

# NEWSLETTER



## EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF BEMIDJI

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Sunday, May 3

9:30 am - Worship Service  
11:00 am - Kids & Adult Sunday School

#### Monday, May 4

6:30 pm - Foster the Family (Connection Café)  
Softball practice (softball field)

#### Tuesday, May 5

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

#### Wednesday, May 6

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

#### Thursday, May 7

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)

#### Friday, May 8

5:30 pm - Heartland Christian Academy Spring  
Banquet (Gym)  
6:30 pm - Senior Connection Pot Luck  
(Connection Café)

**May 3: Woes and Warnings Part 2**  
**Luke 12:1-12**

**May 10: Wealth That Won't Wear Out**  
**Luke 12:13-34**

### TITHES & OFFERINGS

Giving Through  
April 26, 2026

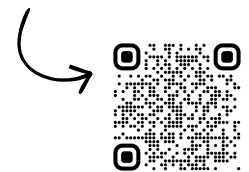
Weekly Giving:  
\$8,204

Weekly Giving Need:  
\$15,790

Giving YTD:  
\$225,597

Needed YTD:  
\$268,430

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#### Elder Update

As many are aware, the Elders met with the North Central District regarding the transition period for our church, as we are without a Senior Pastor. As the Elders learn and process our next steps, the information will be shared with the congregation.

We are looking to fill the Office Manager position. Currently, Jessica Westlund is the Interim for this role, and Connie Aguillo is a volunteer. In addition, we are looking to fill the position of Church Treasurer, as our current Treasurer will be retiring soon. In addition, we need a Church Clerk for quarterly business meetings.

If interested, please contact the Board of Elders ([elderboard@efcbemidji.org](mailto:elderboard@efcbemidji.org)).

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## LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 3

1. How would you define the word authentic? What does it mean to live authentically? What would be a good example of someone who is not authentic? Have you know such a person? What's it like to be around such a person?

2. What does it mean that my worth as a person is counted in Jesus' blood? How does the world (how do we) count a person's worth? In today's culture where does AI fit into all of this worthiness business?

3. Why is trust so important? How does God show us His trust worthiness? What happens when trust is lost, neglected, or failed? How do we regain trust? If I loose trust in God how do I regain trust in Him (or how does God regain my trust in Him)?

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.

### MAY 3RD ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Prelude: Flute/Piano duet, Taumi & Mary

Come Now Is The Time To Worship

The Solid Rock (Hymn 517)

Cornerstone

Offertory: Amy Graf & Boys "Flowers"

Scripture Reading: Luke 12: 1-12, Sylvia Johannes

Message: Woes and Warnings: Part 2

My Worth Is Not In What I Own

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Memorial Book

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Cecil H. Lashlee Jr., a Memorial for Sanctuary Projection Equipment was presented by his family and friends in January 2011.

### 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 recents visits to some of our Global Partners. You will enjoy hearing from them! Reach Laura at 218-209-8190 with questions.

### Bemidji Food Shelf

We can really use refried beans and green beans. Call Linda with questions 218-766-7171. Please see the chart below to learn more about if you qualify.

TEFAP INCOME ELIGIBILITY: (300% of Federal Poverty Guidelines)	
Family Size	Household Annual Income at or below:
1	\$46,950
2	\$63,450
3	\$79,950
4	\$96,450
5	\$112,950

\*For each additional member, add \$16,500 of allowable income.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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.

### Philippa Hanna Benefit Concert at E-Free

You're invited to a heartfelt worship concert featuring the amazing Philippa Hanna on Saturday May 2, at 6:30 pm. Any proceeds will benefit the Lauren Lund Memorial Scholarship. Tickets may be purchased online via [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) or at the door.

### Church Softball League

Spring is almost here and so is church softball! Here are the next 2 practices: 5/4 and 5/11 at 6:30 PM at E-Free. Ages 14+ are welcome to join, no experience necessary. Contact Matt Myrick with questions 218-242-0822.

### Heartland Christian Academy Spring Banquet

Doors open at 5:30 pm, there will be a silent action. Dinner to start at 6:00pm, serving lasagna, salad and dessert. There will be entertainment along with a juggler.

## YOUNG ADULTS

### Sunday, MAY 3

9:30 am - Worship Service

### Tuesday, MAY 5

6:30 pm - Anchor (Youth Room)

### Thursday, MAY 7

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, MAY 3

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

## Wednesday, MAY 6

5:00-5:45 pm - Family Meal: Leftovers  
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)

### 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.

### Foster The Family

Our May meeting for foster mom's is happening May 4th. We usually take the month of May to honor our foster moms with a special night of gifts and good food & fellowship. Please pray that the moms coming would feel special and cared for. Pray that those that don't know the Lord would feel His presence as we serve them. And praise God with us for the continued financial provision that allows us to do this.

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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](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

# STUDENT MINISTRIES



## Sunday, MAY 3

9:30 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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

## Wednesday, MAY 6

5:00-5:45 pm - Family Meal: Leftovers

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.

## 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 in 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.

## High School or College

If you are graduating or know someone from our church who is graduating from High School or College, please let Jessica in the church office know. Please send a graduation photo and party information to [officemanager@efcbemidji.org](mailto:officemanager@efcbemidji.org).

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