

# NEWSLETTER

OF THE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF BEMIDJI



## WEEK UPCOMING EVENTS

### Good Friday, April 3

7:00 pm - Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)

### Easter Sunday, April 5

9:30 am - Easter Worship Service  
11:00 am - Snacks and fellowship (Gym)  
(NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)

### Monday, April 6

6:30 pm - Adult Bible Study 5:11 Room

### Tuesday, April 7

10:00 am - Women's Bible Study (Fireside Room)  
10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)  
5:45 pm - Hand Bells (Connection Cafe)

### Wednesday, April 8

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

### Thursday, April 9

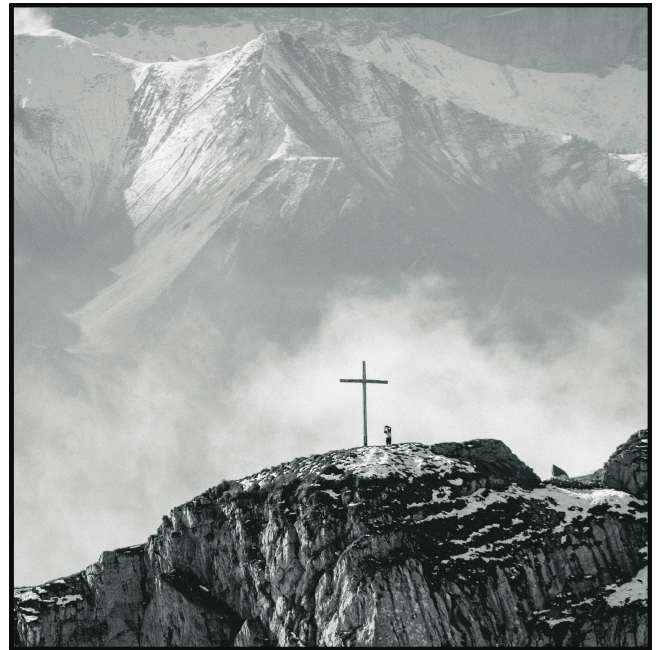
10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)  
6:30 pm - Men's LifeGroup (Fireside Room)  
6:30 pm - Women's Bible Study Fellowship  
(Youth Room, East Chapel, West Chapel, and Classroom 4)  
6:30 pm - Volleyball (Gym)

### Friday, April 10

11:30 am - Sr. Connection Potluck Connection Cafe

### Saturday, April 11

8:30 am - Master Gardeners (Gym)



### This Sunday: Chosen, Revealed, Raised, Glorified

1 Peter 1:20-21, Pastor Eric Nygren

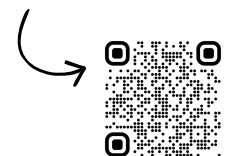
### Next Sunday: Kingdom VS Kingdom

Luke 11: 14-28 , Pastor Eric Nygren

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

Giving YTD:  
\$176,041  
Needed YTD:  
\$205,270

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## LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 5

1. What's one event that's circled on your calendar this year that you're looking forward to? What are you doing to prepare for it?
2. What does Easter Sunday mean to you? What helps you to mark Easter's significance?
3. Read 1 Peter 1:20-21. How does it strike you that God had the cross in mind before he created the world? Why might Peter have wanted his readers to know that?
4. Read John 3:16, Rom. 5:8, and 1 Pet. 2:9-10. What do these tell us about why God chose to redeem a people for himself?
5. Why is Easter more than a celebration of an historical event? What do you think was revealed when God raised Jesus from the dead and glorified him?
6. What does Peter say was the reason why God raised Jesus from the dead and glorified him? How do these things speak to your own relationship with God today?

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: Laura Engelstad, piano

**Christ The Lord is Risen Today (234)**

**Death Was Arrested**

**Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)**

Eater Testimony

Offertory: Bells "The Day of Resurrection"

Choir: "Behold Our Risen Lord"

Scripture Reading: John 20:1-10

**Living Hope**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Memorial Book

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Marion V. Meredith, a memorial gift of Hymnals was presented by friends of the Meredith family in June of 2008.

### Easter Connection Cafe Treats (GYM)

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.

### 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.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Potluck & Congregational Meeting

Join us on Sunday, April 26, at 11:00 am for our next All-Church Potluck. Please bring a main dish and either a side, salad, or dessert to share. At 12:00 pm, we will have our Spring Quarterly Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary.

## 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, APRIL 5

9:30 am - Worship Service

## Tuesday, April 7

6:30 pm - Anchor (Youth Room)

## Thursday, April 9

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, April 5

9:30 am - Kids/Beginners Church (Lower Level, dismissed during service)  
No-Kids Sunday School

## Wednesday, April 8

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](mailto:agraf@efcbemidji.org)

## Friday, April 10 - 12

4:00 pm -Bus leaving from E-Free  
2:00 pm - Approximate return to E-Free

## Sunday, April 12

11:00 am - Sunday School

### 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.

### Save The Date for VBS!!

AUGUST 9TH-12TH, 6pm - 8:15pm.

Theme: KINGDOM QUEST - an EPIC JOURNEY to DISCOVER GOD'S KINGDOM VBS Volunteer Opportunities

Decorations (Prior to VBS - plan, build, decorate, create)

Crafts (plan, order, and teach crafts each day)

Games (plan, set up, and run games each day)

Small Group leaders (1 adult and 1 teen per group of 8-10 students)

Small Group activities coordinator (plan activities for small groups, and prepare activities for backpacks)

Tech (Run ProPresenter/computer/slides each night during large group)

Sound Tech ( Run sound/microphones)

Kitchen Crew (Make food /serve/clean up - can choose one night, or multiple nights)

Snacks (plan, order, organize, and serve snacks each night)

Awareness Team (walk around, make sure no kids are running astray, hiding in bathrooms/rooms)

Clean-Up Crew (Wednesday night clean up crew - come in at 8:15pm, & begin taking down decorations)

Marketing (Get the word out about VBS)

There might be other volunteer opportunities

available, if there isn't one that stands out for you.

Please let me know how you would like to help/serve. [agraf@efcbemidji.org](mailto:agraf@efcbemidji.org)

If you can't volunteer the week of VBS, but would love to still help, please let me know. We would love your help prior to VBS.

Thank you for considering to serve at VBS!

Amy Graf and VBS Lead Team

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# STUDENT MINISTRIES



## Sunday, April 5

11:00 am - Youth Sunday School  
(5:11 Room)

## Wednesday, April 8

5:00-5:45 pm - Family Meal: Tacos  
6:00-7:45 pm - Youth Group, grades 6-12  
(Youth Room)

## 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

Payments for students attending Distric Blitz were due April 1<sup>st</sup>. if you have not turned it in your payment, please see Pastor Shane not l.

## Flower Sales are Here!

Annual Flower Sale Fundraiser for our Youth Ministry. There are 2 weeks left 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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