

NEWSLETTER

OF THE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF BEMIDJI



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 15

- 9:30 am - Worship Service
- 11:00 am - Prayer for the Muslim World (East Chapel)
- 11:00 am - Adult Bible Study: Gospel of John (Room 10)
- 11:00 am - Survey of Church History (West Chapel)
- 11:00 am - Baptism Class (Room 3)

Tuesday, March 17

- 10:00 am - Women's Bible Study (Fireside Room)
- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)

Wednesday, March 18

- 7:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Chapel)

Thursday, March 19

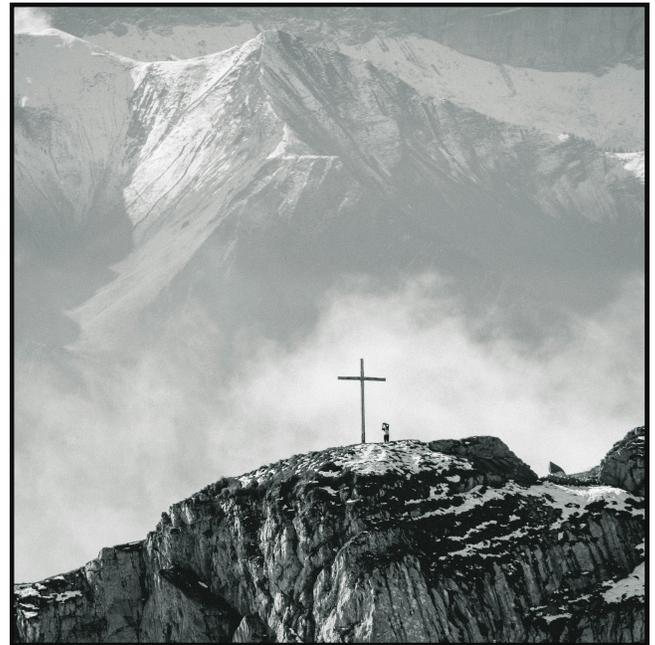
- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
- 6:30 pm - Women's Bible Study Fellowship (Youth Room, East Chapel, West Chapel, and Classroom 4)
- 6:30 pm - Volleyball (Gym)

Saturday, March 21

- 10:00 am - Not Forgotten Adult Grief Group (Room 10)

Sunday, March 22

- 9:30 am - Worship & Child Dedication
- 11:00 am - Adult Bible Study: Gospel of John (Room 10)
- 11:00 am - Survey of Church History (West Chapel)



This Sunday: Mary & Martha
Luke 10:38-42

Next Sunday: The School of Prayer
Luke 11:1-13

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Giving YTD:
\$147,932
Needed YTD:
\$159,860

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LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 15TH

1. Read Luke 10:38-42. Notice how Jesus doesn't get flustered at Martha's anger towards Him and Mary. Have you ever spoken to Jesus in anger before? How has He been patient with you during these times?
2. Read Philippians 4:6. Should our service to God produce anxiety in us? What should we do if it does?
3. Think about your own life priorities. Could you list them in priority level? Do you think your list matches Jesus' list for you?
4. What do you think about the concept that Secular things can become Sacred things? Do you agree with this concept? Are there exceptions where some activities can never be made holy?
5. Have you had times in your life where you ignored God's voice and didn't respond? Looking back, do you wish you had made a different choice?
6. Have you responded to God's calling to lay down your works as a means of pleasing Him, and rested in the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross? If you have, how might you deepen your awareness of your daily need for the Gospel?
7. Pray for each other that God would open your eyes to see when He is drawing near, and for the ability to respond by drawing near to Him.

Our Life Groups are all about learning together and loving one another. Visit www.efcbemidji.org/lifegroups for more info.

MARCH 15TH SUNDAY SONGLIST

- Prelude: Laura Engelstad, piano
- 10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)
- It Is Well With My Soul (#519)
- Cornerstone
- Offertory: Choir, "I Am Bound for the Kingdom"
- He Will Hold Me Fast

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorial Book

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Elizabeth M. Martin, a memorial of communion ware, was presented by friends of the Martin family in October of 2007.

Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast

Come enjoy pancakes, fruit, juice, and coffee on Sunday, March 29th at 11 am. This year's breakfast will be prepared and served by our students attending the EFCA Challenge Youth Conference this summer. The breakfast is FREE, but there will be an opportunity to give a free-will gift to help offset the cost of the conference (~\$800/student). Or consider donating supplies for the breakfast by taking a card off the bulletin board in the Gym. Supplies are needed by Sunday, March 22nd. Questions? Contact our Office Manager, Lex, Pastor Eric, or Pastor Shane for more info.

