



# TRF FREE CHURCH NEWSLETTER

January 2012

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## Check out the TRF Free Church Website!

Looking for calendar updates?  
Miss a sermon?

Check out our website at [www.trfetc.org](http://www.trfetc.org).  
You can find out what's happening at  
church by viewing the monthly newsletter  
or checking out the calendar. You can  
also listen to sermons online!



## Prayer Requests

Call the church office at 218.681.3855  
or email [trfetc@wiktel.com](mailto:trfetc@wiktel.com)  
with your prayer requests.

## Address, Phone and Email Corrections

TRF Free Church maintains a database  
of all its members, regular attendees, and  
visitors. If you have had any changes to  
your address, phone number, etc. please  
contact the church office with your name,  
phone number and the changes that need  
to be made.

## NEWSLETTER and BULLETIN DEADLINES

Items for the February Newsletter  
must be turned in by: **January 15**  
The Weekly Bulletin Deadline is:  
**Noon on Wednesdays**

Contact the church secretary at 681-3855  
or email her at [trfetc@wiktel.com](mailto:trfetc@wiktel.com)

## Congregational Meeting

**Sunday, January 22**  
**11:45 AM**

The agenda will include:  
**Ministry Reports**  
**Approval of proposed new members**



**Are you wanting to  
connect with other people  
in a smaller setting ?  
If so, join a small group!**

**"When Life Comes Undone"** by T.J. Addington  
*Walking in Faith when Life is Hard and Hope is Scarce*

First Meeting is Sunday, January 8th  
6:30 p.m.

Kent & Janell Hudson's Home  
Call: 681-8505

**- OR -**

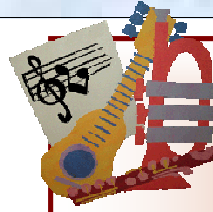
**Kim & Sara Rosendahl's Small Group**  
First Meeting is Friday, January 13th  
6:30 p.m.

At Rosendahl's Home (Kids welcome)  
Room for up to 10 people  
Tentatively studying Romans with r12 Curriculum  
Call: 681-3424

# ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS, and INFORMATION

## saturday men's group

- ◆ All men are invited each Saturday morning.
- ◆ Held at the TRF Free Church (Sr. High Room).
- ◆ Discussion format will be from the weekly topics in the Men of Integrity booklet.
- ◆ Questions? Contact Paul Gregor at #686-4122.



## GOSPEL MUSIC SPECIAL

Southern Style & Traditional

**Sunday, January 8 6:00 p.m. at Church**

Everyone is invited for a special night of Gospel music.

Please bring bars or cookies to share!

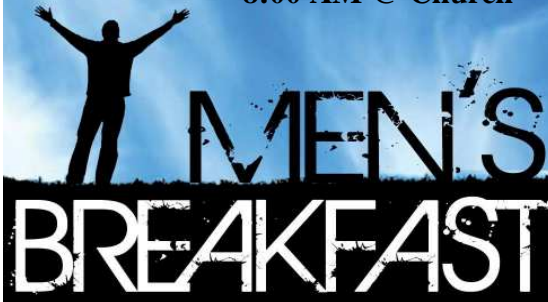


## Tuesday Moms Group

If you're a stay-at-home mom come and join our play group and potluck lunch once a week. We meet every Tuesday morning from 10:30am-1:30pm. Currently we meet at Ester Hanson's house but depending on size we may start meeting at church. It is a very casual time to fellowship with other moms while the kids play. Call Ester Hanson at #681-3929 for more information.

moms  
Playgroup

SATURDAY, JAN. 7  
8:00 AM @ Church



## PIZZA & GAME NIGHT for XTREME 12:2ers !

Come enjoy the fellowship or just get to know people your age better! We are going to meet the last Friday of the month (adults only) at the Hanson's, starting January thru April.

**Our first Friday night will be January 27th, 6:30pm at Ehren and Ester Hanson's.**

More information will be available in the church bulletin.

it's **game**  
NIGHT

Sunday, Jan. 15 at 5:30

Pastor Bruce and Cilla host a fun-filled evening of fellowship and food, for career-age singles, at their home. A potluck supper starts at 5:30 followed by interaction over a variety of games. Rarely a dull moment! Call 681-2646 for directions.

