

NEWSLETTER



EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF BEMIDJI

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 17

- 9:30 am - Worship Service - Graduation Highlight
- 11:00 am - Kids & Adult Sunday School
- 3:00 pm - Choir/Handbells Finale (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, May 19

- 10:00 am - Women's Bible Study (Fireside Room)
- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
- 6:00 pm - Choir/Bells End of Year Potluck

Wednesday, May 20

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

Thursday, May 21

- 10:00 am - Halverson's Life Group (Fireside)
- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
- 6:30 pm - Elder Board Meeting (Conference Room)
 - Men's Life Group (Fireside)
 - Softball Game (city field)
 - Trosen's Life Group (Nursery)
- 8:30 pm - Softball Game (city field)

Sunday, May 24

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

Sunday, May 31

- 9:30 am - Worship Service - Adult/Teen Challenge
- 11:00 am - Fellowship Time (Gym)

May 17: Your Future, His Will
Proverbs 3:5-6

May 24: Ready or Not
Luke 12:35-59

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Giving Through
May 10, 2026

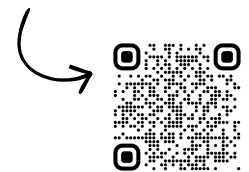
Weekly Giving:
\$9,854

Weekly Giving Need:
\$15,790

Giving YTD:
\$246,425

Needed YTD:
\$300,010

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GET CONNECTED



Weeding & Wood Cutting

If you have a green thumb please come and talk to Jessica about the gardens at church! It would be so nice to have a team willing to help with this. My thumb isn't very green!

The firepit on the west side of the building has a lot of trees down from the storm that need to be removed. If you would like to help cut and move these, please let Jessica know.



LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 17

1. Read Proverbs 3:5-6. What has it looked like in your life to trust the Lord with all your heart? Has this process come easy for you? Is it something you still struggle with today? Explain as much as you're willing to for either response.

2. We talked about the standard of truth and understanding. Where do you find yourself going to solve the hard problems when life is pressing in? Do you tend to rely on your own intellect and life experience? Where do you turn to most often (be honest) when you are searching for truth?

3. Consider what it means to acknowledge (to know) the Lord in all your ways. What are relationships in your life where you truly know someone? How does this impact how you live life with them? Do you believe you know the Lord in this way, and if not, what is one way you could move toward better intimacy with God this week?

4. What does a straight path look like? In your life, has a straight path come with challenges and struggles? Can God still be trusted when the "straight" path brings with it pain and suffering?

5. If you could go back to 18 years old, what is one piece of truth you would share with yourself that God has revealed to you that could have changed your mindset or heart position at that time?

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

MAY 17TH ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Prelude: Piano, Kay Sue Eriksson

And Can It Be That I Should Gain? (Hymn #473)

His Mercy Is More

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

Offertory: Choir "Only By Grace"

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 3:5-6, Dave Knudson

Message: Your Future, His Will

In Christ Alone

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorial Book

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Mabel Bahr, a Memorial Gift toward Sanctuary Projection Equipment was presented by her family and friends in April 2011.

Baptism Service - June 7th

On Sunday, June 7th, following the 9:30 Worship Service, six people from our church family will be baptized. Please plan to join us for this special event. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact Pastor Eric, Pastor Shane, or Amy Graf no later than June 1st.

Summer Adult Bible Study

All adults are invited to our Summer Bible study on Biblical Images of God. This summer we'll examine the vivid and concrete metaphors used of God in order to deepen our relationship with Him. Join us Wednesdays in Room 10 (behind the big kitchen) at 9:30, June 3 through July 29 (no class July 1). We'll watch a short video and have discussion, prayer time, and maybe treats. Contact Laura with questions at 218-209-8190.

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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 Kay Sue 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.

E-Free Softball

Come on out and support our E-Free softball team Thursday nights! This week, May 21st, our team plays at 6:30pm in City field 4 against Calvary Chapel, and at 8:30pm in City field 1 against First Baptist Blue. There is a schedule posted on all the bulletin boards if you'd like to see it.

Go E-Free!!

Building Access & Reservations

If you need a room reserved or access to the building please contact Jessica in the Church Office at least 2 weeks in advance. officemanager@efcbemidji.org

Ways to give

We invite you to prayerfully consider worshiping God and supporting the ministries of E-Free Bemidji through regular financial giving. A portion of every gift goes to support the ministry of our Global Partners. You can find out more about the various ways to give by visiting our website at www.efcbemidji.org/give or by scanning the QR code with your mobile device.

YOUNG ADULTS

Sunday, MAY 17

9:30 am - Worship Service

Tuesday, MAY 19

6:30 pm - Anchor (Youth Room)

Thursday, MAY 21

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, MAY 17

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

Wednesday, MAY 20

5:00-5:45 pm - Family Meal: Pizza
6:00-7:45 pm - Kids Club, grades 6-12 (Lower Level)

May is Foster Care Month

We want YOU to get involved. Follow along the next 4 weeks, find Amy Graf or Mandi Buchan on May 31st and summarize the 4 different announcements and you can get a prize! Only 1 per family.

May 17th foster care in the United States:

- Here are a few statistics to consider regarding foster care in our country. As you consider this information, ask the Lord to show you how you can make a difference in the lives of these families.
 - Foster youth are seven times more likely than non-foster youth to have depression, and five times more likely to have anxiety.
 - Less than one in four foster youth enroll in college.
 - by age 26, just 4% of former foster youth had successfully obtained a bachelor's degree.

Final Kids Club!

Wednesday, May 20th - Final Kids Club!

We will have a celebration from 6pm-7:30pm! Students will begin in their classrooms, so please check-in and walk your child to their classroom at 6pm.

At 6:30pm, we will have our "end of the year" Celebration/5th Grade Promotion in the sanctuary. The kids will share what they have learned throughout the year at Kids Club.

We will sing a couple of worship songs, celebrate, and pray for the 5th grade students.

All parents/grandparents/caregivers/church members/guests are welcome to attend!

We will end our night with rootbeer floats, and fellowship!

Let's celebrate God's Big Story, and a great year at Kids Club!

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

STUDENT MINISTRIES



Sunday, MAY 17

9:30 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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

Wednesday, MAY 20

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

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.

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