

FirstLook

FIRST FREE MAPLEWOOD
WINTER 2023-24



Everyone

FIRST CONNECTION

Dec. 3, Jan. 7 & Feb. 4
10:15 - 10:45 a.m. • Room 201

Newer to First Free? Attend this casual gathering to hear about our mission and values. Ask questions and meet other newcomers! Contacts: Jon & Louise Addington at 651.283.2404 or at jladdington.fefc@gmail.com.

CAROLS AND COOKIES

Dec. 3 • 4 p.m. • Worship Center

A Christ-centered carol singing with time for requests. Snack on festive treats in the Lobby afterward.

FAMILY GYM NIGHT

2nd/4th Fri. • 6:30 - 9 p.m. • Gym

All generations are invited to get active as a church family. A variety of sports are featured on a rotating basis. View the schedule on Church Center. Contact: Nathan Greenwalt at 651.777.5180.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Dec. 9 & 10 • 3 p.m. • Worship Center
Our Choir, Orchestra and Worship Team will join the throng in praises to the Light of the World. Register for childcare (age 0 - 5) on Church Center by Dec. 5.

GOODIE BUFFET

Dec. 17 • 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. • Gym

Buy or make a sweet treat to share and bring it to the Gym on Sunday morning. Coffee and tables will be set up for fellowship. A longstanding tradition!

COMMUNION

Dec. 17, Jan. 21 & Feb. 18 (Third Sun.)

OFFICE CLOSURES

Dec. 22, 25, 29 & Jan. 1

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Dec. 24 • 10 a.m.

Worship Center & Livestream

Our Savior is coming! Spend Christmas Eve morning with your church family as we celebrate Jesus' imminent arrival. Note: There will only be one morning service on this special Sunday. Childcare through Age 5 is available from 9:45 - 11:45 a.m. with no registration required.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

Dec. 24 • 3 p.m. • Worship Center (WC)

Dec. 24 • 4:30 p.m. • WC & Livestream

Celebrate Christ's birth with carols and candlelight! Both of these services are family-friendly, but childcare is available for kids age 0 - 23 months. Register on Church Center by Dec. 20.

NEW! CONFERENCE HOSPITALITY

Jan. 15 • 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. • First Free

We are hosting a conference for the North Central District (EFCA). People are needed to warmly greet attendees and serve lunch. To claim a time slot, contact Jon Addington at 651.283.2404 or jladdington.fefc@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Jan. 19 • 6:30 - 9:15 p.m.

Pastor Todd's Home (Vadnais Heights)

This class covers who we are, what we believe, how First Free functions and why membership is important. Please RSVP to info@firstfetc.org or 651.777.5180.

GLOBAL IMPACT SUNDAY

Jan. 21 • Itinerary on Page 3

A time set aside each year to celebrate the great things God is doing through our Global Partners! They will share their victories in Christ and prayer requests. Contact: Brett Rosso at 715.432.0524.

ELEVATE: A NIGHT OF WORSHIP

Jan. 28 • 6 p.m. • Worship Center

A powerful hour of worship. Sit at the feet of our Savior and sing! Register for childcare on Church Center by Jan. 23.

ALL CHURCH GAME NIGHT

Feb. 2 • 5 - 10 p.m.

Youth Center & Gym

An evening of classic and contemporary games for all ages with pizza and snacks provided. Beat the winter blues with us!

HYMN SING

Feb. 4 • 4 p.m. • Worship Center

Invite friends and bring song requests.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

Feb. 18 • 4 p.m. • Worship Center

All are welcome at our annual business meeting. Hear about and discuss the future of First Free!

ZECHARIAH 9:9B

BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING
TO YOU; RIGHTEOUS AND HAVING
SALVATION IS HE.



Men

QUARTERLY BREAKFAST

Feb. 17 • 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Men and boys (12+), you are invited for a free breakfast, fellowship and to hear topical teaching from Adult Ministries Pastor Andy O'Rourke. The coffee is hot at 7:30 a.m. with an 8 a.m. meal. Contact: Matt Wellendorf at 712.369.0031.

BIBLE STUDY & FELLOWSHIP

Mon. (except Dec. 25 & Jan. 1)

6:30 p.m. • Fellowship Hall

Come study 1 & 2 Peter in a thoughtful, interactive and down-to-earth manner. Contacts: Jim Kirkpatrick (651.303.0098) and Marty Dennison (612.810.1525).

