

THE FIRSTLOOK NEWSLETTER

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EVERYONE

NEW AT CHURCH?

Visit Page 7 for helpful items like staff photos, a building map and a couple events for newcomers like you!

OFFICE CLOSURES Sep. 7, Nov. 26 - 27

KICKOFF SUNDAY

Sep. 13 • 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. • First Free
The Worship Choir and Worship Orchestra will help lead us in celebratory worship this morning. Many ministries will resume for the fall including Sunday classes and programs for all ages.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE LUNCH & TOURNAMENT

Sep. 13 • 12:30 p.m. • Hazelwood Park
We'll share a pizza feast before tossing the disc. It's our summer finale! Register on Church Center by Sep. 10. Contact: Dwight Reynolds (612.747.7368).

FAMILY GYM NIGHT

2nd/4th Fri. starting Sep. 25
6:30 - 9 p.m. • Gym (No Nov. 13, 27)
All generations are invited to get active as a church. A variety of sports will be featured on a rotating basis. View the schedule on Church Center.

COMMUNION Sep. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Oct. 23 • 6:30 - 9:15 p.m.
Pastor Todd's Home (Vadnais Heights)
This class covers who we are, what First Free believes, and why membership is important. To RSVP or get a copy of our class packet, contact the Church Office at info@firsttefc.org or 651.777.5180.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Nov. 8 • 2 - 4 p.m. • Room 200
This gathering offers help to those on healing journeys this holiday season. Register in October. Flip to Page 5 for details about GriefShare. Contact: Carolynn Schultz at 651.270.6086.

STOCKING THE SHELVES

Nov. 8 • 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Once a year, books are available to purchase via our Library fundraiser. Contribute by browsing our selection in

the Lobby and choosing a new title you would like to donate. You get the first chance to check it out once it's ready. Contact: Tara Larsen at 651.288.1078 or tlarsen@firsttefc.org.

FALL FESTIVAL OF HYMNS

Nov. 8 • 4 p.m. • Worship Center
Worship featuring great hymns of the faith. Invite a friend!

THANKSGIVING HOSTS

Will there be extra room at your table this year? Prayerfully consider inviting an international student to your holiday meal! Details: www.usahomestays.org.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

Nov. 15 • 4 p.m. • Worship Center
All are invited to this quarterly business meeting. Hear about and discuss the future of First Free while welcoming new members afterward.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE & PIE SOCIAL

Nov. 22 • 6 p.m. • Worship Center
Gather to praise God for his faithfulness this past year. Baptisms will take place during the service. Bring a pie to pass for our social in the Gym afterwards!

SOUL-WINNERS

3rd Sat. • 1 - 4 p.m. • Maplewood Mall
We train, pray and then visit malls and homes to engage people with the gospel. RSVP Amy Bruno at 714.317.2460



ADULTS

MINI CONGREGATIONS

These multi-generational groups study and pray on Sundays. Join any time for fellowship and time in the Word!

BODY BUILDERS

Sun. starting Sep. 13
9 a.m. • Fellowship Hall

CROSSROADS

YOUNG ADULTS

Sun. starting Sep. 13
9 a.m. • Room 201

@THE.CORE

Sun. starting Sep. 13
9 a.m. • Room 200

TRUE NORTH

YOUNG MARRIEDS (20s / 30s)

Sun. starting Sep. 13
9 a.m. • Room 202

BEREANS

Sun. • 10:45 a.m. • Room 201

KOINONIA

Sun. starting Sep. 13
10:45 a.m. • Room 200

PIZZA AT THE PAVILION

Sep. 20 • 12:30 - 1:15 p.m.

College students, join us for pizza, soda, and yard games!

SINGLES (AGE 40+)

We fellowship via seasonal outings and lunches at 12:15 p.m. on Second Sundays. Join our Church Center Group! Contacts: Janet Jordan (661.492.4417) or Ron Virnala (651.770.6615).

Sep. 19: Hinckley Fire Museum

Oct. 6: Movie Night

Nov. 7: Russian Art Museum

ENCORE RETREAT (AGE 55+)

Sep. 14 - 15 • Camp Shamineau (Motley)

Two days of inspiring biblical talks and camp activities! Speaker is Greg Scharf, Professor Emeritus TEDS. Register on-line or contact Jon Addington at 651-283-2404. Transportation is available to those who express interest.

