

# WELCOME

## WORSHIP SERVICE

Choosing the Good  
Luke 10:38-42  
Pastor Eric Nygren

To E-FREE Bemidji - September 3, 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](http://www.efcbemidji.org)

### LIVESTREAM

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

## For Your Information

### Calling All Singers!

The E-Free Choir will begin our Fall season on Tuesday, September 5. We rehearse each Tuesday 7:15 to 8:45pm. All singers are welcome. We will have a night of learning music and getting acquainted on Friday, Sept 8, 6:00pm, beginning with a potluck meal. We call this Choir Advance!! Then we will sing in the 8:30 service on Sunday, Sept. 10. Please plan to join us and celebrate our Lord in music. The choir sings twice a month typically at the 8:30 service.

### Volunteers Needed!

We are still in need of a couple more helpers or lead teachers for Sunday School, Kids Church, or Wednesday Night, please let Amy Graf or Jessica Westlund know. [officemanager@efcbemidji.org](mailto:officemanager@efcbemidji.org)

### Scramble for Missions Golf

It's time for the annual Scramble for Missions Golf Tournament. It is September 17th at 3pm at the Greenwood Golf Course. Let the office or Terry Hewitt know if you are interested! 218-760-9164 or [Officemanager@efcbemidji.org](mailto:Officemanager@efcbemidji.org)

### Senior Connection Potluck

Senior adults, please come for our Senior Connection Potluck Friday, Sept. 8 at 11:30. Jerry Anderson, Sharon Eriksson, and Barb Capes will share about their Holy Land trip and service projects. You will enjoy their great storytelling! Any questions, contact Laura Engelstad at 218-209-8190.

### Men's Ministry Opportunities

Gentlemen! September is a great time to get connected with Men's Ministry. We'll be starting a new study at **Friday AM Men's Discipleship** beginning September 15th. Join us on Fridays at 7 am for *Knowing God's Truth: An Introduction to Systematic Theology*. We've also got our next **Men's Breakfast** coming up on Saturday, September 16th at 8:30 am. Come enjoy breakfast while getting to know more of the men of our church. We encourage you to bring a friend.

### Bemidji Food Shelf Community

The food shelf is in need of some items: Canned tuna, canned fruit, shampoo, toothpaste, & containers for leftover food. These items can be dropped off in the baskets located outside the church office.

## SUNDAY MORNING ACTIVITIES

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

### GIVING

Worship with giving with 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](http://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.

### Back to Two Services

We will be returning to two services next week on September 10th: 8:30am Traditional and 10:45am Contemporary Worship Services.

### Wednesday Night Kids Club

Kick off for Wednesday night Kids Club is September 13th. A meal will be served at 5:15pm and Kids Club will run from 6:00-7:45pm. Welcome to all students PreK through 5th grade!

### Youth Group

Youth Group starts back up again on Wednesday, September 13th. Meal to be served at 5:15pm with Youth Group starting at 6pm. This semester we will be going through the book of 1 Thessalonians. Welcome to all students 6th-12th grade!

### GriefShare Support Group

A GriefShare Support Group will meet on Sundays at E-Free beginning Sept 17th. If you or someone you know is grieving the loss of a loved one, you are not alone. Join a safe community that understands what you're going through. Call Jenny Hodgson with questions about the GriefShare Support Group at 218-556-4250.

### 8/27/2023 Sunday Attendance

344 onsite attendees, Plus 23 screens in 6 States: IA, MN, MO, ND, NY, OR

### 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](http://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](http://www.efcbemidji.org/live).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 3 - 8:45am Prayer  
9:30am Worship Service  
No Kids Church
- Sept 5 - 6:30pm Trail Life
- Sept 6 - 7:30am Men's Bible Study  
5:30pm Kids/Youth Leader Mtg  
6:30pm Elder Board Mtg
- Sept 7 - 7pm Cru at BSU
- Sept 8 - 7am Men's Discipleship  
11:30am Senior Connection  
Potluck  
6pm Choir Advance
- Sept 10 - 8:30am & 10:45am Worship  
Services resume  
8:30am Choir  
9:45am Ministry Fair - Gym  
12pm All-Church Tailgate  
Lunch—food provided  
6:30pm Second Sunday  
Prayer (Chapel)
- Sept 13 - Kids Club & Youth Group  
5:15pm Wed. Night Meal  
6-7:45pm Kids Club  
6-7:45pm Youth Group

### SERMON SNEAK PEEK

- Sept 10: Whoever Wants to Follow Jesus, Luke 9:18-26
- Sept 17: Why Did God Choose a Particular People? Romans 9:1-5

### Bible Study Fellowship

Women's BSF will resume on September 14th at 6:30pm. Please contact Lindsay Nygren at [Lnygren76@gmail.com](mailto:Lnygren76@gmail.com) if interested.

