

FirstLook

FIRST FREE MAPLEWOOD
SPRING 2024



Everyone

FIRST CONNECTION

Mar. 3, Apr. 7 & May 5

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! Contacts: Jon & Louise Addington at 651.283.2404 or at jladdington.fefc@gmail.com.

NEW! DONUTS & 'DOGS

Mar. 3 & Apr. 14

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. • Lobby & Gym

Help our youth get to the Challenge Conference in Kansas City this summer by enjoying donuts in between services and/or a hot dog after church. Cost: \$1/ person or \$5/family.

ENCOUNTER: FELLOWSHIP & PRAYER

Mar. 3 • 5 - 6:30 p.m. • Gym

Join your family in Christ for a potluck supper, corporate prayer and a couple worship songs. The entrée is provided; bring a side dish or dessert to share.

FAMILY GYM NIGHT

2nd/4th Fri. • 6:30 - 9 p.m. • Gym

All generations are invited to get active as a church family. View the sport schedule on Church Center. Contact: Pastor Nathan at 651.777.5180.

CHALLENGE CHOIR

Mar. 10 • During church services

The Minnesota Adult/Teen Challenge Choir will share testimonies and lead worship on this special Sunday.

COMMUNION

Mar. 29, Apr. 21 & May 19

OFFICE CLOSURES

Mar. 29 & May 27

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Apr. 12 • 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@firsttefc.org or 651.777.5180.

GLAD TIDINGS CONCERT

Apr. 14 • 3 p.m. • Worship Center

A Christian, Twin Cities community choir which includes First Free congregants. Come and hear the joyous chorus!

ALL CHURCH WORK DAY

Apr. 27 • 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

An annual day set aside to beautify the church grounds via a variety of projects. Lunch will be provided at noon. Signups will start in late April.

LEADER LUNCHEON

May 19 • 12:15 p.m. • Fellowship Hall

Leaders of Small Groups, Bible Studies and Mini Congregations are invited to celebrate a job well done in discipling and teaching in 2023-24.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

May 19 • 6 p.m. • Worship Center

Hear about and discuss the future of First Free. All are welcome to attend!

NEW! DATE NIGHT FUNDRAISER

May 31 • Details coming soon

Our youth will provide childcare for parents to enjoy a date night out. In return, our students will earn money for the Challenge Conference.

An Empty Tomb

PALM SUNDAY

Mar. 24 • 9 & 10:45 a.m.

Worship Center & Livestream
Jesus has entered Jerusalem!

GOOD FRIDAY

Mar. 29 • 6:30 p.m.

Worship Center & Livestream
We will recall Jesus' death on the cross while taking the Lord's Supper together.

BREAKFAST

Mar. 31 • 8 - 11 a.m. • Gym

A cheerful meal featuring egg bake, pastries and beverages. To help serve breakfast, sign up in the Lobby in March.

EASTER SUNDAY

Mar. 31 • 9 & 10:45 a.m.

Worship Center & Livestream
Joyful services celebrating the greatest day in history.



Men

QUARTERLY BREAKFAST

May 18 • 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Men and boys (12+), you are invited for a free breakfast, for fellowship and to hear Gib Coleman speak about loving Jesus through grief and loss. 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. until May 20 (except Apr. 1)

6:30 p.m. • Fellowship Hall

Come and study 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 Mar. 4) • 7 - 9 p.m. • Gym

Thu. • 6 - 7:30 a.m. • Gym

All ages and skill levels are invited for exercise and fellowship. Contacts: Peter Thompson (Mon - 651.238.8832) and Andy Waller (Thu. - 218.255.5573).

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. until May 16

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. until May 18 • 8 a.m. • Room 201

Join any time for men's fellowship and biblical study. All ages are welcome. 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 started, fill out an application on Church Center Groups or grab a paper copy from Mike Anderson (651.324.3259).

Women

NEW! GAME NIGHT

Apr. 19 • Time TBD • Family Center

Women's Ministries and the Northwoods Moms are co-hosting an evening of festivities! Save the date with details coming in March.

WOMEN IN THE WORD

Tue. until May 14* (except Mar. 12)

*The evening class will end May 21.

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. Contact: Nini Bronson at 651.262.9314.

WEDNESDAY MORNING STUDY

Wed. until May 8

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).

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 3. To join the list of those who provide the meals, contact Bev Wentworth at 651.253.4050.

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.