Prayer for the Muslim World

Join us this morning, Sunday, March 15th, at 11 a.m. in the East Chapel as we learn about and pray for the Muslim world during the season of Ramadan. Paul Thomas will lead this time together. Pick up a free copy of the Thirty Days of Prayer for the Muslim World Prayer Guide in the Connection Cafe.

Sedar Meal

On April 1st, there will be an opportunity to worship through a Sedar Meal. If you are interested in helping to plan this special night of worship, or if you would like to cook part of the meal, or serve, please reach out and let Amy Graf know. agraf@efcbemidji.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED...

March Overflow

Ladies: Mark your calendars for "Her Story in HIS Story" Monday, March 30th in the Connection Cafe at 6:30 pm. Dr. Gale Struthers from Oak Hills Christian College will be speaking on what the Bible says about roles for women. Stop by the Women's Ministry table and let us know you're coming!

Fraud Alert

Please be careful NOT to respond to any email supposedly coming from one of the church staff that asks you to purchase gift cards or give personal information. This is a scam. Please contact the church office with any questions or concerns.

March Senior Connection

The March Senior Connection Potluck is POSTPONED until Friday, March 20, due to weather concerns. See you at 11:30 on the 20th for our musical program and potluck.

Blessing Bags

Thank you to all who donated towards the Blessing Bags. We filled over 100 bags! Some students took a bag to keep in their car to hand out to someone in need. We also distributed the bags at Village of Hope, the day homeless shelter, and to the library. The purpose of this outreach is to show God's love by meeting a need and sharing God's word. Thanks again for your support and prayers for this outreach.

YOUNG ADULTS

Sunday, March 15

9:30 am - Combined Service

Tuesday, March 17

6:00 pm - Anchor (Youth Room)

Thursday, March 19

7:30 pm - CRU (BSU, Hobson Memorial - Crying Wolf Room)

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Our Anchor group continues! Tuesday evenings from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM in the Youth Room. Join us for fun, fellowship, bible study, and occasional Pie Nights at Perkins!



Open to all BSU, Oak Hills, NW Tech, Leech Lake, and Red Lake Nation students. We meet Thursday nights from 7:30-8:30 pm in Memorial 240. We also have a Tuesday Night Men's Bible Study and Monday Night Women's Bible Studies.

See Mark C. or Terry H. with questions:
mhockeymd@gmail.com
Terryleehewitt@gmail.com

E-FREE KIDS



Sunday, March 15

9:30 am - Kids/Beginners Church (Lower Level, dismissed during service)

10:45 am - Kids Sunday School (Lower Level)

Wednesday, March 18

5:00-5:45 pm - Family Meal: Tacos

6:00-7:45 pm - Kids Club, grades 6-12 (Lower Level)

Kids Club

E-Free Kids Club welcomes all children ages 4 through 5th grade! Join us for dinner at 5pm. Use our Secure Child Check-In and drop your children off in their classroom by 6:00pm. Pickup your children in their classrooms by 7:30 pm. We meet each week in small group, large group Bible teaching, worship, snacks and games. Contact Amy with questions: agraf@efcbemidji.org

Shamineau Retreat 46

4th, 5th, and 6th grade students have an opportunity to attend the Shamineau 46 retreat at Camp Shamineau, April 10th-12th. There are informational forms and consent forms available at each Child Check-In area. If your child is interested in attending this retreat, please fill out the paperwork, and return to Amy or Lex in the office. The cost is \$125, and is due by March 29th. Please reach out if you need help financially. We want to make sure every child has an opportunity to attend.

**Also, if you would like to donate to help scholarship students for this retreat, please make a note on your check or online giving for Shamineau 46. Please be in prayer for these students and leaders to deepen their faith and their relationships with each other.

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STUDENT MINISTRIES



Youth Sunday School

We finished up our Bad Advice series and are moving into Proverbs - or Good Advice! Each Sunday we will be tackling a new chapter of Proverbs and discussing the wisdom and discernment that we have been given through this wonderful book. We are currently heading into Chapter 8!

Sunday School Volunteers Needed!

if you are willing/desire to lead a discussion with our 6th-12th Grade students, let Pastor Shane know. We are looking for more Male and Female leaders to help guide/teach our Sunday School Group.

Youth Group

We are currently heading into the Book of Ephesians and this series will be called "To The Glory of His Grace". Each week we will be tackling a different part of each chapter as we interact and learn from such a beautiful, powerful, and foundational portion of God's Word.

District Blitz

(7th-12th Grade) is coming! This will be held in Duluth, MN from April 17th-19th. Cost is \$175 per student. See Pastor Shane for more information.

Flower Sales are Here!

Starting this week, we are doing our Annual Flower Sale Fundraiser for our Youth Ministry. See Pastor Shane or Becky Eastling for information on pricing and where to sign up for flowers.

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(5:11 Room)

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(Youth Room)

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