

NEWSLETTER



EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF BEMIDJI

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 31

9:30 am - MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir
Nursery available, no Kids/Beginners Church
11:00 am - Coffee & Treats - (Gym)

Tuesday, June 2

10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)

Wednesday, June 3

7:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Chapel)
9:30 am - Summer Adult Bible Study (Room 10)

Thursday, June 4

10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
6:30 pm - Softball Game (city field 2)
8:30 pm - Softball Game (city field 2)

Sunday, June 7

9:30 am - Worship Service
10:40 am - Baptism
11:00 am - Coffee & Treats (Gym)

May 31: MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir

June 7: Hannah's Prayers 1 Samuel 2:1-10

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Giving Through
May 24, 2026

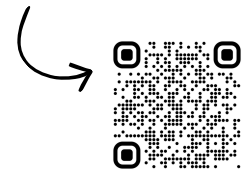
Weekly Giving:
\$21,081

Weekly Giving Need:
\$15,790

Giving YTD:
\$281,194

Needed YTD:
\$331,590

SCAN HERE TO
GET CONNECTED



MN Teen & Adult Challenge Choir

Today, May 31st, the MN Teen & Adult Challenge Choir are with us for our 9:30 Worship Service. We hope you will join us for this very special morning of music, testimony, and fellowship with our guests.

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.

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SERMON NOTES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 31

MAY 31ST ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:30 am - Worship Service

Prelude: Piano, Mary Larson

To God Be The Glory (Hymn #72)

Offertory: Piano, Mary Larson

MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir

11:00 am - Coffee & Treats (GYM)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorial Book

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Mildred Sandwick, a Memorial Gift toward Sanctuary Projection Equipment was presented by her family in May 2011.

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.

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.

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.

Men's Ministry

Join us in the chapel on Wednesday mornings at 7:30am for good coffee, great conversation, and an opportunity to grow in your walk with Christ along with other men.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The E-Free Cookout & Cornhole Tournament Is Back!

Plans are in the works for our July 26th Cookout & Cornhole Tournament, and we need your help! We need a team of volunteers to help plan and run the cookout and tournament. Please contact Pastor Eric or the church office if you would like to help with this special all-church event. Tournament registration will begin in early July.

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.



E-Free Softball

Come on out and support our E-Free softball team Thursday nights! This week, June 4th, our team plays at 6:30pm in City field 2 against First Baptist Red and at 8:30pm in City field 2 against Solway. There is a schedule posted on all the bulletin boards if you'd like to see it. **Go E-Free!!**

Bone Builders

E-Free has a group of men & women who meet in the Gym each Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30am to 11:30am to have guided strength training. This is recommended for people with osteoporosis.

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

YOUNG ADULTS

Sunday, MAY 31

9:30 am - Worship Service

11:00 am - Coffee & Treats (Gym)

ANCHOR

We will resume ANCHOR in the fall. Please talk to Pastor Shane if you have questions.



We will resume CRU in the fall.

See Mark C. or Terry H. with questions:
mhockeymd@gmail.com
Terryleehewitt@gmail.com

E-FREE KIDS



Sunday, MAY 31

9:30am - NO Kids/Beginners Church
(MN Adult/Teen Challenge choir)
Nursery is available.

Sunday, June 7

9:30 am - Kids/Beginners Church Combined
(Lower Level, dismissed during service)

Sunday, June 14

9:30 am - Kids/Beginners Church Combined
(Lower Level, dismissed during service)
11:00 am - VBS Training for Volunteers (lower Level)

Sunday, June 28

9:30 am - Kids/Beginners Church Combined
(Lower Level, dismissed during service)
11:00 am - All Church Movie (Gym)
Movie Showing: David

VBS - Kingdom Quest

SAVE THE DATE - Aug. 9th-12th 6:00pm - 8:15pm
4 years old - 6th grade

There are all kinds of volunteer opportunities available, 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
Please let me know how you would like to help/serve.
agraf@efcbemidji.org

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notification system.

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 31st : Foster care in Beltrami County

Beltrami county historically has a high out of home placement rate. And although the numbers have declined since hitting a record high of 1284 children in out of home placement in 2017, it is still high. Between 66% and 75% of removals are because of substance abuse.

These families we see around our community, kids that come to learn about Jesus on Wednesday nights. And in our church family, multiple families who have adopted these kids! Pray the Lord would move you to really see these Image Bearers. And for wisdom to know how to love them as Christ would want you to.

This highlights the critical importance of accessibility of mental health and substance abuse services throughout the state, both to prevent placement and safely reunify children.

☆all information taken from
<https://www.fosteradoptmn.org/>

STUDENT MINISTRIES



Sunday, MAY 31

9:30 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:00 am - Coffee & Treats (Gym)



E-Free Graduates

Youth Sunday School

We have officially wrapped up Sunday School for the Youth this season. We would encourage our congregation to continue daily in the Book of Proverbs. We collectively can grow in the abundant knowledge, wisdom, and love for our God through this time in His Word.

Youth Group

Our weekly Youth Group Events are finished up for the summer! What a blessing this year has been and what a wonderful time we had in fellowship, fun, and God's Word with one another. Stay tuned to the newsletter and announcements as we talk more about summer activities and opportunities to serve one another!

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