NORTHWOODS MOMS

Mini Swap: Apr. 25 • 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

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).

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

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! Contact: Lori Felton at 651.252.9242.

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.





Growth

BASICS OF CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY 2

Sun. until May 12 (except Mar. 31)

10:45 a.m. - 12 p.m. • Room 202

What should we believe and why? This spring, we will conclude our study of ten central biblical themes. Contact: Dr. Daryl Aaron at 763.647.0401.

BAPTISM

Next Baptism Day: Mar. 31 (Easter)

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 a future class or contact the Church Office at 651.777.5180 or info@firstefc.org.

DISCOVERING THE BIBLE

Mon. (except May 27) • 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Harmony Gardens Hamel Chapel

Read through the entire Bible in 2024! Grab a study guide from the Welcome Center. 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.



THE annual REPORT

Christ accomplished so much in our church and world in 2023. Read about it by grabbing your copy from the Welcome Center or scanning the QR code above!

Seasons

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).

RAILROAD MUSEUM Mar. 9

LUNCH - O'MALLEY'S Mar. 17

LUNCH - KELLER'S Apr. 21

COMO CONSERVATORY Apr. 27

LUNCH - HYVEE May 19

MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC May 25

SENIOR BIBLE STUDY (AGE 50+)

Wed. until May 15 (except Mar. 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.

ENCORE SPRING GATHERING

Apr. 10 • 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Worship Center & Gym

Join other adults (55+) for a luncheon and extended time of praise music and hymn medleys. Register on the North Central District's website or call the Church Office for assistance. Cost: \$15.

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).

ASSEMBLE CARE PACKAGES

Mar. 12 • 12 p.m. • Lunch (Culver's)

Mar. 12 • 1 p.m. • Room 202

Assemble encouraging packages for our homebound friends.

PROGRESSIVE LUNCH

Apr. 22 at 12 p.m. • Fellowship Hall

A three-course meal in three rooms!

POTLUCK AND PRAYER

May 16 • 10:30 a.m. • Fellowship Hall

Join in prayer for our Global Partners and share a potluck at noon.

mini congregations

These multi-generational groups study and pray together on Sundays. Join any time! (Note that some groups break for summer.)

BODY BUILDERS

9 a.m. • Fellowship Hall

CROSSROADS

9 a.m. • Room 100

For young singles and marrieds

@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

Service

CAR CARE

First Sat. of 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.

NEW! BABYSITTER LIST

To view a list of sitters within our church body or to apply to join the list, visit the Northwoods Moms Group Page on Church Center in the women's section.

MEALS FOR MOMS



Provide food for a family adjusting to life with a new child. Details on Page 2 or scan the QR code!

Worship ministries

To use your gifts in praise to our King, please email
Worship Director 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!



Service (continued)

HOSPITALITY TEAM

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:

Apr. 1 • 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Hamel Chapel (1438 County Rd C)

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.



Care & Outreach

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

40 Days of Prayer: Feb. 14 - Mar. 24

Closing Prayer Vigil: Mar. 24 • 3 p.m.

First Free values life at all ages. Events and volunteer days are announced periodically. Event details are listed in our Church Center Group. 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

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 at brett.rosso@gmail.com.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Interest Meeting:

Mar. 13 • 1 p.m. • Room 202

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.

GRIEFSHARE

Spring Semester: Feb. 19 - May 13

Mon. • 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.



FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE

New staff member and veteran nurse Kathy Russell works with our pastors and visitation teams to help meet the health and spiritual needs of our congregation via resources, referrals, and encouragement. Contact: Kathy at 612.807.7940 or krussell@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.

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.

VISITATION MINISTRY

Deacons Debbie Anderson and Louise Addington provide uplifting spiritual care by visiting people at home, in the hospital or in transitional care. Louise also promotes health and wellness while supporting congregants in their caregiving roles. Contacts: Louise at 952.428.9942 or Debbie at 612.708.2784.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT

Mar. 11, Apr. 8 & May 13 (2nd Mon.)
2 - 3:15 p.m. • Rooms 200 & 202

A rich time of encouragement and education 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! Please register so we can plan staffing.

NEW! CARE FRIENDS

We provide regular visits (1+ time per month) for encouragement, friendship and spiritual care. This bolsters church body relationships across generations. Contact Louise or Debbie if you are interested in receiving visits, know someone who might be or would like to become a Care Friend visitor yourself!



harvest gardens - sharing land & showing love!

