.  
Panera on White Bear Ave.

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).

**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

**WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS SERVICE**  
Thu., May 10 | 10 a.m. to Noon

The Union Gospel Mission has created a unique service opportunity for the First Free Widow and Widower group. Over 400 men sleep at the Mission every night and that means lots of laundry! Join us to help fold some sheets at UGM while having great fellowship and getting to know each other better. Bus will leave the church at 9:30 and we will stop for lunch afterward. Sign up in the Lobby or contact Karen Choe at 651.337.1496 or choekaren@gmail.com.

**HARVEST GARDEN FIELD PREPARATION**  
Sat., May 12 | 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Help is needed to prepare the Harvest Gardens for the planting season! Garden plot tags need to be attached on May 18 from 8 a.m.-Noon and the gardens will open on May 19! Contact Jon Addington with questions at 651.282.2404.

**KIDS' CHOIR WORSHIP & PRAISE**  
Sun., 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!

**PULSE TWIN CITIES**  
Sat., May 18 | 3:30 p.m.

A free event at the US Bank Stadium featuring Lacrae, Hillsong Young & Free, Jabbawockeez and a message of hope from Nick Hall. Bus transportation from church is available first for youth, adults invited if there is room on the bus. More information at pulsetwincities.com.

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY**  
Would you be willing to spend some time each week helping a relatively new attender to better communicate in English? For more information contact Bonnie Addington at 612.308.4874.

**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)

**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.

**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 6**  
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  
12:30 a.m. - Newcomers Lunch - FH  
5 p.m. - Prayer Meeting - 202  
6 p.m. - India Report- YC

**Monday, May 7**  
6:30 p.m. - Men's Basketball - Gym

**Tuesday, May 8**  
9:30 a.m. - Women in the Word - YC  
7 p.m. - Evening Women In The Word - 201

**Wednesday, May 9**  
9:30-11:30 - Preschool Playtime - AC  
9:45 a.m. - Senior Adult Bible Study - 204  
10 a.m. - Women's Study Brunch - YC  
6:30 p.m. - Expedition, Nursery-Gr. 6 - AC  
Men's Growth through Discovery - FH  
Women's Growth through Discovery - 201

**Thursday, May 10**  
7:30 a.m. - Men's Prayer Meeting - 202  
9 a.m. - Mom's Day Away - 212

**Saturday, May 12**  
8 a.m. - Men's Bible Study - 202  
8 a.m. - Field Preparation - 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**  
APRIL 29, 2018

**GENERAL GIVING\***  
Offering: \$41,517  
Receipts: \$1,397,392\*\*  
Expenditures: \$1,376,493\*\*  
Net change: \$21,082

**SHORT-TERM MISSIONS**  
Offering: \$340  
Receipts: \$64,713\*\*  
Expenditures: \$67,692\*\*  
Net change: (\$2,979)

\* Average weekly need is \$35,403 to meet our 2017/18 budget  
\*\* For the period 7/1/17-3/28/18