

**ROFKAHR**  
DAVE & MICHELLE



ReachGlobal

In the EFCA we have a network of missions pastors who work together to share resources and ideas as to how to effectively move their churches out into ministry. These are some of the best leaders I know in terms of having a finger on the pulse of both local and global trends. The scope of what they have to track is amazing—whether it’s organizing their local church’s outreach to Somalis in Minneapolis, short-term teams to Haiti or Berlin, or care and support for long-term ReachGlobal missionaries in Dar es Salaam. As we look at how to best engage with our 100 U.S. churches, our relationship with these missions pastors is vital. Each year we meet to address tough questions related to the exercise of their outreach responsibilities. Questions about strategy, the effective elements of short-term trips, and partnership with national movement leaders are addressed. Pray for these great leaders—not only those who have an official title of Missions Pastor, but also for those lay leaders who voluntarily coordinate missions efforts and give their time to lead outreaches in their churches. In his leadership role in ReachGlobal, David oversees four teams: Global Recruiting (focusing on recruiting U.S. workers for one of the international divisions, Crisis Response, Global Equipping and Global Fingerprints); Church Relations (focusing on building strong relationships among our churches and ReachGlobal); Apex Global Projects (the college short-term projects teams, varying from 1–7 week trips in dozens of locations); and an experiment we are calling Campus Mobilizers (undergrad students who have participated in an Apex project and have returned to their college to be mission mobilizers). Each of these have functioned somewhat separately, but gradually we are bringing these under a new collaborative roof called the “Global Mobilization Team.” Imagine what could happen if we could bring all these leaders together periodically in person and fostered regular communication through online tools. That is what we are doing.

**FAMILY MATTERS**

**PRAYER**

Our kids, Mike and Amanda and their children, Jacob, Sarah and Daniel travel back to China on Wed., Aug. 8. We would love it if you would pray for the Father’s safety and provision over their travels. (Brad & Chris Keller)

**PRAISE**

Thanks for praying for my friend Gary. His heart surgery was successful and he’ll come home in a couple of days. (Ron Heitman)

**FAMILY NEWS**

We extend our sympathy to Kevin Watters, Rachel and Carter and family in the home going of Liz Watters on July 28, 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 this class is currently meeting. The others will resume Sept. 9.

<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Room</b>
Bereans	JH Youth Center

**INFORMATION TABLES**

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

- Men’s Steak-Out
- State Fair
- World Vision Run

**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.

AUGUST 5, 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***

**THINK IT RIGHT, LIVE IT RIGHT**

*Live Grace*

EPHESIANS 4:25–31

PASTOR JOHN BRONSON

**HIGHLIGHTS**

NEWCOMERS LUNCH

MEN’S STEAK-OUT

OUTDOOR BAPTISM



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

### USHERS NEEDED (MEN OR WOMEN)

We are in need of more ushers, especially for the blended service. Please consider being placed on a schedule for this important ministry to our congregation and visitors. Contact Pastor Dorkham (dsee@firsttefc.org or 651.777.5180) for more information or to volunteer.

### CHINESE GUEST

TODAY | 11 a.m. | Youth Center

Join us for a question and answer time with our special guest Kevin, who is currently a student at Trinity Divinity School.

### NEWCOMERS LUNCH

TODAY, Aug. 5 | 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.

### HIGH SCHOOL FMSC & MOA

Wed., Aug. 8 | 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.,  
Meet at First Free

Serve at Feed My Starving Children and go to Mall of America to play! Bring money for food. Sign up on the Youth Wall or with Kenny King (kking@firsttefc.org).

### BRIDAL SHOWER

Wed., Aug. 8 | 6:30 p.m. | Youth Center

Bridal Shower for Taylor Juvland, daughter of Lori and Denny Juvland. Taylor is marrying Ben Nielsen. The couple is registered at Target, Macy's and Pottery Barn.

### DNR FIREARM SAFETY CERTIFICATION CLASS

Thu., Aug. 16 | 6 p.m. | Fellowship Hall  
(One Saturday for field test on Sept. 8)

After the first class, start time is 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$7.50 for supplies and an additional \$7.50 to the DNR for license upon completion. Anyone interested should contact Paige Lincoln (651.770.0287).

### 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. First Free and City Vision offer a 5-6 hour bus tour of religious sites in St. Paul. Cost is \$20 plus the cost of lunch at the Hmong Village. Focused prayer is a part of this tour as well. For more info contact Charles Farrow at 612.247.6871 or go to www.cityvisiontc.org.

### CHRISTIAN GROWTH SEMINAR

Sat., Sept. 8 | 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Hold the date for the 2018 Christian Growth Seminar which will be held here at First Free. EFCA Pastor, Brad Bigney, author of the book; *Gospel Treason, Betraying the Gospel With Hidden Idols*, will be the speaker.

### BRIDGES

Sat., Sept. 8 | 8:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.  
Youth Center

Bridges is a dynamic study that equips believers to share their Christian beliefs with their Muslim neighbors with compassion and understanding. Participants learn to bridge the Gospel, understand the New Testament's credibility, explain Jesus' sacrifice, and more. Through real-life stories, interviews, and practical teaching, the study clears up the confusion surrounding Islam and helps you see Muslims as Jesus sees them. Cost is \$29.00 and includes lunch from Chick-fil-A.