Green thumbs are not required to serve at our church's community garden on County Road C. Many hands are needed from spring until fall! Contact: Jon Addington at 651.283.2404 or jladdington.fefc@gmail.com.

MINISTRY MEETING

Mar. 16 • 9 - 10:30 a.m. • Room 200

Learn all about Harvest Gardens and how you can get involved! We'll cover community gardening, the Giving Garden and the Garden Kids Bible Club.

GARDENER REGISTRATION

Apr. 1 - 6 • 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. • Lobby • Sign up with Jon
First Free volunteers help 700+ gardeners reserve a plot.

FIELD WORK DAYS

Apr. 13, 20 & 27 • 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. • Come when you can
Prepare the grounds for the season! All ages are welcome.

OPENING DAY

May 4 • 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. • Come when you can
A chance to extend Christian hospitality to our gardeners.

GIVING GARDEN

Runs May - Oct.

We use four garden plots to grow produce which is donated to the Salvation Army Food Shelf. Volunteers plant, weed, water, harvest and deliver the food. All ages and abilities are welcome to help a little or a lot! Contacts: Bill Freiling at 651.373.4915 and John Chelstrom at 612.618.9483.

GARDEN KIDS BIBLE CLUB

Info Meeting: May 19 • 12:15 p.m. • Room 201

Club Dates: Tue. from Jun. 11 - Aug. 20 • 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Children of Harvest Gardens gardeners meet for Bible stories, crafts and more. Help is needed for this outdoors, mid-week ministry. Bring your own kids! Contact: Rob & Mary Osterlund at 651.426.2871 or mgosterlund@gmail.com.



Youth

Junior High includes youth in Grades 7-8. Senior High is Grades 9-12. Printed rosters of all 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. until May 19 • 9 - 10:15 a.m.

JH: Youth Center A

Not meeting Mar. 31 or Apr. 21.

SH: Youth Center B

Not meeting Mar. 3 & 31 or Apr. 14.

Students grow in their knowledge and love for Jesus through Biblical teaching. 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. until May 8 (except Mar. 13)

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 FUN NIGHT

Apr. 3 • Various locations

Talk to your small group leader for an activity list and a schedule.

WORSHIP NIGHT

May 1 • Youth Center

A night to sing praises to the One who loved you first.

END-OF-YEAR PARTIES

May 8 • Youth Center

The finale of the youth group year!

(JH) PARTY AT KJELSHUS HOME

Mar. 2 • 5 - 8 p.m. • Oakdale, MN

An evening of pizza, snacks, games and prizes! Cost: \$5.

FLIP TO VIEW THE REST OF OUR YOUTH MINISTRIES!



Jun. 23 - 27 • 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Adults and youth, Vacation Bible School is a whole month early this year. Mark your calendars now for a jungle adventure. Kids, you can register starting May 1. Use the QR code on the back cover for details!

PLAY AND LEARN summer

Summer Thursdays
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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 Group lists dates, fees and forms. Contact: Paige Lincoln at 651.785.8220.



Children

RETREAT 46

Apr. 12 - 14 • Camp Shamineau

Students in Grades 4 - 6 will celebrate the year together, learn about God and have a blast doing so. Cost: \$120.

MEMORY VERSE PRIZE SHOP

May 8 • 6:30 - 8 p.m. • Room 101

May 19 • 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. • Room 101

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 now!

PARENT & CHILD DEDICATIONS

May 12 • 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.

VBS PREP NIGHTS

May 15 & 22 • 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Help us make simple, big-impact crafts to be used as VBS decorations. (Mark your calendar now... VBS is Jun. 23 - 27!)

EXPEDITION

WED. MINISTRY FOR AGE 4 - GRADE 6

Wed. until May 8 (except Mar. 13)

6:30 - 8 p.m. • Various classrooms

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.

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.

KIDS' CAMP

SUN. MINISTRY FOR GRADE K - 6

Sun. until May 19 (except Mar. 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.

DONUTS & 'DOGS FUNDRAISER

Mar. 3 & Apr. 14

9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. • Church Building

See Page 1 for full event details. Youth participants can earn money for their Challenge fee by helping in the Kitchen, Gym and Lobby. There will not be Senior High Sunday School on fundraiser day.

YOUTH LEADER MEETINGS

JH: Mar. 18 & Apr. 8

SH: Mar. 19 & Apr. 9

7 p.m. • Youth Center

Leaders will gather for encouragement and equipping for ministry.

