

**LEONARD
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**InterFACE
Ministries**

Although the Hindu tradition is strong, even young children tell me, "Every culture has its own gods. We have ours and Americans have theirs." Yet they choose to attend engaging activities at several churches. Many can quote Bible verses explaining the Gospel from years of attendance at Vacation Bible Schools and church camps. Deciding how to remain faithful to their culture and at the same time a follower of Jesus will be a challenge we pray they will face with courage. Nepali-speaking pastors are available to assist as people become open to such discussion opportunities. Encourage your congregations and friends about the foundation being built, particularly into the hearts and minds of the younger generation. Many of the refugee kids we work with will be able to attend some summer clubs and at least one week of VBS at neighboring churches. Housing for internationals on my street continues with the refurbishing stages. Hopefully some can move in this summer and we'll be able to start outreach activities for their children as well. Our friendship with Dagan formed as I introduced myself as a neighbor and learned that French was his first language. Spending meals and vacations with us led to his decision to join us for church and special events. When I learned that his father had died and his off-campus work visa denied, I decided to assist with room and board so he could pursue his dream of medical studies and research. He is 'uncle' to my granddaughter and helps with outdoor tasks I would otherwise struggle with. This summer Dagan has an internship in genetic research at the U of M and he's been accepted as a transfer student at the Bemidji campus, with courses taught here in the metro where he can complete a Bachelor of Science in Biology. I continue to visit many homes each week and assist with various practical needs of endless variety. This would not be possible without the corporate witness and gifts of the many people involved. Pray also for the mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual health of my family. There are huge challenges that force my dependence on wisdom, grace, and provision of every kind.

FAMILY MATTERS

PRAYER

Pray for Jeff and Susan Snicale serving in Laos and Esther Baumgartner serving in China. They are teaching English in these countries over the next 5 to 6 weeks.



FAMILY NEWS

Congratulations to Tom Krause and Ann Steiner who were married on June 16, 2018.

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

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
Koinonia	HS Youth Center

INFORMATION TABLES

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

- VBS Registration and Help
- 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 Union

EPHESIANS 2:11-22

PASTOR DAVID CAPISTRANT

HIGHLIGHTS

NEWCOMERS LUNCH

ENCOUNTER: FAMILY FESTIVAL

BAPTISM CLASS



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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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.

NEWCOMERS LUNCH

TODAY, July 1 | 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.

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 August 12 outdoor baptism service.

ALL KIDS WELCOME

Tuesdays | 6:30–7:30 p.m.
Harvest Gardens

Harvest Gardens Kids Bible Club is underway and First Free kids and their friends are welcome to join us! Learn more about Jesus and interact with other cultures! With questions contact Lorri Whorton (lwhorton@firstefc.org) or Rob and Mary Osterlund (651.426.2871 or robandmaryo@usfamily.net). And please pray for many to come to know Jesus through this ministry.

HOT DOG DAY!

Sun., July 22
10:15 a.m.–12:45 p.m., Parking Lot

Hot dogs, chips and lemonade outside! \$1! Proceeds go to support the Guys Rock Ridge Work Trek.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Saturday, July 14
9 a.m.–Noon | Room 204

This class is for people who are new, interested, or intending to join the church at First Free. Membership Matters covers the beliefs of the church and the importance of the office of church membership. Contact Lorri Whorton (651.777.5180 or lwhorton@firstefc.org) to let us know if you plan to attend.

ELDER PRAYER FOCUS FOR JULY

Please join the Elders as they pray for:

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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SUPPORTERS

The OCC collection box will be out on July 15 and the 3rd Sunday of every month. Now is a good time to buy school supplies and there will be good sales at Walmart, Target and Dollar Tree. Items needed:

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| Crayons | Notebooks |
| Colored pencils | Pencil sharpeners |
| Pencils | Erasers |
| Pens | Glue sticks |
| Paper lined or not | |

Also needed small toys, especially dolls and small cars. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause for the children around the world, for eternity.

HOME SCHOOL PROGRAM IN MEXICO

El Monte, Mexico is in the process of getting a home school program up and running for their Mexican staff kids and for the kids of missionary students in the Camp Counselor Training program. They're looking for a short-term missionary to oversee the home-school program. Knowledge of Spanish is necessary. Please contact Global Partners Paul & Roxanne Wilson (paul@wilsonnews.net) if you or someone you know may be interested.

