

NEWSLETTER

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF BEMIDJI



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, June 21

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

Tuesday, June 23

9:30 am - Summer Adult Bible Study (Fireside Rm)
10:30 am - Bone Builders (Chapel)

Wednesday, June 24

7:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Connection Café)

Thursday, June 25

10:30 am - Bone Builders (Chapel)
7:30 pm - Softball Game (city field 4)
8:30 pm - Softball Game (city field 3)

Sunday, June 28

9:30 am - Worship Service
11:00 am - Movie - (Gym)
6:00 pm - Music Night (Sanctuary)

June 22 - 25

Library Booksale
4-7 pm on Monday: special member pre-sale
10 am-6pm Tuesday-Wednesday, regular sale
10 am-6 pm Thursday fill-a-bag for \$2 day

June 21: Solomon's Prayer
1 Kings 8:22-53

June 28: Moses' Prayer
Psalm 90

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Giving Through
June 7, 2026

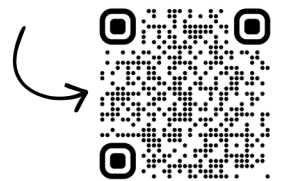
Weekly Giving:
\$8,890

Weekly Giving Need:
\$15,790

Giving YTD:
\$314,101

Needed YTD:
\$378,960

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Elder Board Update

After meeting with representatives from the North Central District of the Evangelical Free Church of America, it was recommended that we pursue an interim pastor. We are moving forward with this recommendation. We welcome your thoughts on this process. Please provide your feedback to an Elder, or send comments through the Elder email at elderboard@efcbemidji.org.

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

June 21st, 11 am

Happy Father's Day! Join us for treats and coffee in the Connection Café (The Gym will be set up for the annual Library Book Sale).

June 28th, 11 am

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 Global Fingerprints Sponsored Children).

June 28th, 6-7 pm

We're trying something new for the summer: Join us for Music Night, Sunday, June 28 from 6-7 PM in the sanctuary. This month we will focus on hymns and choruses. Come praise God with old favorites and learn some new ones! Give requests to Laura at 218-209-8190. Stay tuned for more Music Nights coming over the summer.

JUNE 21ST ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:30 am - Worship Service

Prelude: Piano, Kay Sue Eriksson

This I Believe

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Hymn #60)

Praise The Name of Jesus (Hymn #128)

Child Dedication

Offertory: Piano, Kay Sue Eriksson

Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 8:22-53, Scott Engelstad

Message, Pastor Eric Nygren

Goodness of God

11:00 am - Coffee & Treats (Connection Café)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorial Book

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Waiva Weins, a Memorial Gift of sanctuary carpet was presented by friends and family Oct 2011.

Bemidji Library Booksale

The Bemidji Public Library Advisory Board will have their annual used book sale at Evangelical Free Church June 22-25. Monday, June 22 is a special early pre-sale for Friends of the Library members from 4-7 PM. Memberships are available at the door, starting at \$5. Tuesday and Wednesday hours are 10 AM to 6 PM, and Thursday June 25 will be fill a bag for \$2 all day, 10-6. No credit cards—cash or check only!

Bridal Shower

You're invited to come celebrate Leah Helweg's upcoming marriage to Josh O'Leary, and help us "shower" love, prayers, and gifts on their future life together. Join us on Sunday, July 19th at 2:00 in the connection cafe. Please bring a favorite family recipe card for the bride-to-be. Their registry is available through their website on TheKnot; <https://www.theknot.com/us/josh-o-leary-and-leah-helweg-oct-2026/registry>. Password: theolearys2026! Please RSVP (by July 10 please) to Kristen at 1-612-360-1710.

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 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 25th, our team plays at 7:30pm in City field 4 against Bemidji First Assembly and at 8:30pm in City field 3 against First Baptist Blue. There is a schedule posted on all the bulletin boards if you'd like to see it. Go E-Free!!

Men's Ministry Bible Study

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 21

9:30 am - Worship Service

11:00 am - Coffee & Treats (Connection Café)

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, June 21

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

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.

VBS - Kingdom Quest

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



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CHILD FOR VBS



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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 grade levels 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.

STUDENT MINISTRIES



Sunday, June 21

9:30 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:00 am - Coffee & Treats (Connection Café)

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

We have officially wrapped up the Youth Group for the year! Stay tuned to Newsletter and announcements for events/outreach opportunities for the Youth and Families this summer. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Shane or Amy Graf.

Youth Adult Ministry

Our Young Adult (Anchor) group has officially wrapped up for the year. If you want to know more about this ministry or are interested in joining, please reach out to Pastor Shane.

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