

E-FREE BEMIDJI WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FOR THE WEEK OF **AUGUST 23, 2026**



BECOMING DEEPLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF JESUS TOGETHER

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 23

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

Tuesday, August 25

10:15 am - Bone Builders (Gym)

Wednesday, August 26

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

Thursday, August 27

10:15 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
6:30 pm - Music Team Practice

Sunday, August 30

9:30 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
No Kids/Beginners Church
11:00 am - Coffee & Treats (Gym)
6:00 pm - Music Night

Visit efcbemidji.org/events
for the complete calendar

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Giving through August 16, 2026

Weekly Giving: \$11,563
Weekly Giving Need: \$15,790

Giving YTD: \$451,357
Needed YTD: \$521,070



SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD

9:30 am - Worship Service

Prelude: Kay Sue Eriksson

This Is Amazing Grace

Nothing But The Blood of Jesus (Hymn #471)

The Wonderful Cross

Offertory: Handbell Solo, Tracy "In the Garden"
Scripture Reading: Psalm 51:1-16, Richard Anderson
Message: Pastor Eric Nygren

I Have Decided To Follow Jesus (Hymn #576)

Upcoming Sermon Schedule

August 23rd: David's Dilemma (2 Samuel 11-12)
August 30th: TBD



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Music Night - Next Sunday, August 30th

Mark your calendars for Music Night, next Sunday, August 30th from 6-7 pm.

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

The new Global Partner flipbooks are here!

Pick up a copy of the updated Global Partner flipbook in the Connection Cafe. Put a copy on your kitchen table, your desk at work, or wherever you'll see it to be reminded to pray for our Global Partners.

A Note from the Elders

The Elders would like to remind the congregation that there is a Benevolence Fund available for regular attenders who have a financial need (medical bill, unexpected repair, etc). Please contact an Elder or use the Elder email.

Please pray for the Elders as they continue to have conversations with potential Interim Pastors recommended by the North Central District.

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 the foyer).

Memorial Book

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Don Emery, a Memorial Gift toward Youth Fund was presented by Tenstrike Community Church Oct 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.

Find Your People. Find Your Voice.

Have you ever thought about joining the Choir? This is your invitation!

We're starting a new season and would love to see some new faces—and hear some new voices. Whether you've been singing for years or you've always thought, "Maybe I should try that," join us. We'll sing, learn, laugh, and worship together. No pressure; just come and see if Choir is for you.

Two Tuesdays a month, 7:15-8:30 PM. Come join us September 8th for our first rehearsal. We'd love to have you!

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.

E-FREE KIDS

Redby Community Church VBS

Redby Community Church had their VBS last week. It was a great success for a first year of VBS! They had over 50 kids each night and 20 volunteers. Kids learned that Jesus is The Way, The Truth, and The Life! They focused on John 14:6, and also learned about many truths of scripture. How to love others when it is difficult, how God loves them no matter what, how to know what is true and to be honest, to have courage, wisdom, and humility. It was a great week! Thank you for your prayers. Continue to pray for this community and our global partners.

Thank you to all who donated and gave to Redby Community Church/Red Lake Ministries. They are grateful to be able to share with all of the kids the resources we provided.

Volunteers Needed

You are invited to volunteer in Kids Ministry! We are in need of volunteers for Sunday School, Beginner's and Kids Church, and Wednesday Night Classroom Leaders. Please pray and contact Amy Graf if the Lord is leading you to serve in Kids Ministry.

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