SENIOR BIBLE STUDY (AGE 50+)

Sep. 16 • 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.

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Worship is not just music, but music is one way to worship God. To use your gifts in praise, contact Worship Pastor 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 on special days.

WORSHIP TEAM

Rehearsal: Thu. • 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Worship: Sun. • 7:45 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Lead worship on Sundays.



NEW!

PRAYER NIGHT

Sep. 20 • 5 - 6:30 p.m. • Family Center

Potluck supper, worship songs and prayer over our fall ministries. Main course provided, bring a side dish or dessert to share if you are able.

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). Register for events in the Lobby or with Karen.

Sep. 21 – Lunch & Learn

Oct. 29 – Staff Appreciation Potluck

Nov. 11 – Progressive Lunch

Nov. 13 – OCC Packing Party

SMALL GROUP LEADER GATHERING

Oct. 4 • 12:15 p.m. • Fellowship Hall

These gathering times will include a meal, fellowship, collaboration, sharing time and intentional training. Future dates are Feb. 7 and Apr. 11. *Childcare will be provided.

MEN

NEW! BROKEN STRENGTH: MEN'S BREAKFAST GATHERING

Nov. 14 • 8 - 10:30 a.m. • Fellowship Hall

Calling ALL men (12+) to come together and be equipped, trained, and supported to pursue purity and live in victory over sexual temptations. Join us for a special morning of food, fellowship, and grace-filled encouragement to help men thrive in their spiritual walks with Christ. We've invited Paul Klassen (Executive Director of Broken Strength Ministries) to guide our time together.

THE FORGE (PURITY GROUP)

Thu. • 7 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.

STUDY: BIBLE STUDY & FELLOWSHIP

Mon. starting Sep. 14

6:30 - 8 p.m. • Room 200

Study the Book of Acts in a thoughtful, down-to-earth way. We fellowship and pray together at the end. Contacts: Marty Dennison (612.810.1525) and Larry Jaehnert (651.491.0522).

BASKETBALL IN THE GYM

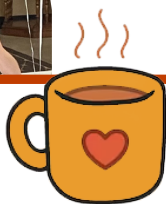
Mon. at 7 p.m. and Thu. at 6 a.m.

All ages and skill levels are invited for exercise and fellowship. Contacts: Peter Thompson (Mon. – 651.238.8832) and Paul Rothermel (Thu. – 651.260.7920).

SMALL GROUPS



All First Free attenders are encouraged to join a Small Group. It is one of the primary ways we live out the gospel as a church family on a mission. To start, complete our Small Group Application by scanning the QR Code or contacting the Church Office. We will be in touch soon with a group recommendation!



MEN (CONTINUED)

MEN'S MORNING PRAYER

Thu. • 7:30 a.m. • Room 202

Come pray for our church, missionaries, community, nation and one another. We often do breakfast afterward! Contact: Mike Anderson at 651.324.3259.

STUDY: SATURDAY MORNING

Sat. starting Oct. 3 • 8 a.m.

Harmony Gardens (1438 County Rd C)

Join any time for men's fellowship and biblical study. Contacts: Brian Finley at 651.357.0793 and Dave Gustafson at 612.251.4513.

MENTORING MINISTRY

Older men are invited to share their hard-earned, biblical wisdom with the younger men in our church. Fellowship, prayer and accountability is eagerly being sought by the next generation! Fill out an application on Church Center Groups or contact Mike Anderson at 651.324.3259 or mike10and@gmail.com.

WOMEN

LADIES FALL TEA AND BRUNCH

Nov. 7 • 9 - 11 a.m. • Family Center

Kick off fall at a cozy breakfast featuring worship and a guest speaker. This is a great way to meet First Free ladies and be encouraged by powerful, biblical teaching. Register on Church Center, at Women in the Word or in the Lobby starting in October. Contact: Ali Keller at alimkeller@me.com.

STUDY: WOMEN IN THE WORD

Classes Start Sep. 15- Register Now!



Acts, Matthew, Genesis
Morning and Evening
In Person or Zoom
Details and Registration

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 or in the Lobby. Contact: Mandy Peterson at 763.639.5414.

