

E-FREE BEMIDJI WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2026



BECOMING DEEPLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF JESUS TOGETHER

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 13

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

Tuesday, September 15

10:15 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
6:00 pm - Foster The Family
7:15 pm - Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 16

7:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Chapel)
5:00 pm - Wednesday Night Meals - Pizza (Gym)
6:00 pm - Kids Club/Youth Group

Thursday, September 17

10:15 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
6:30 pm - Music Team Practice (Sanctuary)
6:30 pm - Women's Bible Study Fellowship (Chapel & Room 4)

Friday, September 18

6:30 pm - Remembrance of Life - Greg & Jean Giles
(Connection Cafe)

Sunday, September 20

9:30 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
9:45 am - Kids/Beginners Church
11:00 am - Q&A with Ken Polley, Interim Pastor
Candidate (Gym)
2:00 pm - Golf Scramble for Missions

Visit efcbemidji.org/events
for the complete calendar

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Giving through September 6, 2026

Weekly Giving: \$9,009
Weekly Giving Need: \$15,790

Giving YTD: \$482,386
Needed YTD: \$568,440



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

9:30 am - Worship Service

Prelude: Mary Larson

Jesus Firm Foundation

I Love to Tell the Story (Hymn #498)

Offertory: "How Can It Be?" Mary Larson

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, Scott Engelstad

Message: Pastor Eric Nygren

Communion

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Upcoming Sermon Schedule

September 20th: Church 101,
Ken Polley, Interim Pastor Candidate



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Greg & Jean Giles - Remembrance of Life

The Giles' children invite our congregation to an informal "Remembrance of Life" to be held Friday September 18 in the Connection Café at 6:30 pm. Come visit, see photos, and share stories and memories of Greg and Jean.

Please lift up the budgeting process, as well as our next steps in this time of transition in prayer.

Ken Polley Interim Pastor Candidate



A Note from the Elders

We are pleased to announce that we have a candidate for our interim pastoral position. His name is Ken Polley. He has a lot of experience working with churches in transition including Calvary E-Free in Walker, MN and Faithbridge Church in Park Rapids, MN. He was recommended to us by the North Central District of the EFCA. Ken and his wife, Lorelei currently live in Warren, MN.

Ken has already met with the staff, and he will candidate with us on **Sunday, September 20th**. Ken will preach at the 9:30 am Worship Service, and there will be an opportunity for Q&A with him following the service in the Gym at 11:00 am.

If all goes well, we will have a Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, September 27th** following the 9:30 am Service to vote on Ken. We will only call him to serve here at the Bemidji E-Free church if he garners a 75% majority.

Ken will be able to help us with organizational structure, with reviewing our strategic plan, and with processing the events that we have had to endure over the past year. If we, as a church, decide to move forward with getting a more permanent pastor, he will help us with that process, too. His job is not to be our lead pastor, nor would he be the primary preacher (Pastor Eric will still do the majority of the preaching). He would be hired to work 25-30 hours per week to guide us as we continue to serve Jesus Christ in Bemidji, in Minnesota, and around the globe!

Memorial Book

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Janet Collette, a Memorial Gift toward Purchasing the KORGE Keyboard was presented by her children Dave, Dennis, Steve, and Debbie (Johnson) February 2024

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.

September Overflow

Ladies - Mark Sept. 21st on your calendar for our first Overflow, and bring your camp chairs! We'll be meeting at the fire pit off the youth wing side of the building from 6:30-8:00 to hear about the Gospel from Lindsay Nygren, sing some campfire worship songs and roast s'mores. Stop by the Women's Ministry table and let us know if you're coming. See you there!

Now Hiring: Office Manager

Please pray for our search for our next Office Manager. The job description is available in the church office or on our website (www.efcbemidji.org/jobs). Applicants can email efree@paulbunyan.net with a letter of inquiry and resume.

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.



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"All BSU, NTC, and OHCC students are invited to attend a co-ed bible study on Thursday evenings at 7:30. It will be held in the leadership center in Hobson Memorial Union (HMU 255). If you have any questions, please email Terry Hewitt <terryleehewitt@gmail.com>."

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Youth Sunday School

We are excited for kickoff this week! Wednesday night - Youth Group and Kids Min kicks off September 16th

We are prepared to walk through "Becoming People of Worship" as our theme. Pray for us as we grow and 6th -12th graders join us for Youth Groups from 6:00pm-7:45pm

E-FREE KIDS

Kick-Off for Kids Club, and Sunday School is coming soon, and we are in need of adult and teen helpers. (Adult helpers for Wed. Kids Club, Beginner's/Kids Church, Sunday School, and teen helpers for Beginner's/Kids Church, Sunday school, and nursery).

YOU ARE INVITED to PRAY, SERVE, ENCOURAGE, TEACH, SHARE YOUR FAITH, and MAKE AN IMPACT THAT COULD CHANGE A CHILD'S LIFE FOREVER!!

Wednesday Night - Kids Club leaders needed: (Commit to the Fall Semester, or for the whole year)

Kindergarten Small Group Leader/helper (1)

2nd grade helper (1)

Awareness Team (1)

Check-In helper/greeter (1)

Substitute leaders for small groups, games, awareness team and Sunday School

Kids Club begins (Sept. 16th - Apr 28th) This Fall, Kids Club meets for 12 Wednesdays before Christmas. 6-7:30pm each Wednesday. Our leaders meeting is at 5:45pm in the Assembly Room.

Thank you for your support, encouragement, and prayers. Kids are longing for people to talk with them, teach them something new, share with them, disciple them, build relationships with them, encourage them, love them, and have a safe place that they can be themselves and learn about the love, grace, and truth of Jesus.

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E-FREE KIDS Continued

Family Sunday School for all ages.

Beginning Oct. 4th, there will be a Family Sunday School offered in the youth room at 11:00am, for anyone. Singles, families, youth, kids, (must attend with a parent or guardian) anyone can attend. This is an 8 week study/practice of different spiritual disciplines.

"Practicing the Way" is a practical way to practice prayer, Biblical study, solitude, sabbath, serving, healing, confession, fasting, giving, community, and communion. This will give us an opportunity to share how God is working in our lives each week through these daily/weekly practices.

*Stop by the Kids Ministry table in the gym on "Kick Off" Sunday for more information, and to sign up for this Sunday School class.

SAVE THE DATE!! October 30th - E-Free "Trunk or Treat"

Anyone can sign up to host a vehicle, give out candy, and share God's love.
More details to come.

*Stop by the Kids Min table to sign up to host a car!