KIDS SUMMER READING PROGRAM
Unmask the **S**uper **R**eaders in you!

Join Anytime!

PRIZE SHOP OPEN:
July 29 / August 19




Babylon
Daniel's Courage in Captivity

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

- 1 or 2 liter pop bottles (smooth sided, clear)
- water bottles
- milk bottle caps

Volunteers are still needed!

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

Wednesdays, 7–9 p.m. | Begins July 11
Youth Center

Who is Jesus? | What did he accomplish? | How do we respond?

This is a course for those who want to know for themselves who this Jesus was, what he said about himself, and what he did. Do you have friends who are seeking spiritual truth, but inviting them to church is too much for them? Invite them to this course and attend with them.

It's a 7 week walk through the stories and teachings of Jesus—all in the book of Mark. Come to get to know those from the Encounter event who attend the course, and bring your colleagues, classmates, and friends who want to know more. There's no pressure, no follow-up, no singing, and no praying.

CHALLENGE

June 30–July 7 | Kansas City, MO

These students and leaders are attending the EFCA national youth conference in Kansas City, MO. Please pray that they would have responsive hearts to what God has to say to them at the conference, for safety, for unity and that their relationships with God and with one another would grow deeper.

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| 1. Emma Berglund | 12. Sophie Gustafson | 23. Lily Manrodt |
| 2. Josh Chikkala | 13. Suzy Gustafson | 24. Glen Nielsen |
| 3. Maddie Dahl | 14. Gabe Jahnke | 25. Maddie Nielsen |
| 4. Olivia Dahl | 15. Paul Junker | 26. Emily Schad |
| 5. Erby Delva | 16. Jack Juvland | 27. Lea Schaefer |
| 6. Jed Ericksen | 17. Ray Juvland | 28. Max Schaefer |
| 7. Kalista Fruchey | 18. Isaac Larsen | 29. Meg Schaefer |
| 8. Alexa Gnadke | 19. Leah Larsen | 30. Luke Stanelle |
| 9. Noah Greenwalt | 20. Ronin Lathrop | 31. Tirza Stanelle |
| 10. Titus Gustafson | 21. Audrey Lienke | 32. Lucy Woodbury |
| 11. Clare Gustafson | 22. Jacob Malcolm | 33. David Zugschwert |

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| Kenny King (L) | Beth Olson (L) |
| Kirsten King (L) | Sam Olson (L) |
| Bob Lepley (L) | Marie Peters (L) |
| Carmen Burgos-Lepley (L) | Andy Waller (L) |

Thank you for praying!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST FREE

Today, July 1

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
12:30 p.m. – Newcomers Lunch – FH
5 p.m. – Prayer Meeting – 202

Monday, July 2

6:30 p.m. – No Men's Basketball

Wednesday, July 4

Holiday – Building & Office Closed
4 p.m. – Encounter: Family Festival

Thursday, July 5

7:30 a.m. – Men's Prayer Meeting – 202
9 a.m. – PALS – 212
6:30 p.m. – No Men's Basketball

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	\$6,973	\$74,083

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 24, 2018

GENERAL GIVING*

Offering: \$43,786
Receipts: \$1,713,920**
Expenditures: \$1,691,635**
Net change: \$22,285

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

Offering: \$697
Receipts: \$94,479**
Expenditures: \$71,480**
Net change: \$22,999

* Average weekly need is \$35,403 to meet our 2017/18 budget
** For the period 7/1/17–5/29/18

Guys' Rock Ridge Work Trek!

Service Missions Trip | July 29–Aug. 2, 2018

Leave Sun. 2 p.m. Return Thu. 8 p.m.
All Men: Junior High–Adult

Costs: \$100, plus \$20 for 2 on-the-road meals. To participate fill out a release form and pay \$100 fee by Sun., July 22 to save your spot! *There is a \$100 suggested supply donation. We will work together as we give toward this project!

Contact Kenny King (651.600.4063 or kking@firstefc.org) or Christ Manrodt (763.360.3593) to save your spot or to ask questions.

Info packets are available at the Welcome Center and Youth Wall.