"PRAY ALSO FOR US,

THAT GOD MAY OPEN TO US A DOOR FOR THE WORD, TO DECLARE THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST..." COLOSSIANS 4:3

STUDY: WEDNESDAY MORNING

Sep. 16 - May 5 • 10 - 11:30 a.m. •

Room 200 • Led by Mary Krejce

Join other ladies as we study the books, Ezra and Nehemiah. Guests are welcome! Contact: Marilyn Tetzlaff at 651.492.3995.

NEW ARRIVALS

When a child joins your family, let the Church Office know via phone or by emailing info@firstefc.org. We will share the news with our congregation!

MEALS FOR MOMS

We provide food for families adjusting to life with a new child. Before arrival, complete the application on Church Center Groups or scan the code on Page 6. To bring meals, contact Deacon Bev Wentworth at 651.253.4050.

MOM CONNECTION

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

Sep. - May in Family Center

Mini Swap: Sep. 23 & 24 • Rosso's Home

Chili Cookoff: Sep. 27 • Fellowship Hall

Football Potluck: Nov. 15 • Family Center

We are a community of mothers with at least one child Newborn to Early Elementary who meet for seasonal events, playdates, and to pass along clothes and gear. Join our WhatsApp to stay up to date! Contacts: Marie Warkentin (651.468.7288) and Amanda Rosso (920.840.2616).

TITUS 2 MENTORING

Wouldn't it be nice to have a woman a season ahead to plant spiritual seeds in your life? Young ladies are invited to apply for a mentor, and women with experience are commanded to share their wisdom! We also have a separate mentor group to share homeschool tips and resources. Contacts: Mandy Peterson (763.639.5414) and Jeannine Brown (651.238.4983).

YOUTH

Junior High (JH) includes the students in Grades 7 - 8 and is led by Pastor Koby Radcliffe. High School (HS) is led by Pastor Brent Fischer and includes students in Grades 9 - 12. A printed roster of all our events is available at the Welcome Center and on the Youth Wall outside the Youth Center.

PARENT INFO NIGHT

(JH) Sep. 2 • 6 - 8 p.m. • Gym

(HS) Sep. 2 • 6 - 8 p.m. • Gym

Meet other parents in the Youth Center, hear from Pastors Brent and Koby about plans for Sunday School and Youth Group, and discuss how we can partner together to point youth to Jesus.

(HS) WHITE RABBIT INN WORK DAY

Sep. 5 • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. • Youth Center B

Help update, decorate and solidify the vibe of the High School room!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sun. starting Sep. 13 • 9 - 10:15 a.m.

(JH) Youth Center A • Not meeting Oct. 25.

(HS) Youth Center B • Not meeting Oct 25.

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

(JH) YOUTH LEADER MEETINGS

Sep. 9, Oct. 27 & Nov. 24

6:30 - 8 p.m. • Youth Center A

Leaders gather for prayer, equipping and encouragement in ministry.

(HS) SENIORS & STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAMS TRAINING

Sep. 9 • 6:30 - 8 p.m. • Youth Center

Leaders, seniors, and students on teams will learn about their roles.





YOUTH GROUP

Wed. starting Sep. 16 (except Nov. 25)

(JH) Youth Center A • 6:30 - 8 p.m.

(HS) Youth Center B • 6:30 - 8 p.m.

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

(HS) Q&A NIGHT Sep. 30

(HS) WORSHIP NIGHT Oct. 21

(ALL) OCC BOX PREP Nov. 11

(HS) FALL FEAST Nov. 18

FALL FLING RETREATS

Camp Shamineau (Motley, MN)

(JH) Oct. 23 - 25 • Sign up by Oct. 11

(HS) Oct. 23 - 25 • Sign up by Oct. 11

Get away to hear from God, fellowship with Youth Group friends, and worship together! Enjoy climbing walls, crafts, paintball, and flag football. Sign up on Church Center or the Youth Wall.

REALITY CONFERENCE

Nov. 13 - 14 • Grace Church (Eden Prairie)

This apologetics conference pulls back the curtain on how Christianity impacts our world. Sign up on Church Center or the Youth Wall.