# FIND YOUR FIT

Help us fill these important ministry volunteer roles by  
**Kickoff Sunday, September 10th.** Please indicate where you can serve.

## Sunday Mornings

**Usher** ● 8:30 (9 vols. needed) ● 10:45 (12 vols. needed)

- Help worshipers find seating before and after the service has started.
- Direct people to find bulletins, giving options, and other resources.
- Coordinate with the Awareness Team as needs arise.

**Greeter** ● 8:30 (3-4 vols. needed) ● 10:45 (4 vols. needed)

- Greet guests and church family as they arrive at the main entrance.
- Assist with doors at the main entrance or the drive-up entrance.
- Direct first-time guests to our Welcome Center.

**Welcome Center** ● 8:30 (2 vols. needed) ● 10:45

- Welcome guests and help them to find their way around. (2 vols. needed)
- Help answer questions about our facility and ministries.
- Invite guests to fill out a Welcome Card.

**Child Check-in** ● 8:30 (2-4 vols. needed) ● 10:45

- Assist with registering first-time users of our check-in system. (2-4 vols. needed)
- Demonstrate the check-in process for new users.
- Start up and monitor check-in stations during the morning.

**Beginners Church Teachers & Helpers** ● 10:45

- Lead/help with Beginners Church (Pre-K & K) during 10:45 Service. (4+ vols. needed)

**Kids Church Helpers** ● 10:45 (4+ vols. needed)

- Assist at Kids Church (1st - 5th Grade) during 10:45 Service.

## Wednesday Nights

● **Nursery Helper** (2+ vols. needed)

● **Wed Meal clean up / tear down** (4+ vols. needed)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to the church office or place in one of the giving boxes.  
**Training will be provided for all positions.**

# **KICKOFF** **SUNDAY**

## SEPTEMBER 10TH



 **FALL MINISTRY FAIR**   
**IN THE GYM/MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM**  
*LEARN ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW, SERVE, AND PLUG IN.*

**DONUTS**  **9:45 AM AFTER THE 1ST SERVICE**  
 **TAILGATE TACOS** **12 PM AFTER THE 2ND SERVICE**

 **WEAR YOUR TEAM COLORS TO CHURCH** 

# LIFEGROUPS

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS
4:00 PM Hosted by Matt & Amy Graf			5:30 PM Hosted by Karl & Dorothy Salscheider	11:00 AM Hosted at Church (Jerry Drebelbis)
	6:30 PM Hosted by Randy & Mischele McKain	6:00 PM Anchor (Young Adults) Hosted by Lydia Johnson	6:15 PM Hosted at Church (Peter Eriksson / Dan Evans)	
	7:00 PM Hosted by Tayler & Rissa Borders	6:30 PM Hosted by Mark & Mishel Carlson	6:15 PM Hosted at Church (Pastor Eric)	7:00 PM Men's Life Group at Church (John Shindelar)

Sign up in the Connection Café, register online at [efcbemidji.org/lifegroups](http://efcbemidji.org/lifegroups), or by scanning the QR code with your smart phone.



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## What is a Life Group?

A Life Group is a small group of 8 to 12 adults who are committed to meeting regularly for the purpose of becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus together. Life Groups are designed to be a place where people can learn together and can love one another.

## Where and when do Life Groups meet?

Most groups will meet in someone's home thanks to the hospitality of our Life Group Hosts. Life Groups often gather around a kitchen table or in a living room setting that provides a good space for fellowship, discussion, and prayer. Groups are encouraged to try and meet weekly if possible. Life Groups will meet from September through May, with breaks for holidays and other special occasions.

## What does a typical Life Group gathering look like?

Life Groups meet for around 90 minutes. This allows enough time for gathering and visiting as a group, spending a good amount of time in the Scriptures, and having sufficient time for sharing life and a time of prayer. Groups will often enjoy treats or a meal together.

