

NEWSLETTER



EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF BEMIDJI

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 12

- 9:30 am - Combined Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Kids & Adult Sunday School
- Adopted People Group Update (Gym)
- Snacks & Fellowship (Gym)

Monday, April 13

- 6:00 pm - Foster The Family (Connection Café)
- 6:30 pm - Adult Bible Study (5:11 Room)

Tuesday, April 14

- 10:00 am - Women's Bible Study (Fireside Room)
- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
- 6:00 pm - Trustee Board Meeting (Conference)
- 6:30 pm - Global Connections (Fireside Room)

Wednesday, April 15

- 7:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Chapel)
- 6:00 pm - Evan's Life Group (Fireside)

Thursday, April 16

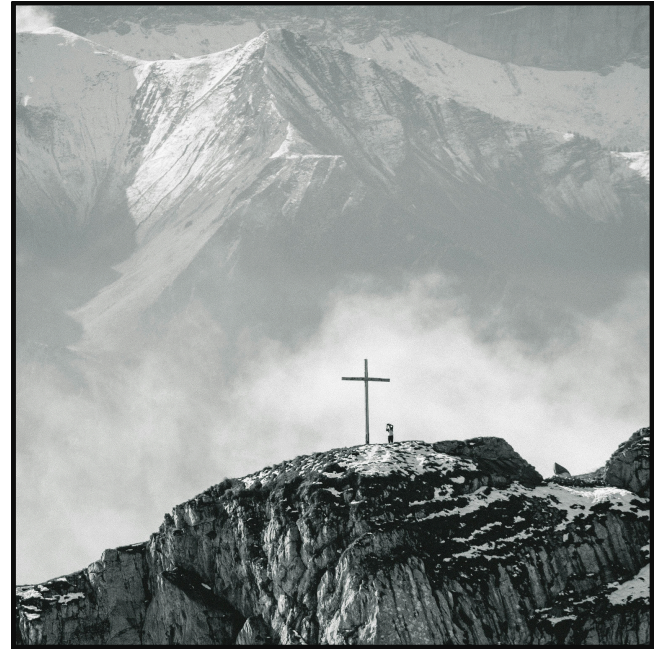
- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
- 6:30 pm - Elder Board Meeting (Conference Room)
- Women's Bible Study Fellowship (Chapel)
- Volleyball (Gym)

Friday, April 17

- 7:30 pm - BSU & STMA Choral Concert (Sanctuary)

Saturday, April 18

- 10:00 am - Not Forgotten Adult Grief Support (Rm10)



April 12: Kingdom vs Kingdom

Luke 11:14-28, Pastor Eric Nygren

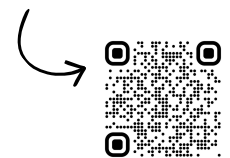
April 19: Something Greater

Luke 11:29-36

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Giving YTD:
\$189,770
Needed YTD:
\$221,060

SCAN HERE TO GET CONNECTED





LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 12

1. When was the last time you found yourself in a debate? How did you navigate the conversation to make your point?

2. Read Luke 11:14-20. What stands out to you about Jesus' opponents? What stands out to you about Jesus' response?

3. Where have you seen resistance to or rejection of Jesus' undeniable authority? What are some helpful ways to engage those who do not respond favorably to Jesus and his gospel?

4. How do you think Jesus' statement in Luke 11:23 would go over today? Are Jesus' words intolerant?

5. Read Luke 11:21-28. How is true and lasting transformation through Christ different from cleaning up one's life and attempting to put things in order?

6. Spend some time with your Life Group talking about ways you have experienced true and lasting transformation as a deeply devoted follower of Jesus.

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

MARCH 29TH ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude: Mary Larson / String Students

Lay Me Down

Turn Your Eyes

Offertory: Mary Larson, Restless

Scripture Reading: Luke 11:14-28, Mishel Carlson

Message: Kingdom vs Kingdom

Communion

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorial Book

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Dorothy Konoske, a memorial for the Sunday School Fund was presented by family and friends in August of 2008.

Communion

Today, Sunday, April 12th, the Lord's Supper will be served during our 9:30am worship service. We will be using our non-alcoholic communion juice and gluten free bread. All who trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior are invited to celebrate with us. Please take time to reflect upon your walk with the Lord and relationships with other Christians.

Potluck & Congregational Meeting

Join us on Sunday, April 26, at 11:00 am for our All-Church Potluck down in the gym. Please bring a main dish & either a side, salad, or dessert to share. At 12:00 pm in the Sanctuary, we will have our Spring Quarterly Congregational Meeting. Members are urged to attend to help us reach a quorum, and, as always, anyone who is interested in our church's ministry is welcome to attend.

Benevolence Fund

If you or someone you know from our church family is experiencing a financial hardship, please contact one of the pastors or elders. Our Benevolence Fund is managed by our elders and is there to help our church family with unexpected financial burdens (utility bill, repair bill, medical bill, etc.).

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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 T. at (218)759-9026 or Karin T. at (218)209-5627.

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.

April Overflow

Ladies - this is the last Overflow before we pause for the summer so mark April 27th on your calendar! We'll be meeting in the Connection Cafe from 6:30-8:00 pm to paint flower pots, hear a God story and fellowship over some fun Spring goodies. Stop by the Women's Ministry table for an invite reminder.

Pastor Eric is back in his office!

Pastor Eric would like to thank everyone who had a hand in restoring the offices after last summer's storm. All my books are back where they belong, and it feels great to be back in this space. Stop by the office sometime to see the finished product.

YOUNG ADULTS

Sunday, APRIL 12

9:30 am - Worship Service

Tuesday, April 14

6:30 pm - Anchor (Youth Room)

Thursday, April 16

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, April 12

9:30 am - Kids/Beginners Church
(Lower Level, dismissed during service)
11:00 am - Kids Sunday School (lower level)

Wednesday, April 15

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

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.

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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

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

STUDENT MINISTRIES



Sunday, April 12

9:30 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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

Wednesday, April 15

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

6:00-7:45 pm - Youth Group, grades 6-12
(Youth Room)

Friday, April 17-19 Distric Blitz

3:30 pm -Bus leaving from E-Free

2:30-3:00 pm - Pickup at E-Free

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.

Flower Sales are Here!

Annual Flower Sale Fundraiser for our Youth Ministry. 12th of Apr. last day we have 19 shaded & 13 sun hanging baskets left. See Pastor Shane or Becky Eastling for information on pricing and where to sign up.

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