THE LAMPLIGHTERS GUILD

A leadership group for high schoolers that want to serve the youth group and brainstorm ideas with Pastor Brent to help keep the student culture at The White Rabbit Inn burning bright for Christ. Members accepted based on application. Meeting times TBD.

SAVE THE DATES

Dec. 16: JH / HS Christmas Parties

Feb. 5 - 6: JH Lock In

Feb. 19 - 21: HS Winter Camp

Apr. 16 - 18: JH District Blitz

NEW!

High School

Sep. 27 • 12:15 - 1:30 • Youth Center B

We are excited to announce an ISRAEL STUDY TRIP for the High School Student Ministries coming mid-June 2027. All high school families are invited to join us for an informational meeting to discuss the details!

Israel Study Trip

FIRST FREE KIDS

PARENT INFO NIGHT

Sep. 2 • 6 - 8 p.m. • Gym

A hands-on event! New and returning families, learn how our programs work with families to disciple the church's next generation. Register for childcare by Aug. 26. Contact: Abby Beard at 651.285.5754 or abeard@firstefc.org.

NEW VOLUNTEER MEETING

Sep. 9 • 6:30 - 8 p.m. • Family Center

New volunteers will learn about our facilities, curriculum, policies and tips for success. Contact: Abby Beard at 651.285.5754 or abeard@firstefc.org.

MOM'S DAY AWAY

Thu. starting Sep. 10 • 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

We offer a safe, Christ-centered learning environment for infants through age five so parents and caregivers have time to do things they need to do. Our Church Center Group Page features dates, fees and forms. Contact: Paige Lincoln at 651.785.8220.

TRUCK OR TREAT

Oct. 24 • 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

First Free Parking Lot

Check out big rigs and trunks decorated by First Free congregants and collect candy along the way. Dressing up is optional... Having fun is mandatory!

PARENT & CHILD DEDICATIONS

Oct. 25 • During Church Services

Participants: RSVP by Oct. 16

Parents can dedicate their child to the Lord while dedicating themselves to raising their child in a Christ-like way. To get started, sign up on Church Center.

FIRST FREE KIDS EXPEDITION

WED. MINISTRY FOR AGE 4 - GRADE 6

Wed. starting Sep. 16

(Not meeting Oct. 14 & Nov. 25)

6:30 - 8 p.m. • Various Rooms

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



SUNDAY BIRTH - PRE-K

SUN. MINISTRY FOR AGE 0 - 5

Check-In: Opens at 8:45 a.m.

Childcare: 9 - 10:30 a.m.

& 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. • Various Rooms

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.

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

SUN. MINISTRY FOR GRADES K - 6

We support families with special needs! For details, contact Stephen Gravley at sgravley@firstefc.org.

SUNDAY K-6

SUN. MINISTRY FOR GRADES K - 6

Sun. starting Sep. 13

A dynamic discipling program for the next generation! Register on Church Center. Please pick up kids promptly after church services. Contact: Stephen Gravley at sgravley@firstefc.org.

FIRST HOUR

WAKE-UP WORSHIP (K - 6)

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 - 6)

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

GAME TIME (K - 6)

10:15 - 10:45 a.m. • Room 207

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





GYM TIME (3 – 6)

10:15 - 10:45 a.m. • Family Center
Deepen relationships via competitive games and team building activities.

KIDS' CHOIR (K – 6)

(K – 2) 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. • Room 211
(3 – 6) 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. • Room 210
Kids glorify God through song and scripture while working in groups, learning new musical concepts and leading others in worship.

SECOND HOUR

CHAPEL TIME (K – 2)

10:45 a.m. - 12 p.m. • Various Rooms
We study the Bible chronologically through lessons that keep kids active and engaged in learning.

GROWTH

DISCOVERING THE BIBLE

Mon. (except Sep. 7) • 6:30 p.m.
Harmony Gardens Activity Room
Finish reading the entire Bible in 2026. Study guides and devotional books are in the Lobby. Contact: Jon Addington at jladddington.fefc@gmail.com.

CHURCH LIBRARY

Summer Hours (End Sept. 10)

Sun. • 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
M / W / Thu. • 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

School Year Hours (Start Sep. 13)

Sun. • 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
M / W / Thu. • 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Tue. • 11:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Stocking the Shelves: See Page 1

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.