# COLLEGE

# Bible Study

Resumes Wed. Jan. 11 6:30 pm Rm # 12

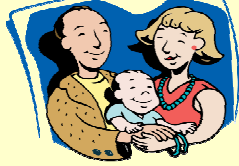
Need Spiritual Encouragement?

Check out Tiffany Edward's Blog... "the fettered heart"

*"Let your goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee."*

[www.fetteredheart.blogspot.com](http://www.fetteredheart.blogspot.com)

## Church Photo Directory



If you would like to update your picture that is currently on the "Wall Picture Directory" at church or add your picture to the wall, please email your photo to [trfec@wiktel.com](mailto:trfec@wiktel.com). If you cannot email one, just drop off a copy at the church office.

Kim Lovejoy will be updating the boards some time in January.

*"Be steadfast,  
immovable, always  
abounding in the work  
of the Lord, knowing  
that your labor is not  
in vain in the Lord."*

1 Corinthians 15:58



The following dates are designated for child dedication:

New Year's Day - January 1  
Mother's Day - May 13  
Father's Day - June 17

Contact the church office at 681-3855 if you would like to dedicate your child on one of these Sundays.

# Jr. and Sr. High

## BLUEWATER WINTER RETREAT

Theme: "What's Your One Thing?"

Who: Grades 7 through 12

When: January 13-15, 2012

Where: Bluewater Bible Camp  
Grand Rapids, MN

Cost: \$45 p/person  
which includes all food and  
Expenses

Permission slips and  
additional information  
available

Contact

Jon or Tiffany Edwards  
(218) 689.2348

# WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

*"What does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to SERVE the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul." Deuteronomy 10:12*

## Women's Ministry Meeting

Thursday, Jan. 12 at 7:00 pm



White Cross will meet Thursday, January 12th at 10 a.m. with a potluck noon meal & fellowship. We will be working on cutting and ripping sheets/bandages for Congo, and Scripture cards. Any questions, please call Jan Trontvet @ 689-7578. Hope to see you there!

### IN THE CORNER with Elise Row

#### God Is Good...??

A project I work on when I have a free moment is writing Bible studies. One is "Things Christians Say That Bug Me." I am aware of the negative title, but it's attention-getting, isn't it? So, what bugs me? "God is good."

No, I am NOT arguing the fact God is good—He is the epitome of goodness. What bugs me is when Christians *decide* when God is good and when He isn't. Let me give an example.

I have a believing acquaintance who is quick to point out all the negative aspects of her life. Then, a positive event occurs and, suddenly, God is good!

What I want to tell her is God is good—period. He is good even when life is not. God is good when you lose your job; God is good when you wonder how to survive until your next paycheck; God is good when unexpected illness strikes; God is good when someone hurts your children. God is good.

I do not mean to sound trite or unfeeling; I know the darkness anguish brings. I do not think we should fake smiles and pretend to be cheerful. I want us to recognize, however, God's goodness does not depend on our circumstances—it's simply Who He Is.

(Disclaimer: use this knowledge only in your own life. When someone comes to you with heartache or complaints, she will not appreciate if you quip, "Remember, God is good!")

In trying times, ask God to reveal His goodness to you. He will.

**"The LORD is good..." Nahum 1:7**



Please Join us in Celebrating  
Sarah & Nate Dahlin's new  
bundle of joy

**Norah Jayne Dahlin**

A Shower will be held in the  
Church Narthex

Thursday, January 5 at 7 pm



## ***Ladies... It's a Soup Exchange!***

*Warm up this winter with a soup supper, followed by a soup exchange on Monday, January 23rd at 6pm*

- 1) *Make 4 containers (1 qt. each) of your favorite homemade soup. Ziploc freezer bags may be used.*
- 2) *Label and freeze the soups. Please include the recipe!*
- 3) *Bring them to church on Jan. 23.*

*A soup supper will be served at 6pm and you'll go home with 4 different soups!  
Please RSVP to Donna Harlow at 681-3324 (tharlow@wiktel.com) or to the church office at 681-3855.*

## ***Upcoming Events***



### **February 24 & 25**

*Retreat at EFC  
Friday 6 pm - ?  
Saturday  
8:30 am - 4 pm*

### **March 26**

*7pm Game Night  
@ EFC*

### **May 12**

*10 am Women's Day  
@ EFC Gym*

*Watch bulletin and monthly newsletters for specific details about these events.*