BASKETBALL

Mon. (except Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 & 15)

7 p.m. • Gym

All ages and skill levels are invited for exercise and fellowship. Contact: Peter Thompson at 651.238.8832.

MORNING PRAYER

Thu. • 7:30 a.m. • Room 202

Come pray for our church, community, nation, missionaries and one another. All ages welcome. Many times, we go to breakfast when we're done! Contact: Mike Anderson at 651.324.3259.

MEN AT WORK

Thu. (except Jan. 4)

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. • Room 200

A Thursday night study with Pastor Frank Lanier featuring plenty of fellowship! Contact: Frank at 214.412.0329.

THE FORGE (PURITY GROUP)

Thu. • 7 - 8:45 p.m. • Room 201

In an impure world, we need the power of the Holy Spirit and the support of brothers to live a pure and godly life. Men, join us and join the fight. Contact: Mike Anderson at 651.324.3259.

SATURDAY MORNING STUDY

Sat. • 8 - 9 a.m. • Room 103

Join any time for men's fellowship and discussion of the Book of Hebrews! All ages are welcome in this casual, close group. Contacts: Brian Finley at 651.357.0793 and Dave Gustafson at 612.251.4513.

MENTORING MINISTRY

Older men in our church are invited to share their hard-earned, biblical wisdom with younger men via our revitalized mentoring program. Fellowship, prayer and accountability is eagerly being sought by the next generation! To get involved as a mentor or mentee, please fill out an application on Church Center Groups or grab a paper copy from Mike Anderson (651.324.3259).

Women



LADIES NIGHTS

Feb. 5 - 10

A beloved tradition where hostesses open their homes to a group of ladies for a night of fellowship and laughs. You choose the day and hostess location that works best for you! Register from Jan. 11 - 30. Contact: Grace Wellendorf at info@firstefc.org or 651.777.5180.

WOMEN IN THE WORD

1 & 2 Timothy

9:15 - 11:30 a.m. • In Person

Romans (Part 4)

9:15 - 11:30 a.m. • In Person / Zoom

Lamentations and Philippians

6:30 - 8 p.m. • Zoom

These study groups meet on Tuesdays during the school year for rich, inductive teaching and fellowship for all ages. Childcare is available to our morning attendees. Register on Church Center. Contact: Nini Bronson at 651.262.9314.

WEDNESDAY MORNING STUDY

Wed. (except Dec. 13 - Jan. 3)

10 - 11:30 a.m. • Room 200

Join other ladies as we study Ephesians together. Guests are always welcome! Contact: Marilyn Tetzlaff (651.492.3995) or Jan Nelson (651.353.2030).

NORTHWOODS MOMS

Playtime: 2nd & 4th Wed. • 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Sep. - May in Family Center

Jun. - Aug. at First Free Playground

Join a community of moms with young children for playdates, events and to pass along clothes and gear. Join our WhatsApp to be up to date on what is happening next! With questions, contact Amanda Rosso (920.840.2616) and Marie Warkentin (651.468.7288).

First Free subscribes to RightNow Media, a suite of digital discipling tools. Gain free access to 20,000+ videos and Bible studies for all ages and group sizes. Simply text "1EFC" to 49775 and follow the prompts to join.



TITUS 2 MENTORING MINISTRY

This enriching biblical program pairs older women with younger ladies for prayer, friendship, discipleship, and mutual encouragement. There is also a mentor group for homeschool mothers. To begin, fill out an application on our Church Center Group Page. Contact: Jeannine Brown at 651.238.4983.

TITUS 2 HOMESCHOOL GROUP

Do you homeschool or would like to start? Hear biblical wisdom from mothers who have done it! We meet periodically for topical sessions and one-on-one for advice and fellowship. Contact: Dottie Lanier at 214.412.0330.

PRODIGAL PRAYER

Third Thu. • 6:30 p.m. • Room 100

Fourth Thu. • 10 a.m. • Room 100

Powerful intercession for family and friends who aren't walking with Jesus. God is faithful to hear our prayers. Join any time! Contact: Lori Felton at feltonlori03@gmail.com.

GRACE GROUP

God Reigns Against Cancer's Efforts meets seasonally to share resources, medical progress and prayer. Contacts: Diane Johnson at 651.777.0041 or Pat Plooster at 651.777.3322.

