

TEETER
JACK & CAROLYN



NAIM Ministries

In military strategy, a retreat is a time to regroup or pull back from the battle to recharge with the intent of increasing the effectiveness of the next advance. It is not surrender. It affords the opportunity to upgrade needed supplies and personnel, clarify new strategies and directives, bring healing to the wounded, and emotionally recharge the troops for the next phase of the battle. Jesus modeled retreat when he went out to the Mount of Olives to meet with his father in Luke 22:39-44. We have just come through a season of retreats and conferences in our ministry and we find ourselves re-engaging in the battle as the summer months unfold. Actually, for Carolyn and me, the retreats and conferences are often where our strategic ministry occurs. Our Member Care and Pastoral Care roles feed into the encouragement, mentoring, rallying, and healing ministry that retreats and conferences afford. In March, we had the privilege of hosting a First Nations Couple's Retreat at our home in Birch Bay, WA. Four couples from BC joined us for three days as we attended a showing of "I Can Only Imagine" and addressed issues of trust and forgiveness, how to listen well, and what kinds of things wound and heal relationships. In April NAIM Ministries held their annual mens and ladies retreats, and we also attended the 6th annual First Nations Bible Conference in Kamloops, BC. In May, we attended a Native American conference on the Colville Reservation in Eastern Washington sponsored by CHIEF and Center for Indian Ministries. The intentional, strategic retreats and rest have refreshed us and equipped us for the next advance in the battle and the completion of the race God has called us to run. Carolyn will be driving back to North Dakota in June to help with a family wedding, and would appreciate prayer for safe travels and a time of retreat and blessing with friends and family as Jack holds down the fort in Birch Bay. We will again be hosting individuals and couples over the summer months as part of our care-giving ministry, and are grateful for our home as a retreat get-away for the weary in ministry. Our prayer is that you too are using the "retreat" strategy as the battle surrounds you. Thanks for your part in helping to enable the retreats as well as the advances for Carolyn and me in our lives and ministry.

FAMILY MATTERS

FAMILY NEWS

Congratulations to Ben & Anna Olson on the birth of their daughter, Piper Evelyn, on May 30, 2018.

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

Summer Rest K-12 - Classes resume Sept. 9

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. **Please note:** due to a summer break, only these classes are currently meeting. The others will resume Sept. 9.

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

INFORMATION TABLES

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

- Widow & Widowers
- VBS Registration
- Encounter: Family Festival

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.

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***

THINK IT RIGHT, LIVE IT RIGHT

Think Blessings

EPHESIANS 1:3-14

PASTOR DAVID CAPISTRANT

HIGHLIGHTS

CHURCH PLANT VISION MEETING

VBS REGISTRATION

OUTDOOR MUSIC & MOVIE NIGHT



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.



FIRST EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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

PLAYGROUND FELLOWSHIP

Thursdays | 9:30 a.m.

Moms, dads, grandparents and kids of all ages: join us for fellowship and fun at the park this summer. Schedules are located either at the Welcome Center or near the children's check-in. Also, join our Facebook group, First Free Park Days, to stay updated on any changes or cancellations. Use this as an opportunity to reach out and invite friends and family into our church community! Contact Beth Olson at bethanyolson2@gmail.com or 763.331.4115 with questions.

CHINESE SCHOLARS

Students and scholars from China are arriving in late July through August to study at the U of Mn. They need either an airport pickup or a place to stay for 3-5 days while they find regular housing. Offering a practical demonstration of Christian love in these ways builds relationships to a journey that often ends in faith and radically changed lives. To volunteer or to get more information contact Bob and Joanne Kraftson with China Outreach Ministries at rjkraftson@gmail.com or 651.303.7683.

WIDOW & WIDOWERS OUTING

Mon., June 11 | 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Today is the final day to sign up for the tour of the renovated State Capitol and lunch at Tavern on Grand. The 45-minute tour requires walking (a block from drop-off point to the Capitol to start with) and has just a couple of times to sit during the tour. Cost: \$7 for tour/transportation and money for lunch. If you prefer to join us just for the lunch you can sign up for a ride from the church at 10:45 a.m. to meet us for lunch.

GRACE GROUP

God Reigns Against Cancer's Efforts

Wed., June 13 | 5 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).

MEN'S WING AND A PRAYER EVENT

Fri., June 22 | 6-8 p.m.

Men are invited to join us for the "Wing and a Prayer" event. Come eat some chicken wings, see who can throw a paper airplane the farthest, and hear Jon Addington speak on prayer.

ELDER PRAYER FOCUS FOR JUNE

Please join the Elders as they pray for:

- Church mission trips
- Unity in the body
- July 4 Encounter: Family Festival
- Vacation Bible School

LADIES SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, June 19, 26; July 17, 31; Aug. 7, 14
10 a.m. or 7 p.m. | Youth Center

Please join us for a no-homework, 6-session summer study entitled: "Breaking Free from Fear." If you plan to attend email Patti Gregerson at plgregerson@yahoo.com.

OUTDOOR MUSIC & MOVIE NIGHT

Fri., June 15 | 6-10 p.m.

Harvest Gardens

You're invited to an evening of fun games, bonfire, live music, and to watch the movie, "The Incredibles" outdoors at the Harvest Gardens. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and bug spray. Popcorn and snow cones will be served. This is an *incredible* opportunity to invite your neighbors, families, and friends.

