

First Free News

FIRST EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
5150 Chicago Avenue, Minneapolis
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40- Days of Purpose

Beginning Saturday, October 12, and ending, November 24, we will participate in a *40 Days of Purpose* spiritual campaign. The campaign is designed to answer life's most important question, "What on earth am I here for?"

I wanted to give you a brief picture of what will take place during this church-wide campaign.

- ◆ **Worship:** If you think worship is all about singing, think again! You will discover *more* about worship and will practice deeper worship of God during the *40 Days*.
- ◆ **Fellowship:** If you haven't participated in or joined a Sunday School class yet, you will have a chance to connect with a class for six weeks to study the five purposes with others.
- ◆ **Discipleship:** If you need encouragement to grow by developing the personal disciplines of daily Bible reading and scripture memory, you will find inspiration during the *40 Days* as you read along in *The Purpose Driven Life* book and memorize a weekly scripture verse.
- ◆ **Ministry:** If you haven't discovered where you can use your gifts and skills to serve others, you'll have a chance to explore opportunities and get plugged in to serve with a ministry that needs you. You will also be challenged to think beyond where you may be comfortable and to have a servant's heart.
- ◆ **Evangelism:** If you feel fearful or ill-equipped to communicate your faith to others, you will learn to share your own story and develop an effective life mission statement.

— September Sermons —

Pastor Joel Sutton

September 1st

An Amazing Lesson in Power — Mark 9:14-29

September 8th (Rally Day)

A Praise Worthy Subject — Ephesians 1:1-14

September 15th

How to Pray with Purpose — Ephesians 1:15-23

September 22nd

Formerly Known as Dead — Ephesians 2:1-10

September 29th

Solving the Middle East Conflict — Ephesians 2:11-22

The 40 Days of Purpose will kick-off on October 12 from 9:00-11:00 AM with a simulcast hosted by Pastor Rick Warren, author of the book, *The Purpose-Driven Life*. During this simulcast Rick Warren will share his life message and set the stage for our *40 Days* to come. We will also be joining with more than 1,400 other churches that are participating in this campaign.

How can you prepare for this life-transforming 40 Days of Purpose? —PRAYER

Without prayer for our people, the *40 Days* will be just another set of activities. Pray together with me and our leadership team for the impact of the *40 Days Campaign* on the lives of our people and our church!

- Pastor Joel Sutton -



Women's Neighborhood Bible
Study

begins

Wednesday, September 11th

9:30 AM to 11:00 AM

at

First Evangelical Free Church

5150 Chicago Avenue

Ladies of all ages are welcome

Bring your friends!

We will study I John and James

Great program for children

Ages infant to 5 years

For more information, call (612) 827-4705.

**Would you like to get to know
others in the church family informally?**

- ◆ What better way than to have meals together in our homes! On Saturday, September 21st and Friday, September 27th we will do just that.
- ◆ Look for the insert in your September 8th bulletin that will explain how you can sign up.

9/11 Special Community Service
Honoring Our Heroes & Prayer Time
 Wednesday, September 11th
 7:00 pm
 and an
ALL- CHURCH TIME OF PRAYER
 Sunday, September 22nd
 6:00 pm
 Childcare will be provided.



**We're Having a an
All Church Work Day!**

Saturday, September 21, 8:00 AM—2:00 PM

(Can't come all day? Just come when you can.)

- ⇒ **What will we do?** Wash Windows, Dust, Rake out Landscaping, Put Down Fresh Wood Chips, Sweep Parking Lots, and More . . .
- ⇒ **We also need volunteers** to brew coffee and serve treats. Treats will be served at 10:00.

Many Thanks

Thanks so much for the completely unexpected party and the beautiful glass bowl you gave us in honor of our 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Hebrews tells us we should "honor marriage," and we thought that was what you did - it was great!

Thank You — Bob & Lois Chapman