MEALS FOR MOMS

We provide food for families adjusting to life with a new child. Before baby arrives, sign up by completing the form on our Church Center Group Page or scan the QR Code on Page 6. To join the list of those who provide the meals, contact Bev Wentworth at 651.253.4050.



Seasons

THE FELLOWSHIP (AGE 18 AND UP)

Thu. • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. • Fellowship Hall
Young adults gather on Thursday nights for spiritual growth via God's Word, prayer and friendship with peers from all walks of life. Visit our Church Center Group for a full schedule of upcoming social events! Contacts: Rich and Jodene Malmsten at rjmalmsten@gmail.com.

SINGLES (AGE 40+)

We fellowship via seasonal outings and lunches on the third Sunday of each month. Join our Church Center Group Page for event details. Contacts: Ron Virnala (651.770.6615), Ron Heitman (651.771.6613) and Janet Jordan (661.492.4417).

CHRISTMAS PARTY Dec. 8

BELL MUSEUM TRIP Feb. 10

SENIOR BIBLE STUDY (AGE 50+)

Wed. (except Dec. 20 & 27)
10 - 11:30 a.m. • Room 202
Enjoy morning fellowship, sing a few hymns and study the Bible together. Contact: Gary Watts at 218.393.7484.

WIDOWS & WIDOWERS

Our deacons seek to meet the physical, social and spiritual needs of those who have lost a spouse. If we can assist you in any way, call John (651.955.8089) or Karen Choe (651.955.8087).

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dec. 12 • 1 p.m. • Harmony Gardens

MINNESOTA HISTORY CENTER

Jan. 11 • 10 a.m. • Meet at church

VALENTINE LUNCH

Feb. 14 • 12 p.m. • Fellowship Hall



Growth

BASICS OF CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY 2

Sun. from Jan. 7 - May 12
10:45 a.m. - 12 p.m. • Room 202
Our culture holds Christian theology in contempt, but Paul calls it "sound doctrine". What should we believe and why? This semester will cover five more central themes in the Bible. Contact: Dr. Daryl Aaron at 763.647.0401.

NEW CLASS! POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS

Wed. from Feb. 21 - Mar. 27
6:30 - 8 p.m. • Zoom
This class provides caregivers with tools to increase self care and give confidence in handling difficult and ever-changing emotions and situations. We will also cover how to reduce personal stress and use community services. Spots limited; register now. See Page 5 for details on our Caregiver Support Group. Contact: Louise at louise.addington@gmail.com or 952.428.9942.

BAPTISM


(A) Feb. 25 • 10:45 a.m. • Room 201
(B) Mar. 3 • 9 a.m. • Room 101
Baptism: Mar. 31 (Easter Sunday)
Baptism is a public testimony that you love and trust Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. If you are a believer and want to learn more, attend one of the classes above. Please RSVP to the Church Office at 651.777.5180 or info@firstefc.org.

DISCOVERING THE BIBLE

Mon. • 7 - 8:30 p.m. • Hamel Chapel
(Harmony Gardens at 1438 County Rd C)
Finish reading the Bible in 2023 or start fresh in 2024. Grab a free study guide from the Welcome Center. It is never too late to begin! Contact: Jon Addington at jladdington.fefc@gmail.com.

CHURCH LIBRARY

Sun. • 9 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
M / W / Thu. • 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Tue. • 11:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Open since 1965, the Library features 10,500+ resources for all ages. Grow in the knowledge of Christ by checking out a title today. Find us on Facebook, Church Center or click the Resources tab on the church website. Contact: Tara Larsen at tlarsen@firstefc.org.




global impact sunday JAN. 21

SERMONS FROM T. DAVIS
9 & 10:45 a.m. • Worship Center

DONUTS & GLOBAL PARTNER PRESENTATIONS
9 & 10:45 a.m. • Youth Center

GLOBAL LUNCHEON
12:15 p.m. • Gym
RSVP by Jan. 17 online or in the Lobby.




mini congregations

These multi-generational groups study and pray together every Sunday. Join any time!
(Winter Break is Dec. 17 - 31.)

