

E-FREE BEMIDJI WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FOR THE WEEK OF **AUGUST 9, 2026**



BECOMING DEEPLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF JESUS TOGETHER

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 9

- 9:30 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Communion Sunday
Kids/Beginners Church (Lower Level)
- 11:00 am - Coffee & Treats (Gym)
Second Sunday Prayer/VBS Prayer Walk
- 6-8:15 pm - Kingdom Quest VBS

Monday, August 10

- 6-8:15 pm - Kingdom Quest VBS

Tuesday, August 11

- 10:15 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
- 6-8:15 pm - Kingdom Quest VBS

Wednesday, August 12

- 7:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Chapel)
- 6-8:15 pm - Kingdom Quest VBS

Thursday, August 13

- 10:15 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
- 6:30 pm - Music Team Practice
- 6:30 pm - Softball Game (City Field 2)
- 7:30 pm - Softball Game (City Field 4)

Friday, August 14

- 11:30 am - Sr Connection Potluck (Connection Café)

Sunday, August 16

- 9:30 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 9:45 am - Kids/Beginners Church (Lower Level)
- 11:00 am - Coffee & Treats (Gym)

Visit efcbemidji.org/events
for the complete calendar

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Giving through August 2, 2026

Weekly Giving: \$12,093
Weekly Giving Need: \$15,790

Giving YTD: \$432,031
Needed YTD: \$489,490



SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH

9:30 am - Worship Service

Prelude: Laura, Piano

Crown Him with Many Crowns (Hymn #92)

King of Kings

Offertory: Piano duet: 10,000 Reasons, Kay Sue/Laura

Scripture Reading: Nehemiah 1:1-11, Lindsay Nygren

Message: Matt Graf

Behold The Lamb: Music Team

Communion

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

Upcoming Sermon Schedule

August 9th: A Leader of Character, Nehemiah 1:1-11

August 16th: Esther's moment, Esther 4



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Volunteers Wanted!

Are you looking for a way to get involved serving at the church? We are in need of scripture readers for reading passages during Sunday services, ushers to help hand out bulletins and pass offering plates, and awareness team members to help monitor the church Sunday mornings. If you are interested in any of these serving roles, please contact the church office at officemanager@efcbemidji.org

Sr. Connection Potluck - Friday, August 14th

Senior adults, please join us for a trip down memory lane at our Potluck and Fellowship on Friday, Aug. 14. We'll share stories of our favorite summer activities from days past—or now! We'll have a potluck at 11:30 in the Connection Cafe, and then share stories. And Scott will bring a devotional from God's Word to close out our time. Contact Laura at 218-209-8190 with any questions.

A Note from the Elders

Please pray for the elders as they visit with interim pastor recommended by the North Central District.

Our next **Chat with an Elder** is scheduled for Sunday, August 16th at 11 am in the Green Room. We would love to hear your thoughts, answer your questions, or pray with you for our church.

Contact your elders at any time by sending an email to elderboard@efcbemidji.org or by reaching out to an elder directly (see posted info in foyer).

Memorial Book

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Tom Turney, a Memorial Gift toward Technology was presented by his daughter, JoAn Thamm Dec 2018

Men's Bible Study

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

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.

2026 Cornhole Tournament

Congratulations to brothers, Michael and James Helweg, winners of this year's Golden Beanbags.

Thanks to all who helped make this year's cookout and tournament a fun afternoon.



-  Michael and James Helweg
-  Zeke and Zaden Graf
-  Terry and Robin Hewitt

Text **efree** to **94000** join our text notification system.

YOUNG ADULTS



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

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STUDENT MINISTRIES

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.

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Text **efcbasm** to **94000** join our Student Ministries notification system.

E-FREE KIDS



Pre-Register for VBS

August. 9th-12th
6:00pm - 8:15pm
4 years old - 6th grade

**SCAN HERE TO
REGISTER YOUR
CHILD FOR VBS**



Volunteers needed

We are still in need of volunteers for Beginners and Kids church on Sunday mornings during the 9:30 am service.

Kids min 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 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.

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