## ***THANK YOU!***

*Women's Ministries,*

*Thank you so much for the generous gifts. The table runner helps my house look very festive, gift certificate will be used soon - chocolate is already gone. I even shared a little! I am honored to be part of this amazing group of ladies who love our Lord. God's Blessings ~ Cilla Fischer*

*Dear Ladies of the Free Church,*

*Thank you for the poinsettia table runner. The red and gold fabric and stitching is beautiful. I know I will enjoy the chocolate and it will be fun to go shopping at Thrifty White with my gift card. I really appreciate your encouragement and support. Love, ~ Karen Sich*

*Dear Women's Ministries,*

*Thank you so much for the beautiful Christmas doily, chocolates, and gift card. It was so thoughtful of you. I also thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas Banquet. It was a lovely evening and I was happy to share it with you all! Thanks again! ~ Kim Lovejoy*

*Dear Women of the Church,*

*I am happy to be serving the church as custodian and I want to thank you for thinking of me with a gift this holiday season. The doily is beautiful, the chocolate delicious and the gift card is very appreciated. Thank you! In Christ ~ Patti Barth*



**January 1**  
Tammy Marolt

**January 2**  
Doug Barth  
Kurt Jablenske  
Ross Olson

**January 3**  
Brook Beito  
Sylvia Marolt  
Anna Nordhagen

**January 4**  
Phillip Trontvet

**January 5**  
Raegan Espe  
LaDonna Grosz

**January 6**  
**Dale & Glenda Redinger**

**January 7**  
Helene McCauley  
Shari Westerman

**January 8**  
Celeste Hetland  
*\*Arlyn Nies*

**January 9**  
Tammie Blacklance  
Judy Rustan

**January 11**  
Briana Holmer  
Sharon Paggen

**January 13**  
Jim Peterson

**January 14**  
Duane Danielson  
Jessica Hanson

**January 17**  
Lowell Trochmann  
Millie Westerman

**January 19**  
Jay DeBoer

**January 21**  
Allen Abercrombie  
Elisa Anderson  
Gianna Anderson  
Katya Vant Hof

**January 22**  
Ruth Austad  
Brett Holmer

**January 23**  
Brian Steenerson  
**Adam & Anna Barth**

**January 24**  
Malakai Simoneau  
**Don & Donna Christianson**

**January 26**  
Marilyn Redinger

**January 28**  
Jan Pederson  
Sue Zaviska

**January 30**  
Gene Hanson  
Cooper Skjerven

**January 31**  
Don Redinger

*\*Missionaries*

Anniversaries in bold

**Attention:** If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, or is incorrect, please notify the church office at 681-3855.

## —SERVING in JANUARY—

	January 1	January 8	January 15	January 22	January 29
<b>Children's Church</b>	Jon & Tiffany Edwards	Mike & Stacy Barnhart	Rod & Lisa Hinrichs	Nate & Sarah Larson	Thane & Jenelle Espe
<b>Worship Service Greeters</b>	Doug & Kay Steiger Roy & Lauretta Blomker Matt Trochmann	Rob & Mary Almquist Dan & Janeece Trontvet David Trontvet	Corey & Julie Skjerven Terry & Tammie Blacklance Ruth Austad	Eric & Elisa Anderson Ehren & Ester Hanson Mary Anenson	Russell & Inez Coenen Dan & Crystal Barth Doug & Gloria Barth
<b>9:15 Nursery</b>	No Sunday School	Chris & Val Shulstad	Morris & LaDonna Grosz	Morris & LaDonna Grosz	Jason & Lacey Simoneau
<b>10:30 Nursery</b>	Thane & Jenelle Espe	Brian & Debbie Steenerson Ryan & Karen Griffin	Ehren & Ester Hanson Brent & Cassandra Olson	Donna Harlow Krista Phillips Jenny Saustad	Eric & Elisa Anderson
<b>Sound Tech</b>	Bob Hultgren	Chris Shulstad	Adam Barth	Mark Trochmann	Ehren Hanson
<b>Visual Tech</b>	Josh Anderson	Cory Helm	Jeff & Aaron Fagerstrom	Shane Zutz	Shane Heinle
<b>Ushers</b>	Arvid Lee and DeeJay Donlin				

**Reminder:** If you are unable to fill your scheduled spot, please find a replacement for yourself by calling someone else on the schedule that was given you. Then, you can call the church office and let the secretary know who is filling in for you. Thank you!