BODY BUILDERS

9 a.m. • Fellowship Hall

@THE.CORE

Meets Weekly Except 5th Sun.
9 a.m. • Room 200

BEREANS

10:45 a.m. • Room 200

KOINONIA

10:45 a.m. • Youth Center



Youth

Junior High includes youth in Grades 7-8. Senior High is Grades 9-12. Follow our Instagram account (@firstfreeyouth) for fun updates. Printed rosters of all youth events are available at the Welcome Center and on the Youth Wall.

Brent Fischer

Senior High Youth Pastor

Koby Radcliffe

Junior High Youth Pastor

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sun. (except Dec. 17 - 31) • 9 - 10:15 a.m.

JH: Youth Center A **SH:** Youth Center B

Students grow in their knowledge and love for Jesus through both Testaments. As we encounter His Word, He shows us how to think, act and live. We discuss life issues and put learning into practice.

YOUTH GROUP

Wed. (except Dec. 20 & 27)

JH: Youth Center A • 6:30 - 8 p.m.

SH: Youth Center B • 8 - 9:30 p.m.

Meet in the Gym to play games and hang out before large group teaching time or small group Bible studies.

SMALL GROUP OUTREACH NIGHT

Dec. 13 • Various locations

You will hear plans from your small group leader closer to the date.

YOUTH LEADER MEETINGS

Jan. 8 & Feb. 12

7 p.m. • Youth Center B

Leaders will gather for encouragement and equipping for ministry.

NEW! CONNECT MEETING

Jan. 10 • 6:30 - 8 p.m. • Youth Center B

Parents are invited to interact with our new youth pastors about plans and partnership in ministry.

JH: TUBING

Jan. 15 (MLK Day) • 12 - 4 p.m.

Meet at First Free

Have fun with us at Green Acres Tubing! The bus leaves at 12 p.m. with a 4 p.m. return. Cost: \$20 and money for the snack bar. Register by Jan. 14.

SH: BROOMBALL

Jan. 26 • 6 - 9 p.m. • Meet at the rink

Join us for a fun game of broomball! Cost: \$5 for pizza.

SH: WINTER CAMP

Feb. 18 - 19 • Meet at First Free Camp Lebanon (Burtrum, MN)

An overnight retreat with tubing, game room, broomball, and more winter fun! The bus leaves at 12 p.m. on Sunday and returns at 6 p.m. on Monday. Cost: \$100. Register by Feb. 5.

JH: BROOMBALL

Feb. 24 • 6 - 9 p.m. • Meet at the rink

Join us for a fun game of broomball! Cost: \$5 for pizza.

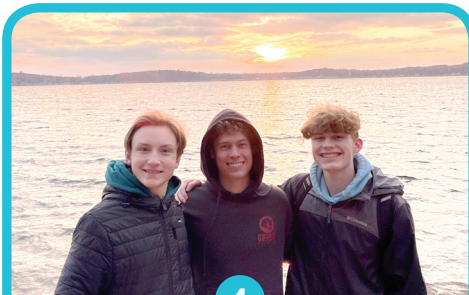
SAVE THE DATES

JH District Blitz: Apr. 19 - 21

Youth Group Parties: May 1

Grad Launch Party: May 15

SH Challenge: Jun. 29 - Jul. 6



Children

MEMORY VERSE PRIZE SHOP

Dec. 17 • 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. • Room 206

Dec. 20 • 6:30 - 8:15 p.m. • Room 206

The kids have been working hard to memorize verses and can redeem the points they earned at our prize shop! There will be prizes at all point levels, so work on your memorization so you have points to spend!

PARENT & CHILD DEDICATIONS

Feb. 4 • During church services

Parents can dedicate their child to the Lord while dedicating themselves to raising their child in a Christ-like way. To participate, contact Croix Menzel at cmenzel@firstefc.org or 651.288.1065.

EXPEDITION

WED. MINISTRY FOR AGE 4 - GRADE 6

Wed. (except Dec. 27 & Jan. 3) • 6:30 - 8 p.m.

This program applies biblical truths to life skills in a loving, relational setting. Kids break out into separate groups for different activities each week. We have a blast! Must register on Church Center. Contact: Abby Beard at 651.285.5754 or abeard@firstefc.org.

SPECIAL EVENT

Feb. 24 • 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Family Center & Fellowship Hall

A unique event for our 3rd - 6th grade Expedition students and their parents. The boys and girls will each organize and plan their own separate activities. They will even choose titles for their events, so more details coming soon!

