

Dear First Free Members,

We encourage you to join us at our October 1st Ministry Community Meeting which will take place immediately after the worship service down in Fellowship Hall.

A Ranalli's lunch will be served (suggested donation of \$5 per person or \$10 per family). Child care will be provided.

At this MCM we will vote on church leadership candidates for the next year, will hear budget and ministry reports and will have time for further discussion about First Free's future. Please RSVP if you will be attending so we can provide lunch and/or childcare.

The list of leadership candidates is below.

Elder candidates:

Dan Addington
Jeff Cebulski
Stephen Lapse
Jonathan Lim

Church Officers:

Elder Chair: Stephen Lapse
Secretary: Jeff Cebulski (through November 2023)
Treasurer: Sylvia Launer

Financial Secretary: essential portions of this position are being filled by Sylvia Launer (no vote required on this position, but the elders are praying and searching for a qualified candidate to serve in this important role).

Jeff will be taking a sabbatical from the elder board beginning in December 2023. He plans to return to the board as an elder in June 2024.

James Snyder is taking a sabbatical from the elder board from October to December 2023, and plans to rejoin the board as member and Secretary in January 2024 (we can vote on him at our winter MCM).

Deacon Positions Requiring a Congregational Vote:

Membership (open position to be filled by Matt and the elders). Cindy Harris has stepped down from this position. No vote will take place on this position

Global Outreach (open position to be filled by James Snyder on a temporary basis). No vote will take place on this position until a permanent deacon is found to lead this ministry.

Finance and Administration (position filled by Treasurer, Sylvia Lauener). By affirming Sylvia as church treasurer, we are also affirming her to lead this group

Elder-designated Deacon Positions:

Youth ministry: Andrea Korte

Childrens discipleship: Darlene Conner

Facilities: Dan Tallacksen

Crisis and Compassion: Meg Parks

The elders are working on leaders to cover to other areas of need:

Prayer

Community outreach