

**GERHARDT
JOHN & WENDY**



**Urban Impact
Ministries**

One of the first ways many children and adults get involved in our ministry is through our Day Camp. Urban Impact provides one of the only free camps in New Orleans, and kids and parents are really excited. We are a trusted presence in our community, and we give kids a safe place to gather as they learn about the Gospel and God's purposes for their lives. Kids receive quality programing including drama, sports, Bible classes, crafts, water days and field trips. We serve an average of 60 kids each day. Some youth who have participated in our Day Camps have the opportunity to learn more about Jesus at the weeklong KAA camp in Missouri. For the 27th year, we will be bringing a busload of 42 kids to hear and respond to God's calling on their lives. Kids come hope-filled with joy and we build on that by involving them in our youth and education ministry that helps them keep growing in their faith. This year 13 youth and leaders will attend the Challenge Conference in Kansas City. What an unbelievable opportunity for these kids to grow in their faith, meet others their age who are on fire for Christ, and be challenged to stand up for Jesus. Challenge helps prepare our older youth to return to their school and community and be effective leaders for Christ. We have always been committed to having our ministry led by those who live in the community. We're so excited to continue hiring our youth to serve the children in our camp. Through God's grace, we've got an amazing summer full of ministry opportunities planned. Thank you for your faithful partnership with Urban Impact.

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

9 a.m. Room
Body Builders 103

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

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

EPHESIANS
PASTOR TODD OLSON

HIGHLIGHTS

NEWCOMERS LUNCH

CHURCH PLANT VISION MEETING

VBS REGISTRATION

FAMILY MATTERS

PRAYER

Please pray for Karin, Ryan, Annika and Gretta as they follow God's leading and prepare to transition from living in Asia to Minnesota. There are many plans and decisions to make as they arrive here at the end of July. (Diane Johnson)

FAMILY NEWS

Congratulations to Anna Gustafson and Matt Rodriguez who were married on Friday, May 25, 2018.

Congratulations to Ben Cunliffe and Amanda Pepler who were married on Sunday, May 27, 2018.

We wish to express our sympathy to Marj Christensen and Spring Becker, whose husband and father, Ron Christensen went home to be with the Lord on May 22. His funeral service is planned for Friday, August 3 at First Free at 11 a.m.

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 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.

KRISPY KREME FUNDRAISER

Not from Heaven, but fresh from Iowa... Krispy Kremes are here! Thank you, First Free, for supporting our youth trip to Challenge through multiple fundraisers this year! If you pre-ordered Krispy Kreme doughnuts, they will be ready for pick-up after both services today in the Gym. There may be some extras, so if you didn't get to place your order or have decided you "need" more, please check with the doughnut team in the Gym. Questions? Contact Nancy Z. at 651.387.3715

NEWCOMERS LUNCH

TODAY | 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 Todd, along with some of our staff, will share about the mission and vision of First Free and how you fit into it.

WIDOW & WIDOWERS OUTING

Mon., June 11 | 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Tour the renovated State Capitol and enjoy lunch together. Sign up at the table in the Lobby to secure your spot on the bus and for lunch. The 45-minute tour requires walking 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 lunch you can sign up for a ride from the church at 10:45 a.m. to meet up with the group. Contact Rose Wald at 651.330.2618 with questions.

MEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, June 6, 13, 20, 27; July 11, 18
7–8 p.m. | Room 202

Join us for a 6-week video series—"When I Don't Desire God" (How to Fight for Joy). Call or text Brian Finley (651.357.0793) with questions.

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." In this study you will discover the answer to breaking free from fear that will enable you to walk in faith and freedom, no matter what circumstances loom in your life. If you plan to attend email Patti Gregerson at plgregerson@yahoo.com.

ELDER PRAYER FOCUS FOR JUNE

Please join the Elders as they pray for:

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

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).

PLAYGROUND FELLOWSHIP

Thursdays beginning June 7 | 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.

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.



Vacation Bible School 2018

Sun.–Thu., July 22–26

Registration begins today in the Lobby or on our website!

Free event for age 4–incoming grade 6



YOU'RE INVITED CLASS OF 2018 GRADUATION OPEN HOUSES

RAY JUVLAND

Sun., June 3, Noon–4 p.m.
316 Lion Lane, Shoreview
Parents: Denny & Lori Juvland

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 puruse 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.



HARVEST GARDENS KIDS BIBLE CLUB

Tuesday Nights
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. | June 12 – Aug. 21
Your help is needed for the Harvest Gardens Kids Club. If you're willing to serve in this ministry a few or many Tuesday nights this summer, please contact Rob & Mary Osterlund (651.426.2871) or Lorri Whorton at the church office at (651.777.5180).

We'd love for you to be a part of bringing the Gospel these special kids of all ages!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST FREE

Today, June 3

8:30 a.m. – Sunday Morning Prayer – 202
9 a.m. – Blended Worship – WC
Nursery, Preschool
Adult mini-Congregations
10:45 a.m. – Contemporary Worship – WC
Nursery, Preschool
Adult mini-Congregations
12:30–Newcomers Lunch–FH
5 p.m. – Prayer Meeting – 202

Wednesday, June 6

7 p.m. – Men's Bible Study – 202

Thursday, June 7

7:30 a.m. – Men's Prayer Meeting – 202
9:30 a.m.– Playground Fellowship – AC

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 27, 2018

GENERAL GIVING*

Offering: \$15,863
Receipts: \$1,573,536**
Expenditures: \$1,543,526**
Net change: \$30,010

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

Offering: \$125
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



THIS WEEK | TOTAL RAISED
\$5,690 | \$36,000

KIDS SUMMER READING PROGRAM

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

Starting June 17 kids currently in the 4/5s Class through 4th Grade may print out a reading log from the church website: firstfec.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. Parents with eligible children should have received an emailed letter with all the details. Watch for the tower of ice cream scoops to gauge your team's progress!