NORTHWOODS EARLY CHILDHOOD

SUN. MINISTRY FOR AGE 0 - 5

Check-In:

Opens at 8:45 a.m. • Gym Lobby

Childcare:

9 - 10:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Rooms 207, 208, 209 & 210

Christ-centered programming for our littlest attendees. Please pick kids up promptly after church services. Register on Church Center. Contact: Tonya Dahl at 651.324.8814 or tdahl@firstefc.org.

FLIP TO VIEW OUR SUNDAY KIDS MINISTRIES!





KIDS' CAMP

SUN. MINISTRY FOR GRADE K - 6

Sun. (except Dec. 17 - 31)

Please pick up kids promptly after church services. Register on Church Center. For details on our children's discipleship program, contact Stephen Gravley at sgravley@firstefc.org.

FIRST HOUR

WAKE-UP WORSHIP (K - 6TH)

9 - 9:15 a.m. • Family Center

A fun and upbeat worship gathering designed for children! Led by Kids' Choir Director Kari Gravley.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (K - 6TH)

9:15 - 10:15 a.m. • Classrooms

Kids are taught how to grow in God's love, learn and obey the Bible, and serve the Lord while caring for others.

BETWEEN SERVICES

FELLOWSHIP (K - 2ND)

10:15 - 10:45 a.m. • Rooms 204-205

Spend time with your friends while playing board games or constructing creations together.

FELLOWSHIP (3RD - 6TH)

10:15 - 10:45 a.m. • Family Center

Deepen relationships via competitive games and team building activities.

KIDS' CHOIR (3RD - 6TH)

10:15 - 10:45 a.m. • Room 205

Kids glorify God through song and scripture while gaining experience working in groups, learning new musical concepts and leading others in worship.

SECOND HOUR

KIDS' CHOIR (K - 2ND)

10:45 - 11:15 a.m. • Room 205

Kids glorify God through song and scripture while gaining experience working in groups, learning new musical concepts and leading others in worship.

CHAPEL TIME (K - 2ND)

11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m. • Room 205

We study the Bible chronologically through lessons that keep kids active and engaged in learning.

Care

CAREGIVER SUPPORT

Dec. 11, Jan. 8 & Feb. 12 (2nd Mon.)

2 - 3:15 p.m. • Rooms 200 & 202

Winter Elective Course: See Page 3

A time of education and encouragement for caregivers. A parallel group for adult care recipients meets in a separate room. Physical, mental and spiritual activities are prepared for their skill level. New volunteers are welcome to join! Please register so we can plan staffing. Contacts: Louise Addington (952.428.9942) and Katie Nice (651.245.4645).

GRIEF SHARE

Spring Semester: Begins Feb. 19

10 - 11:45 a.m. • Room 202

Find help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. This 13-week video series features experts on biblical grief and recovery combined with group discussion and support. Join at any time. The workbook is \$25. Contacts: Carolyn Schultz at 651.777.0029 or Diane Johnson at 651.777.0041.

MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

All current and former medical staff are invited to join a volunteer rotation that responds to potential emergencies on Sundays. Contact: Church Office at 651.777.5180 or info@firstefc.org.

PRAYER NETWORK

We harness the power of prayer for our church body during health emergencies. To join the chain or submit a prayer, contact Paige Lincoln at 651.785.8220.

VISITATION MINISTRY

Deacons Debbie Anderson and Louise Addington provide uplifting spiritual care by visiting people at home, in the hospital or in transitional care. They also minister to those who cannot leave their residences regularly. If you know someone who would love a visit, please call us! Louise also promotes health and wellness while supporting congregants in their caregiving roles. If you have the gift of encouragement and would like to volunteer, contact Louise at 952.428.9942 or Debbie at 612.708.2784.

worship ministries

To use your gifts in praise to our King, email Director of Worship Luke Olson at lolson@firstefc.org.

AUDIO / VISUAL TEAM

During rehearsals and services Run the video screens, audio board, or YouTube livestream.

CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

Dates announced periodically
We lead worship for holidays and special events.

WORSHIP BAND

Rehearsal: Thu. • 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Worship: Sun. • 9 & 10:45 a.m.

Book an audition!



MOM'S day away

Thu. until May 16 • 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
(except Dec. 28)

We provide adults the chance to run errands while their kids (birth through age 5) are cared for at First Free in a fun, safe, Christ-centered learning environment! Our Church Center page features dates, fees and forms. We also have a summer program called PALS (Play And Learn Summer). Register any time! Contact: Paige Lincoln at 651.785.8220.



