

# NEWSLETTER

OF THE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF BEMIDJI



## HOLY WEEK UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday, March 29

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

### Monday, March 30

- 6:30 pm - Women's Overflow (Con. Cafe)
- 6:30 pm - Adult Bible Study 5:11 Room

### Tuesday, March 31

- 10:00 am - Women's Bible Study (Fireside Room)
- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
- 6:30 pm - Anchor (Youth Room)

### Wednesday, April 1

- 7:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Chapel)
- 5:30 pm - Family Seder Meal (Gym)

### Thursday, April 2

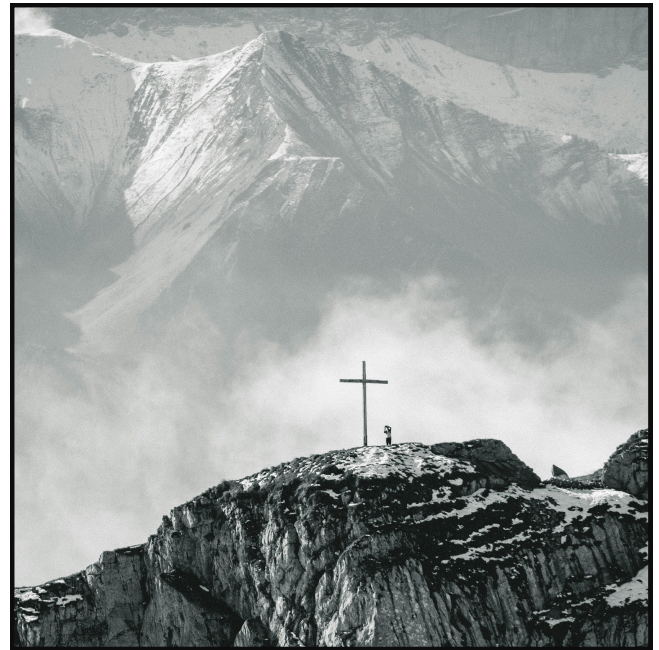
- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
- 6:30 pm - Women's Bible Study Fellowship  
(Youth Room, East Chapel, West Chapel, and Classroom 4)
- 6:30 pm - Volleyball (Gym)

### Good Friday, April 3

- 7:00 pm - Good Friday Service with Communion

### Easter Sunday, April 5

- 9:30 am - Worship Service  
(NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)



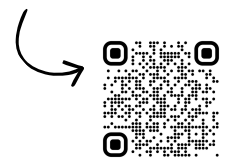
**This Sunday: Our Colt-Riding and Praiseworthy King**  
Luke 19:28-40

**Next Sunday: Chosen, Revealed, Raised, Glorified**  
1 Peter 1:20-21

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

Giving YTD:  
\$170,383  
Needed YTD:  
\$189,458

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## LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 29

1. In a world that has a growing distrust toward each other, how deeply do you feel you trust God? What promise or promises from God do you feel you need to hold onto the most during this time in your life and why?

2. How much are you aware daily of God's intimate knowledge of you and your situation, and that He deeply cares about and values you? How do you personally believe we are made in God's image and likeness, and thus, have value to God?

3. Read 2 Cor. 5:17-21 and 2 Timothy 4:2. From 2 Cor. 5:17-21 then pray and ask the Holy Spirit this question, "Is there anything from 2 Cor. 5 that you want to correct us about, or give us a gentle and loving rebuke about, or to even encourage us about?" Then, talk about it.

4. How do you feel like you are doing at living a life that is honoring to the Lord as part of the message included how the crowd threw "cloaks" on the road to honor Jesus coming into Jerusalem? Are there any "cloaks" or things that God has given to you that you feel you're holding onto too tightly, that you need to lay down/surrender to Jesus to honor Him? If so, what are they?

5. The final part of this week's message addressed engaging in "joyful praise" of Jesus. Take some time to read and reflect on Psalm 148:7-13. Then, talk about and answer the following question: "How much does each of us engage in joyful praise to Jesus not only on Sunday morning, but during the week?" Who or what encourages you to engage in "joyful praise," and who or what might hinder or even prevent us from engaging in "joyful praise" toward God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit?

Our Life Groups are all about learning together and loving one another. Visit [www.efcbemidji.org/lifegroups](http://www.efcbemidji.org/lifegroups) for more info.

## MARCH 29TH SUNDAY SONGLIST

- Prelude: Kay Sue Eriksson
- Mighty To Save
- Hosanna (Praise is Rising)
- Victory in Jesus
- The Solid Rock #517

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Memorial Book

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Leona Carlson, 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).

### 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.

### Women's 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

## 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](mailto:Rylie.Helweg@gmail.com)

## April Sr. Connection Potluck

Senior adults, please join us on Friday, April 10, at 11:30 in the Connection Cafe for our potluck. It's a great time to invite a friend! Our program this month will include a bit of Bingo (with prizes!) and some thoughts from God's Word. You can reach Laura at 218-209-8190 with any questions.

## Seder Meal

On April 1st, there will be an opportunity to worship through a Seder 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](mailto:agraf@efcbemidji.org)

## Items from Elder Board Meeting Mar 24

1. Jessica Westlund is serving as the interim Office Manager. Connie Agullo is volunteering as a backup assistant.
2. The Elders had a Zoom conference with Brian Farone, Superintendent of the NCD of the Evangelical Free Church. He has provided us with a lead pastor transition guide.
3. Security cameras, which were not working properly, have been replaced around the church.
4. The Trustees have been creating an amended budget, which will be presented at the April Congregational Business Meeting. If you have any questions please email them to: [elderboard@efcbemidji.org](mailto:elderboard@efcbemidji.org)

# YOUNG ADULTS

## Sunday, March 29

9:30 am - Worship Service

## Tuesday, March 31

6:30 pm - Anchor (Youth Room)

## Thursday, April 2

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](mailto:mhockeymd@gmail.com)  
[Terryleehewitt@gmail.com](mailto:Terryleehewitt@gmail.com)

# E-FREE KIDS



## Sunday, March 29

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

No-Kids Sunday School - Palm Sunday Breakfast

## Wednesday, April 1

5:30-7:00 pm - Family Seder Meal (Gym)

## 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](mailto: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 Jessica 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](http://www.efcbemidji.org/kids)

Text **efreekids** to **94000** join our E-Free Kids notification system.

# 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 10!

## 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!

Annual Flower Sale Fundraiser for our Youth Ministry. There are 3 weeks left 29 Mar, 5th and 12th of Apr. We have 30 shaded & 30 sun hanging baskets left. See Pastor Shane or Becky Eastling for information on pricing and where to sign up.

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