BAPTISM

Class A: Oct. 25 • 9 a.m. • YC A

Class B: Nov. 8 • 10:45 a.m. • YC A

Baptism: Nov. 22 • Thanksgiving Service
Baptism is a public testimony that you love and trust Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. Attend one of our classes above if you are a believer who wants to learn more. Please RSVP by Oct. 20 to 651.777.5180 or info@firstefc.org.

CARE

GRIEFSHARE

Fall Semester: Sep. 14 - Dec. 7

Mon. • 10 - 11:45 a.m. • Room 202

Surviving the Holidays: See Page 1

Find help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. This 13-week video series features experts on biblical grief combined with group discussion. Join at any time. Cost: \$25. Deacons: Carolyn Schultz at 651.270.6086 or Diane Johnson at 651.210.1292.

POST-GRIEFSHARE STUDY

Fri. • 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. • Room 100

If you have completed the GriefShare class, you are invited to this biblical study taught from a grief recovery perspective. Contact: Kevin Watters at kevoowatt@gmail.com.

FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE

Staff member and veteran nurse Kathy Russell provides our staff and church volunteers with medical and spiritual resources, referrals, and encouraging words. Contact: Kathy at 612.807.7940 or krussell@firstefc.org.

CARE MINISTRIES TEAM

Uplifting spiritual and health resources are provided by our deacons, Debbie Anderson (612.708.2784) and Louise Addington (952.428.9942).

VISITATION

We visit folks in homes, hospitals and transitional care units. Contact us if you have the gift of visiting!

CARE FRIENDS

A Care Friend is matched with an individual and visits 1+ time per month to provide encouragement, friendship and spiritual care. This bolsters intergenerational church relationships. Contact us to receive visits or become a visitor yourself.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT

Sep. 14, Oct. 12 & Nov. 9 (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 for activities in a separate room. Pre-registration is required.

SERVICE

HOSPITALITY TEAM

Training & Breakfast: See Page 6

Sep. 26 • 9-11 a.m. • Lobby
Share your gift of welcoming others!

CAR CARE

First Saturdays • AM-PM Automotive

For 20+ years, our team has performed minor vehicle repairs for congregants and community members. Both novices and experts are invited to volunteer. To schedule repairs, call 651.777.5180.

HOME CARE

We offer home repairs for those with limited income in our church family. A list of accepted jobs is on Church Center Groups. To serve or schedule repairs, contact Ron Virnala at 612.210.7520.

FUNERAL TEAM

Help prepare, serve, and clean up lunch or refreshments for the family of a loved one who has passed. Contact: Janis College at 651.353.3182.

YOUTH PRAYER CALENDAR

Pray for a few of our youth by name daily. Grab an updated copy each quarter from the Welcome Center.

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.

PRAYER



ALL-CHURCH PRAYER

Sun. • 8:30 a.m. & 4 p.m. • Room 201

Are you concerned about the things happening in our world? Each week, we pray for our church, personal requests and God's work in our culture and time.



HOSPITALITY

Guest Service Hosts, Greeters and Ushers make people feel welcome in our building. Serve once or multiple times per month! To share your gift of hospitality, contact one of our Deacons: Jon and Louise Addington (651.283.2404).

TRAINING & BREAKFAST

Sep. 26 • 9 - 11 a.m. • Lobby

Current and prospective volunteers are invited to hear our vision for all three team sections, review safety protocols and more! A light breakfast will be served.

MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

All current and former medical staff are invited to join a volunteer rotation that responds to emergencies on Sundays. Contact: Terry Stahl at 507.461.1086.

CARE PORTAL

Join a local network of caring people who meet the vetted needs of kids and families in crisis. To learn more or get started, visit our Church Center Group. Contact: Susan Grams at 612.599.6112.

MEALS FOR MOMS



Bring food to a family adjusting to life with a new child. Find details on Page 3 or scan the QR code to the left!

BABYSITTER LIST

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

CHILDCARE WORK OPPORTUNITY.

Do you enjoy spending time with children? We are looking for caring and dependable individuals to help provide childcare for special events. Junior high and senior high students, parents, and members of the congregation are encouraged to contact Tonya Dahl for more information. tdahl@firstefc.org or 651.324.8814. *these are paid opportunities.

