

WELCOME

WORSHIP SERVICE

Pastoral Ordination with guest David Linde, Director of placement and credentialing for the north central district of the EFCA

To E-FREE Bemidji - August 13, 2023

9:30am

NEW HERE?

New here? Regular attendee? Stay connected via text message by texting the word **EFREE** to **94000**. Or, check out our website at www.efcbemidji.org

LIVESTREAM

Our Sunday service is livestreamed at 9:30am during the summer from May 28th through September 3rd.

For Your Information

Kids Ministry—VBS

What an incredible week at Ready, Set, MOVE! We had over 70 kids each night and 50 volunteers! The kids raised over \$300 for our Global Partner in Turkey to help with medical expenses of people in need. Thank you to the Men's and Women's ministries for providing meals for volunteers and families. And, a HUGE thank you to all the volunteers. We could not have VBS without you!

Summer Youth Group

Join us on August 16th from 6:30-8:30pm for SYG at Camp Oak Hills. We will be doing their challenge course and will continue our study and look at the sin of anger. You won't want to miss it!

Calling all Gardeners!

If you would be interested in helping maintain our gardening or landscaping please contact Corbin email facilitysupervisor@efcbemidji.org

Summer Anchor

Young Adult Life Group Anchor will meet Monday August 14th at 7pm. Talk with Pastor Douglas for the location. We'll enjoy a campfire, yard games, and fellowship.

A Taste of Handbells

Have you ever wanted to try Handbells with no obligation to perform? We are holding introductory sessions to give you the opportunity to play this unique instrument. Please contact Tracy Parthun at 218-766-4935 or Kay Sue Eriksson at 218-766-9991. The dates are Aug 15, 22, 29 from 6:30pm-8pm in the Connection Café.

Ruby's Pantry

Ruby's Pantry will be coming August 16th and needs volunteers. If you are interest in helping, you can contact Jim Hodgson at jimhodgson@oakhills.edu or by signing up on their website. Please spread the word about Ruby's Pantry to anyone you know who might be in need of this service.

Volunteer Opportunity

We are looking for 4-6 volunteers who would be willing to help with Wednesday night meals during the school year. You can contact the office to sign up, or to get more information at 218-751-3334.

SUNDAY MORNING ACTIVITIES

We're glad to have you in person or online!

GIVING

Try out our secure Giving Boxes here at the church or visit our website for a list of giving options including: giving over the phone, mobile-app, text-to-give, mailing in checks, giving online, setting up automatic giving at www.efcbemidji.org/give, or donating stock.

CONNECTION CAFÉ

Take some time to connect with others before or after our summer Sunday service. services, and consider reaching out to anyone from our church family who you haven't seen for awhile.

Baby Announcements

We want to celebrate the birth or adoption of your child! If you've recently had a new member join the family, send us the date and a picture to share with the church on Sunday! Email Jessica at OfficeManager@efcbemidji.org

Special Guests: Rob & Jackie Passer - Reach Global Crisis Response

Join us next Sunday, August 20th during the 11am Sunday School hour for a special presentation from Rob and Jackie Passer serving with EFCA Reach Global Crisis Response. Crisis Response is an EFCA ministry that mobilizes people to serve local churches and families after a crisis or natural disaster. Interested in hosting the Passers overnight on Sat, Aug 19? Contact Pastor Eric.

College Students

Please keep incoming college students in your prayers as they begin moving in this weekend and prepare to start their school year!

Volunteers Needed!

If any of you are interested in being a helper with a lead teacher for Sunday School, Kids Church, or Wednesday Night, please let Amy Graf or Jessica Westlund know. We could really use some more adult helpers in each of these areas of ministry. You can email OfficeManager@efcbemidji.com.

SERMON

You can request to have sermon transcripts mailed or emailed to you weekly by contacting the office. Our sermons are also available to read or watch online at: www.efcbemidji.org/sermons.

