

NEWSLETTER

OF THE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF BEMIDJI



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 22

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

Tuesday, March 24

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

Wednesday, March 25

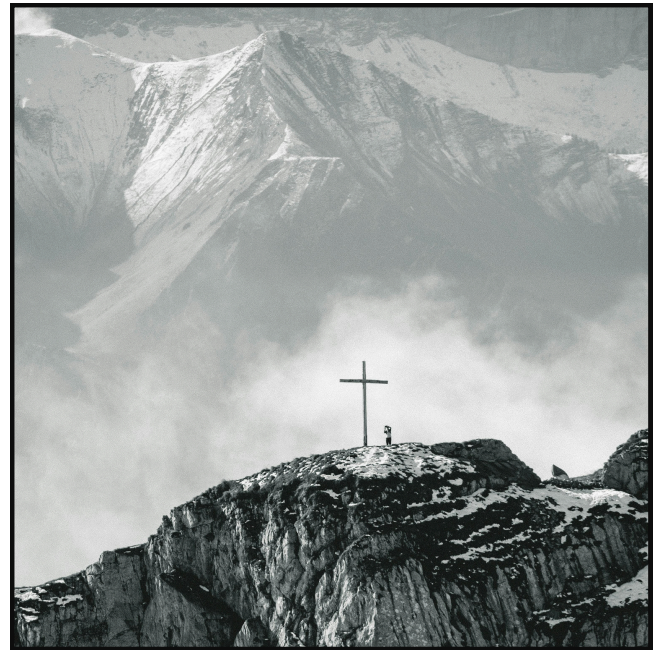
- 7:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Chapel)

Thursday, March 26

- 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)

Sunday, March 29

- 9:30 am - Worship Service
- 11:00 am - Palm Sunday Breakfast (Gym)
(NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)



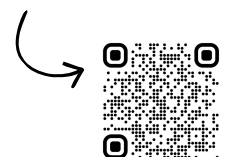
This Sunday: The School of Prayer
Luke 11:1-13

Next Sunday: Our Colt Riding and Praise Worthy King
Luke 19:28-40

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Giving YTD:
\$154,266
Needed YTD:
\$175,846

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LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 22ND

1. If you could learn a skill from any expert (living, dead, real, or fictional), what would you want to learn and who would be your teacher?
2. Read Luke 11:1, then look at Luke 3:21; 5:16; 6:12; and 9:18, 28. What do you notice about Jesus' prayer habits?
3. When you pray, do you have a particular time and place that works for you? What doesn't work for you when it comes to spending time in prayer?
4. Read Luke 11:2-4. This is a familiar prayer, but take a minute and make some observations together as a group about this prayer, even if you think they are obvious. What do you see?
5. Read Luke 11:5-13. How can keeping our focus on the Father help us to not view prayer simply as a means to get what we need/want? When are you most tempted to do this?
6. Have you ever thought of the Lord's Prayer as something impossible to pray apart from Christ? How does Jesus' fulfillment of every phrase of this prayer provide us not only with words to pray, but also the ability to do so? How might that shape your prayer life?

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

MARCH 22ND SUNDAY SONGLIST

- Prelude: Our Father
- Great Is Thy Faithfulness (#60)
- God You're So Good
- Good Good Father
- Offertory: Handbells, "How Great Is Our God/How Great Thou Art"
- What A Friend We Have In Jesus (#622)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorial Book

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Eleanor Schmidt, a memorial gift toward sanctuary projection equipment, was presented by her family in December 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). Contact our Office Manager, Lex, Pastor Eric, or Pastor Shane for more info.

Church Softball League

Spring is almost here and so is church softball! Here are the first 3 practices: 4/20, 4/27 and 5/4 at 6:30 PM at E-free. Ages 14+ are welcome to join, no experience necessary. Contact Matt Myrick with questions 218-242-0822.

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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED...

Easter Connection Cafe Treats

Easter is all about celebrating Jesus's resurrection, and what do we always have when we celebrate? Snacks! The Connection Cafe Crew invites you to bring a favorite snack or treat to share during the Sunday School hour on April 5th. We love getting to see the variety of seasonal favorites or your faithful go-tos. If you are interested in bringing something to share, please reach out to Rylie Helweg for details. 218-407-4692 or Rylie.Helweg@gmail.com

Upcoming Elder Board Meeting

The next Elder Board meeting is coming up on March 24th. If you have any questions or concerns you'd like them to address please email them to: elderboard@efcbemidji.org. They'll review them at the meeting and get back to you.

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

Missions

Would you like to have an important role in missions while still being home in Bemidji? You can take part each month in one of three functioning prayer meetings:

- 1) For the Limariis in the Pacific: This is by zoom every third Sunday of the month at 7 pm. Contact Maria Rakar at (218)210-3980.
- 2) For Adopted People Group. Contact KaySue Eriksson at (218)766-9991 or Peter Eriksson at (218)368-1355.
- 3) For Middle East/North Africa (MENA). Meeting at 10:30 the first Tuesday each month in the Green Room. Contact Paul Thomas at (218)759-9026 or Karin Thomas at (218)209-5627.

YOUNG ADULTS

Sunday, March 22

9:30 am - Worship Service

Tuesday, March 24

6:00 pm - Anchor (Youth Room)

Thursday, March 26

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

ANCHOR

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 22

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

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

Wednesday, March 25

5:00-5:45 pm - Family Meal: Hot Dogs or Chili

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.

Volunteers Needed!

We are in need of volunteers for Beginners Church/Kids Church and Wednesday night Kids Club. Please consider serving. Talk to Amy for more

details. follow [@efreekidz](https://www.instagram.com/efreekidz) | www.efcbemidji.org/kids

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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 9!

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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