OUTREACH

GLOBAL IMPACT TEAM

This team is passionate about reaching the world with the Good News. We interact with the Global Partners who First Free supports. (A list is on Church Center Groups.) We also invite the congregation to participate in kingdom projects. Contact: Sandy Dennison at sandyden@icloud.com.

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

40 Days for Life: Sep. 24 - Nov. 2

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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Team Meetings: 2nd Wed. • 1 p.m.

Room 202 • Join us any time!

Fundraiser: Sep. 22 • 4 - 8 p.m.

Panera (Maplewood) Bring flyer

Fundraiser: Oct. 27 • 4 - 8 p.m.

Red's Savoy (Vadnais Heights)

Mention "Chow for Charity"

Packing Party: Nov. 13 & 14

10 - 11:30 a.m. (**NOTE** new times)

This ministry culminates every fall when we pack shoeboxes with gifts and ship them around the world. The rest of the year is spent planning, sewing, knitting and shopping for box contents. Contact Carolyn Schultz at 651.777.0029.

HARMONY GARDENS

Volunteer Interest Meetings:

Sep. 8 • 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Hamel Chapel (1438 County Rd C)

First Free's Harvest Gardens shares a boundary with Harmony Gardens Senior Living. Volunteers visit residents and offer a helping hand in this relational, intergenerational ministry right around the corner! Contact: Jon Addington at jladdington.fefc@gmail.com.

HARVEST GARDENS

Cleanup Day: Oct. 10 • 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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

THE GIVING GARDEN

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.

GLOBAL IMPACT SUNDAY, NOV. 1!

COMPELLED By His GLORY

Worship Center
9 & 10:45 a.m.
Tshepang Basupi
Africa Inland Mission
Southern Africa Region

Gym
Ted & Liisa Rurup
Collin & Daisy Rurup

Fellowship Hall
Nov. 1 • 6 pm
Special Dinner with
Tshepang Basupi, Rurups and
Global Partners.
There is limited space so
reservations will be required.

AND HOW ARE THEY TO PREACH
UNLESS THEY ARE SENT?
AS IT IS WRITTEN, "HOW BEAUTIFUL
ARE THE FEET OF THOSE
WHO PREACH THE GOOD NEWS!"

ROMANS 10:15

ARE YOU NEW? THERE'S A WELCOME HERE FROM OUR PASTORS, STAFF, DEACONS AND MORE!



TODD OLSON
Senior Pastor



JASON PEIHL
Executive Pastor



LUKE OLSON
Pastor of
Worship



ANDY O'ROURKE
Adult Ministries Pastor



BRENT FISCHER
High School Student
Ministries Pastor



KOBY RADCLIFFE
Junior High Youth Pastor



Scan to meet
the rest of our
ministry leaders!

MAIN LEVEL

OUR HOSPITALITY TEAM IS READY TO HELP
YOU LOCATE APPROPRIATE ROOMS IN THE
FIRST FREE KIDS AREA.



NEWCOMER CHECKLIST

- ☐ **GUEST SERVICES DESK**
Be sure to visit. We have a welcome gift for you!
- ☐ **FIRST CONNECTION**
You're invited to this casual gathering where we share about First Free and get to meet you. Join us from 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. in Room 202 on Sep. 6, Oct. 4 or Nov. 8. Questions? Contact Jon & Louise Addington at 651.283.2404.
- ☐ **PIZZA WITH THE PASTORS**
New folks are invited for a meal and friendly face time with a few of our pastors and leaders. Join us on Oct. 18 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 202. If possible, RSVP by Oct. 15 to 651.777.5180 or info@firstefc.org.

ON
SOCIAL
MEDIA

First Free posts periodically on Facebook and Instagram. We share candid photos from events and invite you to participate in future get togethers. See you online!

Facebook: /FirstEFC

Instagram: @firstefc





First Evangelical Free Church

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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.

SUNDAY SERVICES

9 a.m. • In Person
10:45 a.m. • In Person & YouTube

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

THE WEEKLY NEWS

An email featuring details on upcoming events is published every Thursday. To subscribe or have a blurb included in a future edition, 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 events is on our website.

QUESTIONS

With questions or comments about anything at First Free, use the phone or email at the top of this page. You may also use the handy contact form on our website. We answer quickly during office hours (and sometimes on the weekend!)