Tune in on Sunday mornings during our regular service times to watch our livestream services! Find out more at www.efcbemidji.org/live.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 15 - 6:30-8pm Taste of Handbells

Aug 15-6:30 pm Global Connection Team Meeting

August 16-6:30-8:30pm Summer Youth Group

August 20-12:15pm Worship Committee Meeting

August 23-6-8pm Family Park Night

August 27-9:30am baby dedication

August 3-6:30-8:30pm, Youth Group Splash Ball

September 6-5:30pm youth and kids leader meeting

September 13- Wednesday night ministry begins, 5:15pm meal and 6:00-7:45pm kids and youth ministry

SERMON SNEAK PEEK

Aug 20: Unflappable Faith
Romans 8:31-39

Aug 27: Prodigal God
Luke 15:11-32

8/6/2023 Sunday Attendance

291 onsite attendees, Plus 20 screens in 4 States: OR,IA,TX,MN

August 13, 2023 at E-FREE CHURCH OF BEMIDJI

Becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus together

E-Free Church Online

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Other Info

Looking to connect at E-Free Bemidji?
Scan the QR code below or fill out the
Welcome Connection Card located in the
sanctuary seats, or complete our online
Connection Card by following this link:
<https://efcbemidji.org/connectioncard>

Livestream link:

www.efcbemidji.org/live

Video Disclaimer:

Entrances are under video
surveillance and services
are Livestreamed in the Sanctuary
including those seated in the
congregation.



Prayer Chain:

Email efree@paulbunyan.net to share a
prayer request or to join our church
email prayer chain. You can also
text: efreeprayer to 94000

Leadership:

To see a full list of our ministry staff
and leaders, visit our website at
www.efcbemidji.org/about-us/our-leadership
or stop by the foyer bulletin board.

115 Carr Lake RD SW, Bemidji, MN 56601

GIVING

For Aug 6, 2023

WEEKLY GIVING:

\$ 10,897

WEEKLY NEEDED:

\$15,195

GIVEN YTD:

\$ 434,383

NEEDED YTD:

\$ 486,240



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our website to find out more ways
to give at: www.efcbemidji.org/give

Church Office

(218) 751-8834

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*Text EFree to 94000 for
notifications & weather*

Hours:

Tuesday-Friday:

8am-12pm; 1pm-5pm

Sunday: 7:30am-8:30AM;

.9:30am-12:30PM

WHEN YOU PASS
THROUGH THE WATERS,
I WILL BE WITH YOU

ISAIAH 43:2



My story begins with parents who saw value in going to church...

The first time that I recall hearing the gospel was around age 13 on a youth retreat. I responded by repenting of my sin and placing my faith in Christ. Throughout the rest of my teen years, I experienced moderate spiritual growth. In college, I got involved with --

Campus Crusade, studied the Bible for the first time, and was discipled in my walk with Christ. I experienced real heart transformation and the gospel began to shape everything important to me. My wife Lindsay, also grew up in a family that valued church. We started dating in high school, and when Christ began to change my heart, I wanted to introduce her to the gospel. My attempts were varied and inconsistent, but God was at work. During her freshman year at college, Lindsay gave control of her life to Christ.

After graduation, we got married, knowing that God was calling me into local church ministry. We prayed together and asked God for direction. We visited the Trinity Evangelical Divinity School campus and knew it was where God wanted us. Upon graduating with my M.Div., I searched for two years for my first pastoral call, praying that God would lead us to whatever he desired, asking that he would open our hearts to possibilities we could not imagine. He answered with a call from Cornerstone EFC in Williamsburg, Iowa to serve as their solo pastor. It was during this time that I received my Ministry License with the EFCA. After nine years there, God called me to a new ministry opportunity in Mount Pleasant, Iowa where I accepted a call from Wellspring EFC to serve as their Associate Pastor. During our four years at Wellspring, we experienced great highs and difficult lows including an abrupt end to my time on staff there. I wasn't sure what the future might hold, but God did. He was already preparing the way for our family to move to Bemidji, Minnesota where I have been serving on staff at the Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji as their Associate Pastor since August 2018.

ADOPT A COLLEGE STUDENT!

Every year we welcome students from BSU, OHCC, NTC, and LLTC to our church. We want to welcome these students into our church, even if they will only be with us during the course of their studies. Many of these students come from far away and are miles from family or any support system. Our goal is to foster community with these students by providing them a home away from home and a church family to rely on!

How do I adopt a student?

1. Fill out the form at the bottom of this page and turn it in to the office or place in the offering box.
2. Get matched with a student.
3. Invite them to a movie, a home-cooked dinner, or family activity.
4. Be a helping hand and a resource!

I'm a student, how do I get adopted?

1. Fill out the form at the bottom of this page and turn it in to the office or place in the offering box.
2. Get matched with a family.
3. Enjoy your church-family!

Contact Pastor Douglas at pastordouglas@efcbemidji.org for more information!

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Name _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

☐ I'm looking to adopt
a student

☐ I'm a student at:

Pastoral Ordination
Ephesians 4:11-16 on August 13, 2023