## Is childcare available?

We offer two Wednesday night groups that meet at the church during Kids Club/Youth Group. We provide groups with a list of teens and background-checked adults who are available to help with childcare. Groups will need to make their own arrangements.

## How do I sign up for a Life Group?

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## Questions?

Contact Pastor Eric at (218) 751-8834 or [pastoreric@efcbemidji.org](mailto:pastoreric@efcbemidji.org)





## SCRAMBLE FOR MISSIONS GOLF TOURNAMENT

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**  
**3:00 P.M. SHOTGUN START**

### GREENWOOD GOLF COURSE

- ✓ Cost – \$45/person includes green fees and a donation to the short-term Global Partner fund
- ✓ 18 hole golf tournament
- ✓ No previous golf experience necessary
- ✓ 3-4 person teams
- ✓ Format is Texas Scramble – everyone on a given team hits their ball from the location of the best previous shot
- ✓ Food – BBQ sandwiches provided – please bring a side dish to share – we begin eating when people start arriving back at the clubhouse – bring your own beverage
- ✓ Sign up in the Connection Café Sundays, or call or text Terry Hewitt at 760-9164, or email [terryleehewitt@gmail.com](mailto:terryleehewitt@gmail.com)

**Deadline to sign up is September 13**



## Ten Top Reasons to Join Choir This Fall:

10. Your agent canceled the fall tour and you need a network to promote your new album.
9. Pavorotti called and wants you to sub for him on the next Three Tenors Special, and you need to warm up.
8. You have these time slots on Tuesdays and Sundays that you just can't fill up.
7. Your neighbors are tired of hearing you sing over the lawn mower.
6. You've always wanted to watch those people in the sound booth.
5. You're thinking of running for office and this will give you good exposure.
4. You enjoy getting to church by 8:00 on Sunday morning to warm up for the early service.
3. The choir has great fellowship and encourages one another.
2. There's a rumor that the choir occasionally has food.
1. God has gifted you, blessed you, and called you to give Him all you have. Though your gift seems small to you, you know He will multiply it and use it to build up His kingdom in yourself and others.

*(Borrowed and adapted)*

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

sing: soprano, alto, tenor, bass (circle one)

# 9:30 Service Feedback Survey

As we return to two services on September 10th, we are looking for feedback about the combined 9:30 am Worship Service this summer. Please share your comments to help our leadership evaluate and plan for the future. Please use the back of this sheet if needed.

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Our aim for having one combined 9:30 am Worship Service this summer (May 28 - Sept 3) was to enhance our church's unity as we came together as one church. We set out to learn to worship with one another's music, laying aside some of our preferences in love, knowing others may be blessed by a song that may not be among our personal favorites. We believed that combining into one service would have the added benefits of a more full Sanctuary over the summer and would allow some of our musicians and tech volunteers a bit of a breather. **How well did we do at achieving these goals?**

**What did you enjoy/dislike about the single 9:30 am Service this summer?**

**Should we consider a combined 9:30 am Service for Summer 2024? Why or why not? If so, would you recommend any changes?**

**Which service do you typically attend during the year?**

☐ 8:30 am Traditional Worship Service

☐ 10:45 am Contemporary Worship Service

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**Survey also available online at [www.efcbemidji.org/survey](http://www.efcbemidji.org/survey)**

**Choosing the Good**

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# September 3, 2023 at E-FREE CHURCH OF BEMIDJI

*Becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus together*

## E-Free Church Online

[www.efcbemidji.org](http://www.efcbemidji.org) | Instagram & Facebook: @efcbemidji

## 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](http://www.efcbemidji.org/live)

## Video Disclaimer:

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



CONNECTION CARD

## Prayer Chain:

Email [efree@paulbunyan.net](mailto: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](http://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 27, 2023

WEEKLY GIVING:

\$ 15,469

WEEKLY NEEDED:

\$15,195

GIVEN YTD:

\$ 484,742

NEEDED YTD:

\$ 531,825

Scan the QR code above or go to  
our website to find out more ways  
to give at: [www.efcbemidji.org/give](http://www.efcbemidji.org/give)



ONLINE GIVING

## 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

# welcome!