

NEWSLETTER



EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF BEMIDJI

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 19

- 9:30 am - Combined Worship Service
 - Child Dedication
- 11:00 am - Kids & Adult Sunday School
 - Snacks & Fellowship (Gym)

Monday, April 20

- 6:30 pm - Adult Bible Study (5:11 Room)
 - Soft Ball practice

Tuesday, April 21

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

Wednesday, April 22

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

Thursday, April 23

- 10:00 am - Halverson's Life Group (Fireside)
- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
- 6:30 pm - Men's Life Group (Fireside)
 - Women's Bible Study Fellowship (Chapel)
 - Trosen's Life Group (Nursery)
 - Volleyball (Gym)

Saturday, April 25

- 7:00 am - Men's Breakfast (Gym)

Sunday, April 26

- 9:30 am - Combined Worship Service
- 11:00 am - All Church Potluck (Gym)
- 12:00 pm - Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)

April 19: Something Greater

Luke 11:29-36

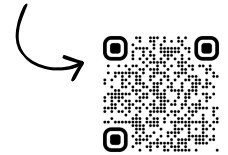
April 26: Woes and Warnings Part 1

Luke 11:37-54

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Giving YTD:
\$203,467
Needed YTD:
\$236,850

SCAN HERE TO GET CONNECTED



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.



LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 12

1. What comes to mind when you think about the story of Jonah? Have you ever read/studied the book of Jonah?

2. Read Luke 11:29-32. Have you ever asked God for a sign? What do you think motivated your request?

3. Read Jonah 3:1-5 and Luke 5:31-32. How would you describe what repentance is to someone unfamiliar with the term? Why are we sometimes resistant to repentance?

4. Read Gen. 3:1-7. When do you find it difficult, or when are you most reluctant to take God at his word? Why do you think this is the case?

5. Read Luke 11:33-36. In what ways do people fail to respond to the light of the gospel that they have been in given? How has the light of the gospel brought about greater faith and obedience in your life over time?

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

APRIL 19TH ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude: Kay Sue Eriksson, piano

Our God

Overcome

How Great Thou Art (Hymn #21)

Offertory: Bell Ensemble "Be Thou My Vision"

Scripture Reading: Luke 11:29-36, Josie Fultz

Message: Something Greater

Build My Life

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorial Book

To the glory of God and in loving memory of David Kalmi, a memorial for the Sanctuary Projection Equipment was presented by his family in November of 2009.

Pastor Eric out of the office April 20 - May 4

Through the generous provision of Valley Church in Des Moines, IA, I have the opportunity to spend two weeks in Taipei, Taiwan, for a time of prayer, rest, and spiritual renewal. I'm looking forward to visiting Taipei, learning about the culture, eating great food, and meeting fellow believers who are part of ReachGlobal Taiwan Initiative. I even hope to run a 5K while I'm there! Please pray for safe travel and that I would be refreshed during this two-week respite from the day-to-day responsibilities of ministry. I look forward to sharing about the trip when I return. To learn more about the ministry in Taiwan, visit efca.org/taiwan. In Him, Pastor Eric

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.

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Global Partners

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 Raukar 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.

May Senior Connection Potluck

The potluck for Senior Connection this month is May 8 at 11:30 in the Connection Cafe. We'd love to see you there! Bring a dish to share and come enjoy food, faith, fellowship, and fun. Paul & Karin T. will share about their recent visits to some of our Global Partners. You will enjoy hearing from them! Reach Laura at 218-209-8190 with 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.

Pastor Eric is back in his old 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 19

9:30 am - Worship Service

Tuesday, April 20

6:30 pm - Anchor (Youth Room)

Thursday, April 23

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 19

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

Wednesday, April 22

5:00-5:45 pm - Family Meal: Sloppy Joe
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

Shamaineau 46 Retreat

Shamaineau 46 Retreat 2026 was an amazing time! We had 12 students and 7 volunteers attend. They had a great time building relationships, playing, making memories, trying new things, and worshipping Jesus together! Everyone always says how much they love the chapel times and music. And of course, everyone loves the BIG Friday night party in the gym! Thank you to those who donated for scholarships. We were able to help those students in need so that they could attend the retreat.

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 19

9:30 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00 am - Youth Sunday School (5:11 Room)
2:30-3:00 pm - Student Pickup at E-Free

Wednesday, April 22

5:00-5:45 pm - Family Meal: Sloppy Joes
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.

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