### STATE FAIR HELP

Do you like the State Fair? The Crossroads Chapel is celebrating its 64<sup>th</sup> year at the fair. First Free will be the volunteer group on Thu., Aug. 30. All ages are welcome to participate and serve at the Chapel. It is a micro mission in our backyard! Stop by the table in the Lobby to learn more and sign up. For more information, call Julie Curtis (612.867.6127) or Tom Curtis (612.803.5684).

### LEARN HOW TO TEACH ENGLISH

Did you know that the EFCA offers a free course on teaching English as a second/foreign language? Building Bridges with English is a five-week online training course geared for individuals who want to reach non-English speakers for Christ, using the ESL method. The next training begins Sept. 10; the one after that will be offered mid-February. For further information go to efca.org or contact Marilyn Reedy at ESL@efca.org.

### SUMMER SHORT-TERM TEAMS

CHINA  
June 22-Aug. 5  
Esther Baumgartner

Pray for these teams as they serve and travel.

CHINA  
July 25-Aug. 17  
Andy Waller  
Alyssa Waller



### MEN'S STEAK-OUT

Fri., Aug. 10 | 5:30-8 p.m. | Youth Center

Men's Ministries will host the always popular Steak-Out! Enjoy fellowship and good food and speaker Ken Larson. Ken is the founder of Slumberland, and he will share "Life's Lessons" of a successful business career and how God has been at work.

Sign up at the table in the Lobby today!

*Lake Baptism* Aug. 12 | 4 p.m. | Silver Lake  
Location: the Broman home, 2711 20<sup>th</sup> Ave. E., North St. Paul

Come celebrate with those who are following Jesus' command to be baptized at our annual outdoor baptism service. A meal will be provided.

FIRST FREE TEAM **World Vision**

Oct. 7, Full Marathon- Scott Schaefer (Captain)  
Max Schaefer  
Beth Olson  
Tom Murphy  
Ben Lathrop  
Kenny King

Help provide clean water for children without breaking a sweat! Support these marathon runners!  
STOP AT THE TABLE IN THE LOBBY.

PRAY AND GIVE TOWARDS CLEAN WATER FOR KIDS IN AFRICA, IN JESUS NAME!

### KIDS SUMMER READING PROGRAM

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

This summer's Super Readers are amazing! The last Prize Shop of the summer is August 19. Keep reading to earn those book bucks to spend that morning. So far, the Kindergarten & 3rd Grade Team is winning the race to the Ice Cream Party to be held August 26. Super Readers can still join the program anytime!

PRIZE SHOP OPEN August 19



### THIS WEEK AT FIRST FREE

#### Today, August 5

8:30 a.m. - Sunday Morning Prayer - 202  
9 a.m. - Blended Worship - WC  
Nursery, Preschool  
10:15 - Prize Shop - 202  
10:45 a.m. - Contemporary Worship - WC  
Nursery, Preschool  
Adult mini-Congregation  
11 a.m. - Global Impact Speaker - YC  
12:30 - Newcomers Lunch - FH  
5 p.m. - Prayer Meeting - 202

#### Monday, August 6

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

#### Tuesday, August 7

10 a.m. - Women's Bible Study - YC  
7 p.m. - Women's Bible Study - YC

#### Wednesday, August 8

8:30 a.m. - High School FMSC & MOA - Offsite  
6:30 p.m. - Juvland Shower - YC  
7 p.m. - Christianity Explored - YC

#### Thursday, August 9

7:30 a.m. - Men's Prayer Meeting - 202  
9 a.m. - PALS - 212  
6:30 p.m. - Men's Basketball

#### Friday, August 10

5:30 p.m. - Men's Steak-Out - YC

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.

### 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

JULY 29, 2018

#### GENERAL GIVING\*

Offering: \$31,766  
Receipts: \$1,854,384\*\*  
Expenditures: \$1,850,378\*\*  
Net change: \$4,006

#### SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

Offering: \$295  
Receipts: \$117,746\*\*  
Expenditures: \$120,252\*\*  
Net change: (\$2,506)

\* Average weekly need is \$35,403 to meet our 2017/18 budget

\*\* For the period 7/1/17-6/30/18



### RESTROOM RENOVATION

PROJECT COST | THIS WEEK | TOTAL RAISED  
\$140,000 | \$3,055 | \$94,598

### EXCITING NEWS AND UPDATE!

We are getting closer to our goal! \$140,000 provides a nursing mothers room, expanded bathrooms and two renovated classrooms. To get started on the bathrooms we need to reach 80% of the total amount or \$112,000. Thus far faithful giving has provided \$94,598. We are getting ever so close to that goal. Let's keep moving onward and upward!

As mentioned previously, the Elders approved work on the classrooms so as to be ready and useable by early fall. Thank you and please continue to monitor this corner for further updates!

-The Elder Board