# JANUARY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>1</b> 10:30 AM Worship - Child Dedications</p>	<p><b>2</b> 7 AM Ladies Exercise 6:30 PM Outreach Comm. Meeting</p>	<p><b>3</b> 7 AM Ladies Exercise 1:30 PM Staff Mtg</p>	<p><b>4</b> 10 AM Release Time 6:30 PM Awana; Jr. Hi. Jam; Ladies Bible Study 7 PM Sr. Hi. Rebelution; Prayer Gathering in Chapel</p>	<p><b>5</b> 7 AM Ladies Exercise 7 PM Dahlin Baby Shower</p>	<p><b>6</b>  <b>ANNUAL REPORTS DEADLINE</b></p>	<p><b>7</b> 8 AM  <b>MEN'S BREAKFAST</b></p>
<p><b>8</b> 9:15 AM Christian Ed 10:30 AM Worship - <b>Communion</b> 6 PM Gospel Music Special 6:30 PM Small Group @ Hudson's</p>	<p><b>9</b> 7 AM Ladies Exercise 1:30 PM Staff Mtg 5:30 PM Facilities Comm. Meeting 7 PM Finance Comm. Meeting</p>	<p><b>10</b> 7 AM Ladies Exercise 6 PM Worship, Nurture, Discipleship Comm. Meetings 7:30 PM Elder Board Meeting</p>	<p><b>11</b> <b>Knowledge Bowl</b> 10 AM Release Time 6:30 PM College-Age Bible Study; Awana; Jr. Hi. Jam; Ladies Bible Study 7 PM Sr. Hi. Rebelution; Prayer Gathering in Chapel</p>	<p><b>12</b> 7 AM Ladies Exercise 10 AM  7 PM Women's Ministry Meeting</p>	<p><b>13</b> 6:30 PM Small Group @ Rosendahl's</p>	<p><b>14</b> 8 AM Men's Group</p>
<p><b>15</b> 9:15 AM Christian Ed 10:30 AM Worship 5:30 PM Singles Game Night @ Fischer's</p> <p> <b>Newsletter DEADLINE</b></p>	<p><b>16</b> 7 AM Ladies Exercise 1:30 PM Staff Mtg</p>	<p><b>17</b> 7 AM Ladies Exercise</p>	<p><b>18</b> 10 AM Release Time 6:30 PM College-Age Bible Study; Awana; Jr. Hi. Jam; Ladies Bible Study 7 PM Sr. Hi. Rebelution; Prayer Gathering in Chapel</p>	<p><b>19</b> 7 AM Ladies Exercise</p>	<p><b>BLUEWATER CAMP WINTER YOUTH RETREAT</b></p>	
<p><b>22</b> 9:15 AM Christian Ed 10:30 AM Worship 11:45 AM Congregation Business Meeting</p>	<p><b>23</b> 7 AM Ladies Exercise 1:30 PM Staff Mtg 6 PM Ladies Soup Exchange</p>	<p><b>24</b> 7 AM Ladies Exercise</p>	<p><b>25</b> <b>Knowledge Bowl</b> 10 AM Release Time 6:30 PM College-Age Bible Study; Awana; Jr. Hi. Jam Christmas Party; Ladies Bible Study 7 PM Sr. Hi. Rebelution Christmas Party; Prayer Gathering in Chapel</p>	<p><b>26</b> 7 AM Ladies Exercise</p>	<p><b>27</b> 6 AM Xtreme 12:2 Game Night @ Hanson's</p>	<p><b>28</b> 8 AM Men's Group</p>
<p><b>29</b> 9:15 AM Christian Ed 10:30 AM Worship</p>	<p><b>30</b> 7 AM Ladies Exercise</p>	<p><b>31</b> 7 AM Ladies Exercise</p>	<p> <b>January is Food Shelf Month</b> There is a grocery cart located in the foyer for your donations. Thank you for your help in providing a much needed service in our community.</p>			