

First Free News

First Evangelical Free Church
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A Message from the Call Committee & Church Council

We are pleased to announce that Pastor Joel Sutton has accepted the call to become Senior Pastor of First Evangelical Free Church. His first Sunday with us will be Easter Sunday, March 31. We look forward with great anticipation to having Joel & Becky Sutton and their children Hope and Jacob with us!

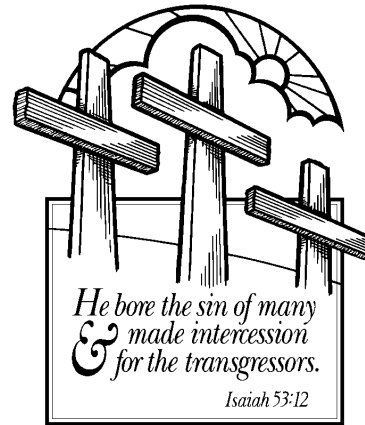
Just as God has so graciously answered our prayers for a new Senior Pastor, we now ask you to pray especially for Pastor Sutton and the Council as we begin laying plans for God's desired future ministry at First Free. We want to be so very sensitive to hearing His voice and understanding what His will is for us as a congregation.

We will begin now to ask God for whom He desires to be our Minister of Worship. Worship is so important! God's Word says so much about worship.

Pray for the Worship Commission and for Deborah Smith as they plan our worship services in the days ahead. We want to worship and honor God with all of our hearts, minds, and emotions. We want to be obedient to His leading in our lives!

Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor, giving preference to one another, not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. - Romans 12:10-11

— Don Brueske, Church Chairman —



March Previews

Sunday, March 3rd (Communion)

Guest Speaker: Pastor Bill Anderson

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Sunday, March 17th

Guest Speaker: Dan Reeve, EFCA

Palm Sunday, March 24th

Guest Speaker: Alan Peterson

Good Friday, March 29th

7:00 PM Good Friday Service

Dessert Social following service

Each family bring a dessert to share

Easter Sunday, March 31st

Senior Pastor: Joel Sutton

Drama & Special Children's Presentation

Extended Fellowship—No Sunday School

January Potluck Dinners

The Personnel Committee wishes to announce that Cindy Sawyer has been promoted to Office Administrator and will begin those duties on April 1st. She will oversee and administrate all details in respect to office affairs. Donna Larson will continue to assist Cindy in the office until the close of summer. After that we will need another part-time person to assist in the ministry of the church office.

We wish to especially thank Cindy and Donna for their dedication and faithfulness in performing the numerous and detailed office duties during these past months.

Our fellowship dinners in January were a great success. We had fellowship dinners on two different weekends in January—each time we had groups in four homes with about 10 guests at each location. That's 80 folks who got to know each other a little better, have a great meal, and a fun evening!

We are offering another opportunity for fellowship in March and encourage those who didn't get in on the January dinners to sign up. Those who have already taken part will want to participate again because they already know what a good time everyone will have!



Would you like to get to know others in the church informally? What better way than to have meals together in our homes. **We especially invite our new members and attenders to join us so we can become better acquainted.** Those of us who have been around for a while also could use this opportunity to fellowship with someone we would like to know better.

On Saturday, March 16, Friday, March 22, and Saturday, March 23 at Noon, we will organize groups of adults of different ages with folks you might not otherwise get a chance to know.

Here is how it works:

1. Select a date and sign up to be a guest or host/ess. Fill out the sign up sheet that will be available on Sunday mornings in your bulletin. Place the completed form in the offering plate.
2. The committee will contact those who wish to host a supper. Host/ess will be given a list of 6 to 10 people and will be provided with suggestions for planning the evening.
3. The host/ess will call the guest list, inform guests of time, address and ask them to contribute to the meal.



VBS Planning Meeting

Anyone interested in planning or working on VBS is invited to a meeting on March 17 in the New Fireside room during the fellowship time. It will be a chance for people interested in working in VBS to see what the curriculum is like and add their ideas about some things we must decide.