(JH) DISTRICT BLITZ

Apr. 19 - 21 • Duluth, MN

Students from our region gather to hear great speakers and music. Experience worship, prayer, challenging messages and tons of fun together! Leave from church at 4 p.m. on Friday and return by 3:30 p.m. on Sunday. (There will not be Junior High Sunday School on Apr. 21.) Pick up a packet from the Youth Wall and register by Apr. 3. Cost: \$200 plus money for meals on the road.

(SH) GRADUATE LAUNCH PARTY

May 15 • Details to come via invitation

Graduating high school seniors and their families are invited to attend this event, launching them into their next phase of life with prayer and celebration!

YOUTH LEADER PARTY

May 21 • Details to come via invitation

DATE NIGHT FUNDRAISER

May 31 • Details to come

Provide childcare for parents enjoying a date night out while you earn money for the Challenge Conference!

CHALLENGE DATES

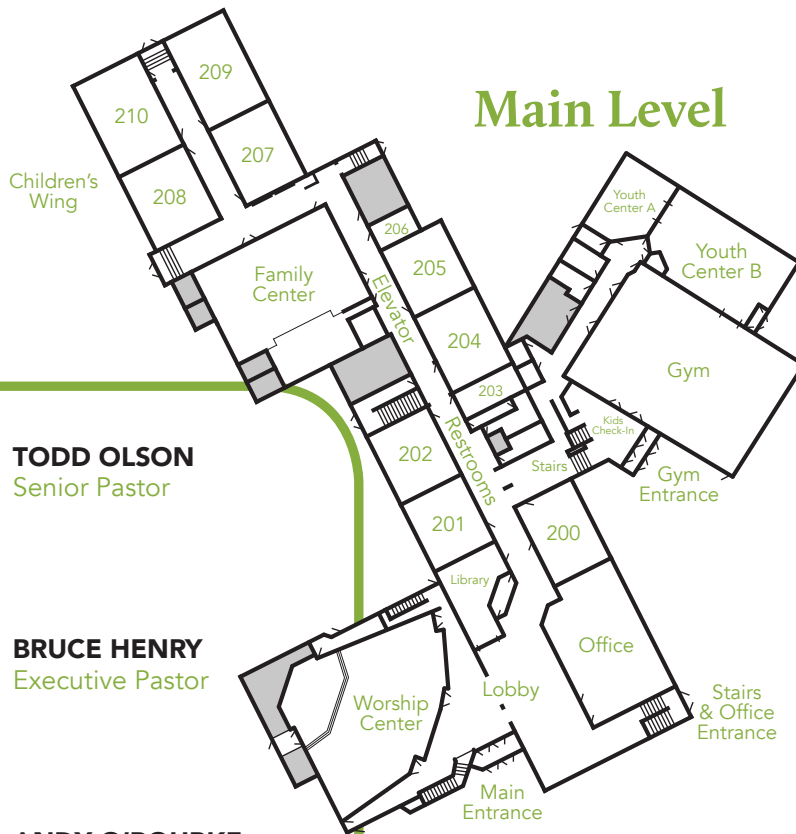
Parent Meeting Jun. 19 at 7 p.m.

Challenge Conference Jun. 30 - Jul. 6





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

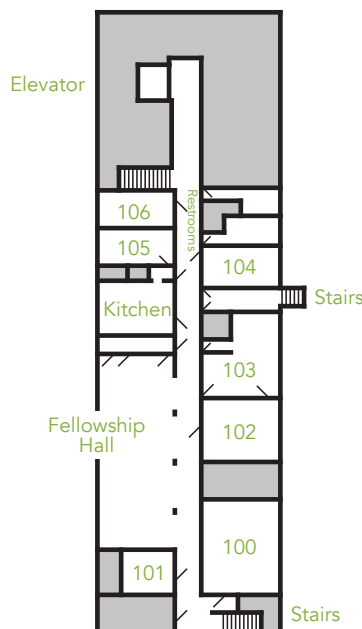


KOBY RADCLIFFE
Junior High Youth Pastor



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

Lower Level



We encourage all First Free attenders 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!





First Evangelical Free Church

— EST. 1886 —

2696 Hazelwood Street
Maplewood, MN 55109
651.777.5180 • www.firstefc.org



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.



Scan for details on
Vacation Bible School!

