

# NEWSLETTER



## EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF BEMIDJI

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Sunday, June 7

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

#### Tuesday, June 9

- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
- 6:00 pm - Trustee Board (Conference Room)
- 6:30 pm - Global Connections (Fireside Room)

#### Wednesday, June 10

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

#### Thursday, June 11

- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
- 6:30 pm - Softball Game (city field 4)
- 8:30 pm - Softball Game (city field 4)

#### Friday, June 12

- 11:30 am - Senior Connection Potluck (Conn. Café)

#### Sunday, June 14

- 9:30 am - Worship Service
- 11:00 am - Coffee & Treats (Gym)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Prayer (Chapel)

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

**June 14: Jesus' Prayer**  
John 17

### TITHES & OFFERINGS

Giving Through  
May 31, 2026

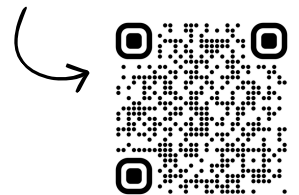
Weekly Giving:  
\$14,532

Weekly Giving Need:  
\$15,790

Giving YTD:  
\$294,727

Needed YTD:  
\$347,380

SCAN HERE TO  
GET CONNECTED



2024  
E-Free  
Cornhole  
Winners  
Dan & Leanne  
Frost



See page 5 for more photos. We hope you sign up to play this summer! See Jessica in the church office to sign up.

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**We've got a variety of activities planned for after service this summer. Here's what's happening this month.**

**June 7th**

Stick around after church for our Baptism service in the Sanctuary. Coffee and treats will be served in the Connection Cafe. We'll also have outdoor seating available in the main courtyard area (weather permitting).

**June 14th**

In addition to coffee and treats after service, we'll be meeting for Second Sunday Prayer in the Chapel. VBS volunteers are encouraged to attend the training meeting in the Kids Assembly Room on the lower level.

**June 21st**

Celebrate Father's Day with an ice cream treat outdoors, or join us for treats and coffee in the Connection Cafe (The Gym will be set up for the annual Library Book Sale).

**June 28th**

Join us after the service in the Gym for an all-church movie day. We'll be showing the animated film, 'David,' and there will be concessions available (free will offering supporting the Youth Bus Fund).

**Baptism Service - June 7th**

Today, June 7th, following the 9:30 Worship Service, several people from our church family will be baptized: Sadie Anderson, Julia Caster, JodyLynn Hughes, and Michael Purrington. Please plan to join us for this special event.

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.

**JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup> ORDER OF WORSHIP**

9:30 am - Worship Service

Prelude: Piano, Kay Sue Eriksson

**At Your Name**

**10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)**

**It Is Well With My Soul (Hymn #519)**

Offertory

Scripture Reading: 1 Sam.2:1-10, Dan Evans

Message, Pastor Eric Nygren

**Deeply Devoted**

11:00 am - Coffee & Treats (GYM)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Memorial Book**

To the glory of God and in loving memory of David A. Smith, a Memorial Gift of Hymnals was presented by the friends of the Smith family in June 2011.

**Statement from meetings with NCD of the EFCA**

The Elders would like to thank those from our church who met with representatives from the North Central District of the EFCA this past Saturday, May 30th. Pat Wester and Scott Yorkovich reported that there were many great conversations with those who were interviewed. These conversations were informative, encouraging, and future-oriented. They have confidence in our church to move ahead in a positive direction at this time. A more detailed statement will be provided to the congregation via the church newsletter. If you would like to know more about the NCD, please browse their website at [www.ncdefca.org](http://www.ncdefca.org). Thanks for your input!

**Handbell Summer Recital**

The church family is invited to the Bemidji Area Church Musician's recital to be held at our church on Wed, June 17. Our handbells along with other musicians will present the concert at 12 noon. A light lunch for a small fee will follow at 12:30. This year's series of recitals is dedicated to the memory of Kenneth J. Wold.

# 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 Jessica in 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 worshipping 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](http://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!!**

## 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.

## Scam & Fraud

Please beware of emails or texts that come to you asking for you to provide information or purchase something. Staff will never ask you for this information in this way. Please connect with the church office if you have questions.

# YOUNG ADULTS

## Sunday, June 7

9:30 am - Worship Service

11:00 am - Coffee & Treats (Gym)



We will resume CRU in the fall.

See Mark C. or Terry H. with questions:

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[Terryleehewitt@gmail.com](mailto:Terryleehewitt@gmail.com)

ANCHOR 

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

# E-FREE KIDS



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## Sunday, June 7

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

## June 8 - 12

Ponemah VBS - Parents are required to attend with kids. Let us know if you need transportation.

## Tuesday, June 9

Ridgeway Outreach - 4pm-6:30pm. We will help set up tables/chairs at 4pm, then help serve supper and visit with residents from 5-6:30pm. Parents/caregivers need to attend this outreach with their children. This is NOT a "drop off" event.

## Sunday, June 14

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

11:00 am - VBS Training for Volunteers (Sanctuary)

Kids are welcome to attend! We will learn the theme song, talk about the theme, main memory verse, Bible stories for each day, and answer any questions you might have.

## Monday, June 22

Conifer Outreach - 11am - 1:30pm - Same as Ridgeway, but at lunchtime. We will help set up tables/chairs at 11am, then help serve the meal, play with kids, and visit with residents from 12-1:30pm. Parents/caregivers need to attend this outreach with their children. This is NOT a "drop off" event!

## Sunday, June 28

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

11:00 am - All Church Movie "David" (Gym)

Concessions/treats available. \*All donations go to Global Fingerprints Sponsored Children.

\*\*Please bring a camping chair if you don't want to sit in a folding chair.

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Text [efreekids](#) to **94000** join our E-Free Kids notification system.

Kids ministry looks a bit different in the summer, but there are plenty of opportunities for kids/families to learn about Jesus, deepen their faith, and be discipled.

Kids can attend Beginners/Kids church each Sunday (they will be dismissed halfway through the service, and children will be combined in the Assembly Room on the lower level - Please check in your children).

Kids can attend VBS at different churches in town (and at E-Free - Aug. 9-12)

Kids can go to Camp Oak Hills or Shamineau (there are scholarships available)

Kids can serve at an outreach opportunity, or attend our monthly Sunday Kids Ministry Events following the 9:30am service.

ALL of our outreach events/Sunday events are for kids and families. These are NOT "drop off" events. Parents/caregivers need to stay with their children.

## VBS - Kingdom Quest

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



SCAN HERE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR VBS



# STUDENT MINISTRIES



## Sunday, June 7

9:30 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:00 am - Coffee & Treats (Gym)

## A few of our past Corn Hole Competitors



Layne Anderson and Anna Nygren



Zephan Graf



Ezra Anderson



Richard Anderson & Dan Frost



Linda Shutter & Laurie Oakes



Stephen Helweg

## 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!



Rich Oakes



Matt Myrick



Danny Paddock & Karin T.



Bill Hubbell



Paul T. & Daniel Paddock

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