Outreach

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

First Free values life at all ages. Events and volunteer days are announced periodically. Contact: Tom Greenlee at gretom7@gmail.com or 651.338.8461.

ALL-CHURCH PRAYER

Sun. • 8:30 - 8:45 a.m. • Room 201

Sun. • 5 - 6 p.m. • Room 201

This is a call for congregational prayer! Are you concerned about the things happening in our world and the Lord's work in and through His church? Join us each week to pray over our ministries, congregation, special prayer requests and God's work in our culture and time.

GLOBAL IMPACT TEAM

See Page 1 for Global Impact Sunday!

This team is passionate about reaching the world with the Good News of Jesus. Team members frequently communicate with the Global Partners who First Free financially supports. They also keep our congregation informed about kingdom work while inviting them to participate in short-term mission trips and projects. Contact: Brett Rosso at 715.432.0524.

SUNDAY PRAYER TEAM

Many people need prayerful support after hearing the message, or they may be going through a difficult time. We come alongside them to listen and pray after church services. Contact: Jodene Malmsten at rjmalmsten@gmail.com.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This ministry culminates every fall when we pack shoeboxes with gifts and ship them around the world. The rest of the year, we plan, sew, knit and shop sales for box contents. Watch for fundraisers that benefit this rich ministry. Contact Carolyn Schultz at 651.777.0029.

Service

CAR CARE

First Sat. of each month

Our team performs minor vehicle repairs for people with needs in our church and community. To volunteer or schedule repairs, call the Office at 651.777.5180.

HOME CARE

We offer home repair and upkeep to those in need. To serve or schedule repairs, call Ron Virnala: 651.770.6615.

FUNERAL LUNCH TEAM

Help prepare, serve, and clean up lunch or refreshments for the family of a loved one who has passed. Contact: Janis College at 651.483.0762.

MEALS FOR MOMS

Provide food for a family adjusting to life with a new child. Details on Page 3 or scan the code below.!



NEW! BABYSITTER LIST

To be included on a roster of sitters within our church body, contact the Church Office at info@firstefc.org or scan the code to access our application link. (To view a list of sitters, visit the Northwoods Moms Group Page on Church Center.)

HOSPITALITY TEAM

Conference Help Needed: See Pg. 1

Our Guest Service Hosts, Greeters, and Ushers make visitors and regular attendees feel welcome in our church. No experience is necessary! To share your gift of hospitality, contact Jon and Louise Addington at 651.283.2404 or at jladdington.fefc@gmail.com.



HARMONY GARDENS

Volunteer Interest Meetings:

Jan. 8 • 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Hamel Chapel (1438 County Rd C E)

First Free's Harvest Gardens on County Road C shares a boundary with Harmony Gardens Senior Living. Our volunteers visit and encourage residents. Helping hands are always welcome in this multi-faceted, intergenerational ministry right next door! Contact: Jon Addington at jladdington.fefc@gmail.com.

HARVEST GARDENS

Meets Apr. - Oct.

Green thumbs are not required to serve a little or a lot at our church's community garden on County Road C! Contact: Jon Addington at jladdington.fefc@gmail.com or 651.283.2404.

GARDEN KIDS BIBLE CLUB

Meets Jun. - Aug.

Children of our Harvest Gardeners meet for Bible stories, crafts and more. Help is needed for this outdoor, mid-week ministry. Bring your own kids! Contact: Rob & Mary Osterlund at 651.426.2871 or robandmaryo@usfamily.net.