ENCOUNTER: FAMILY FESTIVAL

Wed., July 4 | 4-10 p.m.

Our 4th of July outreach, Encounter: Family Festival, features activities including family and kid-friendly games with a bounce house, live music, food trucks, and an opportunity to meet people in our local community. The fireworks begin at 10 p.m. Volunteer to help by contacting Keturah Rothermel at kjnorthquest@gmail.com or events@firststfc.org or visit the sign-up table in the Lobby.

BAPTISM CLASS

Sun., July 8 | 9 a.m., Room 202

Baptism is a testimony that you love and trust Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of your life. If you are a believer and would like to be baptized, attend this class to be a part of the Aug. 12 outdoor baptism service.

DISCOVER YOUR CITY TOUR

Sat., Aug. 18 | 8:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m.

Save the date and join us to see for yourself how the city of St. Paul has changed and how the Christian Church is responding. You will get a "hands-on" feel for what really is going on in the city. Focused prayer is a part of this tour as well.



YOU'RE INVITED CLASS OF 2018 GRADUATION OPEN HOUSES

CASEY MARKOVICH

Sun., June 10, 1-5 p.m.
1611 Mary St. N, Maplewood
Parent: Jill Markovich

TIMMY LINDQUIST

Sun., June 10, 3-7 p.m.
16 Echo Lake Blvd., Mahtomedi
Parents: Tim & Suzanne Lindquist

MEG SCHAEFER

Fri., June 15, 4:30-7:30 p.m.
2634 S Riviera Dr.,
White Bear Lake
Parents: Scott & Stacy Schaefer

DANIEL PEABODY

Sat., June 16, 3-7 p.m.
2699 Hazelwood St., Maplewood

Parents: Mark & Joy Peabody

PAUL JUNKER

Thu., June 21, 5-8 p.m.
Thompson Park (North Shelter)
360 Butler Ave. E, West St. Paul
Parents: Randy & Kathy Junker

LOGAN SACCOMAN

Sat., June 23, Noon-3 p.m.
9104 68th St. N, Stillwater
Parent: Diana Saccoman

GABE NICE

Sun., June 24, 2-4 p.m.
First Free Youth Center
Parents: Bill & Katie Nice

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SUPPORTERS

The OCC Collection box will be out on the 3rd Sunday of every month. Now is a good time to peruse garage sales for new or gently used items.

Needed items for boys and girls ages 2-14:

Bars of soap
Small washcloths
Toothbrushes and combs
Small toys: cars, balls, flashlights, beanie babies and small dolls
Pencils, pens, erasers, pencil sharpeners and paper
Clothes and flip flops especially for 2-4 and 10-14-year-old boys
Accessories: hair clips and bracelets

Items NOT accepted:

Liquid items including shampoo, lotion or toothpaste
Food items
No gun or military related toys
No glass or other breakables

CHURCH PLANT VISION AND UPDATE MEETING

We invite the whole church to attend!

June 10
6 p.m.
Youth Center



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.



Vacation Bible School 2018

Sun.-Thu., July 22-26

Register today in the Lobby
or on our website!
Free event for age 4-incoming Grade 6

VBS CRAFT ITEMS NEEDED

- 2 liter pop bottles (smooth sided, clear)
- Water bottles



THIS WEEK AT FIRST FREE

Today, June 10

8:30 a.m. - Sunday Morning Prayer - 202
9 a.m. - Blended Worship - WC
Nursery, Preschool
10:45 a.m. - Contemporary Worship - WC
Nursery, Preschool
Adult mini-Congregations
5 p.m. - Prayer Meeting - 202
6 p.m. - Church Plant Meeting - YC

Wednesday, June 13

7 p.m. - Men's Bible Study - 202

Thursday, June 14

7:30 a.m. - Men's Prayer Meeting - 202
9 a.m. - PALS - 212

Friday, June 15

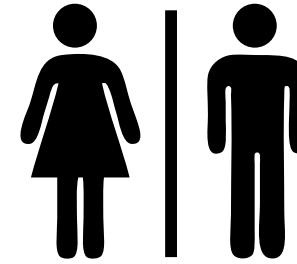
6 p.m. - Outdoor Music & Movie - HG

AC - Activity Center
PO - Pastor Todd's Office
WC - Worship Center
FH - Lower Fellowship Hall
YC - Youth Center
HG - Harvest Gardens

SUMMER LIBRARY HOURS

Sunday 9 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Monday 9:15 a.m. - 1:15 a.m.
Wednesday 9:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

RESTROOM RENOVATION



PROJECT COST	THIS WEEK	TOTAL RAISED
\$140,000	\$7,000	\$43,000

* Please note: the incorrect project cost was posted in last weeks bulletin.

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

JUNE 3, 2018

GENERAL GIVING*

Offering: \$42,749
Receipts: \$1,573,536**
Expenditures: \$1,543,526**
Net change: \$30,010

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

Offering: \$430
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

KIDS SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Unmask the **S**uper **R**eaders in you!

The Kids Summer Reading Program starts next Sunday! Parents with eligible children should have received an emailed letter last week with all the details. Starting June 17, kids currently in the 4/5s Class through 4th Grade may print out a reading log from the church website <http://firststfc.org/library> or pick one up outside the Library.

Turn in your reading log each week and Mrs. Larsen, the Librarian, will update your certificate on the wall outside the Library. Watch for the tower of ice cream scoops to gauge your team's progress!