GIVING GARDEN

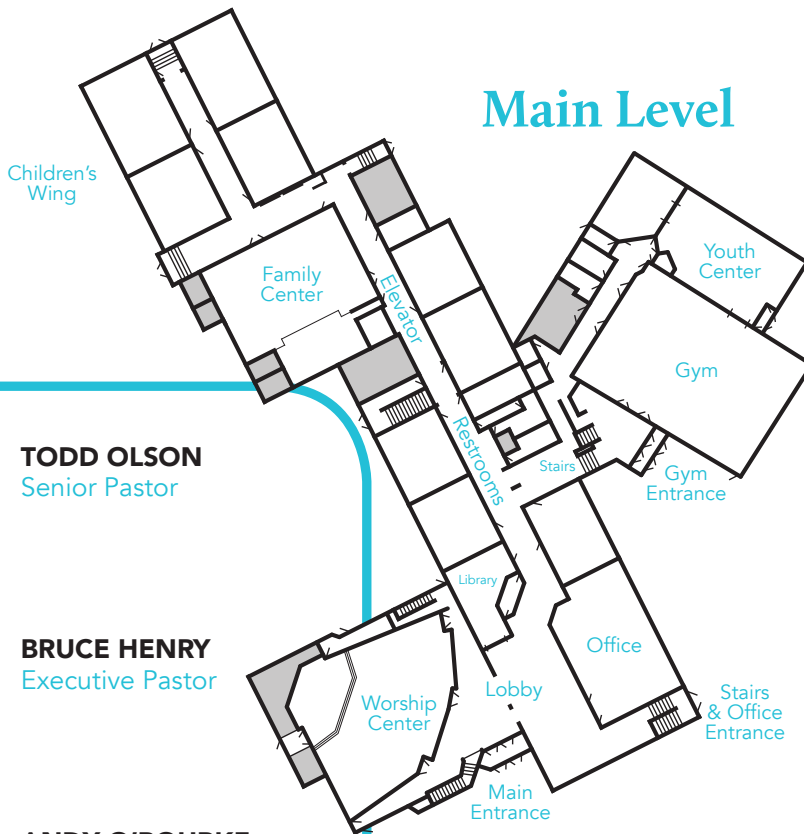
Meets May - Oct.

We use four garden plots to grow produce which is then donated to the Salvation Army Food Shelf. From May to October, volunteers plant, weed, water, harvest and deliver the food. All ages and abilities welcome! Deacons: Bill Freiling at 651.373.4915 and John Chelstrom at 612.618.9483.





Are you new? There's a welcome here!



TODD OLSON
Senior Pastor



BRUCE HENRY
Executive Pastor



ANDY O'ROURKE
Adult Ministries Pastor



NATHAN GREENWALT
Administrative Pastor



BRENT FISCHER
Senior High Youth Pastor

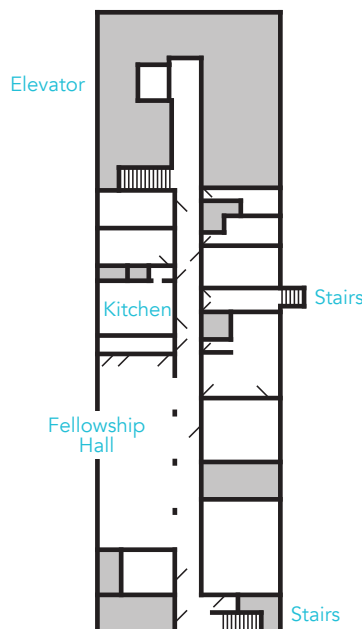


KOBY RADCLIFFE
Junior High Youth Pastor



Scan to meet the rest of our Staff, Elders and Deacons!

Lower Level



small groups

We encourage all First Free attendees to explore joining a small group for intentional connection and accountability with other believers. To view a group list, scan the QR code below, send an email to info@firstefc.org or call the Church Office. We will consider your location and life season before recommending a group to try!



any questions?

With questions or comments about anything at First Free, use one of the handy contact methods below:

CALL 651.777.5180
EMAIL info@firstefc.org

FORM

Scan the code to fill out our web form. We reply quickly!





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OUR MISSION

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.

SERVICE TIMES

Sun. • 9 and 10:45 a.m.
(Second service is livestreamed.)

OFFICE HOURS

Mon. – Thu. • 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Fri. • 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.



WAYS TO GIVE

- (1) Mail or bring to church
- (2) Online at firstefc.churchcenter.com/giving
- (3) Text *firstefc* with any dollar amount to 84321



WEEKLY EMAIL

An email featuring details on upcoming events is published every Thursday. To subscribe or have a blurb included in this email, call the Church Office or send an email to info@firstefc.org.

CHURCH CENTER

Church Center is a software we use to bring ministries and people together. You can give online, use our directory, register for events, and more – all in one place! Download the app or utilize the desktop version at <https://firstefc.churchcenter.com>.



RESERVATIONS

To reserve a room or plan an event, contact Tara Larsen at tlarsen@firstefc.org or 651.288.1078. A calendar of all church events is on our website.