

**Sunday, November 26, 2023**

Message: Generosity (2 Corinthians 9:6-11)

Pastor Jerry Johnson

## Combined Worship Service - 9:30 AM

Prelude: Be Unto Your Name

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

**This is Amazing Grace**

**Come Thou Fount**

**A Mighty Fortress**

The Biggest Story: Chapter 7

Offering & Prayer

Scripture Reading (2 Corinthians 9:6-11): Jessica Westlund

Message: Generosity

Communion

**Joy To The World**

Benediction

## Nursery - 8:30, 9:45, & 10:45 AM

Our nursery is available for children aged 3 and under. Please use our secure child check-in system in the main foyer to print a name label and security tag before taking your child to the nursery.

## Sunday School & Connection Time - 9:45 AM

Join us in the Connection Café for refreshments and a time to connect with others. Sunday School classes are available for all ages. See the upcoming events inserts for the current schedule.

## Beginners (ages 3-5) & Kids Church (1st-5th Grade)

Before the sermon at the 10:45 Service, kids age 3 through 5th grade are dismissed for Beginners and Kids Church. Parents and guardians can use our secure child check-in system in the foyer and escort their children down to their designated spot: Ages 3-5 at the top of the stairs by the Nursery, 1st - 5th Grades at the top of the stairs by the office.



### Secure Child Check-in

To take part in our Sunday morning and Wednesday night Kids Min activities, we ask that families register with our check-in system. Scan the QR code or visit [www.efcbemidji.org/kids](http://www.efcbemidji.org/kids) to get started.

## Next Sunday, December 3, 2023

Message: Practicing the Presence of God's Present (Galatians 3:23-4:7)

Jerry Drebelbis speaking

## E-Free Kids

### Operation Christmas Child

Thank you for giving towards the shipping cost of the Operation Christmas Child Boxes. We are so grateful for your generosity.

### Happy Thanksgiving!

Reminder: There is NO KIDS/BEGINNER's Church today, November 26th.

There are coloring sheets/crayons and books at the back of the sanctuary for kids to use.

### Kids Christmas Program

"Sing With Us The Christmas Story"

Our next rehearsal will be on December 3rd at 10:45am in the Assembly Room on the lower level. All kids 3 years-5th grade are welcome to come to this rehearsal and to be a part of the Christmas Program.

### 6 Adult Volunteers Needed

on December 3rd to distribute and size costumes.

If you are available to help, please contact Amy Graf at [agraf@efcbemidji.org](mailto:agraf@efcbemidji.org) or call the church office.

## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, November 26

No Sunday School or Kids Church or Christmas program rehearsal, due to Thanksgiving

### Monday, November 27

9:30 am- Gym Time for Mom's and kids (Gym)

### Wednesday, November 29

5:00-5:45pm - Family Meal  
Hot Dogs (Gym)

6:00pm - Kids Club  
PreK - 5th Grade

### Sunday, December 17

10:45am - Sing With Us the Christmas Story, Children's Christmas Program  
Pre-K through 5th grade

**\*\*Children must be toilet trained or parents need to remain in the building if child needs to be changed.**

## Youth Ministry

### Youth Group

E-Free Bemidji Student Ministry welcomes all 6th - 12th grade students! Each Wednesday throughout the school year we meet for Youth Group for time with Jesus, Bible, fellowship, worship, and fun. Each Sunday morning we have Student Life Group during the Sunday School hour to connect and pray about our week. See Pastor Douglas with questions. [pastordouglas@efcbemidji.org](mailto:pastordouglas@efcbemidji.org)

### Envelope Fundraiser

Our youth envelope fundraiser will end on November 26th. We only have 15 envelopes left! Please consider grabbing one. This helps provide scholarships to students so they can attend our camps and conferences and grow deeper in their faith and with each other!

Thank you to all who have participated so far!

## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, November 26

No Youth Sunday School due to Thanksgiving  
12:00-1:00 pm Youth Band Practice (Youth Room)

### Wednesday, November 29

5:00-5:45pm - Family Meal  
Hot Dogs (Gym)  
6:00pm - Middle School & High School Youth Group

## Young Adults

### Anchor

The Young Adult Life Group, Anchor, meets on Tuesday nights from 6:00pm-9:00pm. We start with food and fellowship. We start into the Bible Study portion at 7:00pm. Anyone who considers themselves a young adult is welcome to come. See Lydia Johnson or Pastor Douglas for more information and location. [pastordouglas@efcbemidji.org](mailto:pastordouglas@efcbemidji.org)

### Cru

Cru is a college ministry that is open to all students at BSU, OHCC, NTC, and LLTC. We have Bible Studies on campus at BSU and meet each Thursday night from 7:00pm - 9:00pm in the Crying Wolf Room on BSU's campus. See Pastor Douglas for more information. [pastordouglas@efcbemidji.org](mailto:pastordouglas@efcbemidji.org)

### Upcoming Events

#### Sunday, November 26

No Sunday School due to Thanksgiving

#### Tuesday, November 28

##### F.U.N

Tuesday, November 28th, we will be having Fellowship and Unity Night! The college ministries on campus (Cru, FCA, and Chi Alpha) are joining together for a night of worship, prayer, and encouragement. Young adults are invited as well (Anchor will be there). Please join us that night at Calvary Chapel at 7:45 pm.

#### Thursday, November 30

7:00 pm - Cru at BSU

## What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

### Benevolence Fund

If you or someone you know from our church family is experiencing a financial hardship this holiday season, please contact one of the pastors or elders about our Benevolence Fund. This fund exists to help with unexpected financial burdens (utility bill, repair bill, medical bill, etc.). If you would like to donate to the Benevolence Fund, please designate your gift on your check, giving envelope, or online giving.

### Lord's Supper Celebration

November 26th, the Lord's Supper will be served during our worship service. We will be using our non-alcoholic communion juice and gluten free bread. All who trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior are invited to celebrate with us. Please take time to reflect upon your walk with the Lord and relationships with other Christians. 1 Corinthians 11:28 urges, "We ought to examine ourselves before we eat of the bread and drink of the cup." The Lord's Supper represents Christians' union with Jesus and unity with other believers.

### Men's Breakfast

Guys! Join us on Saturday, December 9th from 8:30-10:00am for lots of food, fresh coffee, and a great morning of fellowship and spiritual encouragement. If you would like to help with serving in the kitchen that morning (6 volunteers needed), please contact Pastor Eric at 218-751-8834 or [pastor.nygren@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.nygren@gmail.com)

### Womens Overflow

Women, please join us on Monday, November 27th at 6:30pm in the Connection Café for a craft, devotional, snacks & fellowship! There will be a sign up sheet in the Connection Café or your can use this code:



Contact Debbie Johnson with questions at 218-760-4072 or [bemidjidebbie@msn.com](mailto:bemidjidebbie@msn.com).

## What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

### Senior Connection Potluck

You are invited to a very special Senior Connection Christmas Potluck on Friday, Dec. 8 at 11:30. Bring a friend and a dish to share as we celebrate the Christmas season. Allen Benson will read for us, and we'll enjoy a special handbell mini-concert. Learn more about our bells and even get a chance to try them! Anyone is invited to join us at 12:10 for the program. You don't have to be a senior! Questions? Contact Laura at 218-209-8190.

### Church Directory

The new 2023-2024 Church Directories are available in the church office. Please do not share the information electronically with anyone but keep it for your own records at home.

### Serve with Crisis Response in Lake Charles, Louisiana

Our Global Partner, Steve Austvold is leading another team from area EFCA churches to serve with Crisis Response in Lake Charles, Louisiana. The trip will run from January 21-27, 2024. The deadline to register is December 10th. Please contact Pastor Eric for more information.

### MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir

We're excited that the MN Adult & Teen Challenge will be joining us again on Sunday, December 31st at our 9:30 am Combined Worship Service. We're looking for 3-4 volunteers to help serve a meal for our guests after their performance. Please contact the church office if you are available to help with this event.

## What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

### Carol Sing

Please join us on Sunday for a Carol Sing in the Sanctuary at 11:00 on Nov. 26. Ken Wold will lead us in singing and learning the history of favorite carols.

### Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Operation Christmas Child ministry. In our second year as a Central Collection Drop Off we collected 6,663 shoe boxes. Thank you to all who helped pack shoe boxes into cartons for shipment. And a very special thank you to Trail Life members who helped to get the cartons packed into the semi trailers. You can still be involved in packing a shoe box. Just go online to [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org) and click on "pack a box." Follow the instructions to pack a shoe box online. It is easy and fun! Please pray for the children who will receive these Gospel Opportunities. Know that on average 12 people are reached with each shoe box distributed. What a wonderful way to spread the Good News!

### Christmas Christology - Adult Sunday School

Join us next Sunday, Dec. 3rd at 9:45 am for the first of a three-part Adult Sunday School class called Christmas Christology. We'll explore the incarnation by looking to the Scriptures and early church history to help us better understand how Jesus can be fully God and fully man, one Person in two natures.

### Adult Sunday School Survey

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey included in today's bulletin. Even if you're not a regular participant, we would love to get your thoughts on Adult Sunday School. Your input will help us as we make plans for 2024. Please return the survey to the church office or place it in one of the offering boxes.

Looking for a way to use your gifts to serve others? Visit [www.efcbemidji.org/serve](http://www.efcbemidji.org/serve) to discover opportunities for you to serve.

Our Life Groups are all about learning together and loving one another. Visit [www.efcbemidji.org/lifegroups](http://www.efcbemidji.org/lifegroups) for more info.



## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, November 26

- 8:45 am - Prayer (Fireside Room)
- 9:30 am - Combined Worship Service
- 11:00 am - Carol Sing (Sanctuary)
- 2:00 pm - Grief Share (Chapel)

### Monday, November 27

- 6:30 pm - Women's Overflow (Connection Cafe)

### Tuesday, November 28

- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
- 5:45 pm - Handbell Practice (Sanctuary)
- 7:15 pm - Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

### Wednesday, November 29

- 7:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Chapel)
- 9:00 am - Women's Bible Study (Fireside Room)
- 6:30 pm - Worship Team Practice (Sanctuary)

### Thursday, November 30

- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Chapel)
- 6:30 pm - Women's BSF (Chapel)
- 6:30 pm - Worship Team (Sanctuary)

### Friday, December 1

- 7:00 am - Men's Discipleship (Chapel)
- 2:00 pm - Mom's in Prayer (Fireside Room)
- 6:00 pm - Ladies Christmas Tea (Gym)

There are many ways to connect and grow at E-Free Bemidji. Visit  
9 [www.efcbemidji.org/events](http://www.efcbemidji.org/events) for a complete calendar of events.

We're glad  
you're here!



Welcome! If you're our guest this morning, we would invite you to fill out a Connection Card online at [efcbemidji.org/connectioncard](http://efcbemidji.org/connectioncard) or by scanning the QR Code with your mobile device and letting us know that you joined us for worship today. Be sure to stop by the Welcome Center in the foyer to pick up a free gift. Watch our calendar for an upcoming Newcomer's Lunch—a special event just for you!

### Watch our services online

Every Sunday, we offer a live stream of both of our services on our website. Visit [www.efcbemidji.org/live](http://www.efcbemidji.org/live) on your computer or mobile device. Our live stream is also available on Roku, Apple TV, and Amazon Fire TV. Connect to the BoxCast through your streaming device and search for E-Free Bemidji.

### Sermon and Worship Service Archive

Check out our Worship Service Archive at [www.efcbemidji.org/archive](http://www.efcbemidji.org/archive) to watch any of our worship services from the past 90 days. Past sermons are also available online at [www.efcbemidji.org/sermons](http://www.efcbemidji.org/sermons) or on our YouTube page (@efc\_bemidji). Sermons are available on our website in video, audio, and transcript format. Please contact the church office if you would like to request a sermon transcript be sent to you via mail or email.

### Ways to give

We invite you to prayerfully consider 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](http://www.efcbemidji.org/give) or by scanning the QR code with your mobile device.



## Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji

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### Church Office

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Office hours: Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm; 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am - 8:30 am; 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

### Ministry Staff

Jerry Johnson, Lead Pastor ..... [pastorjerry@efcbemidji.org](mailto:pastorjerry@efcbemidji.org)

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Amy Graf, Kids Ministry Director ..... [agraf@efcbemidji.org](mailto:agraf@efcbemidji.org)

### Support Staff

Corbin McCray, Facility Supervisor

Dan Evans, A/V Supervisor

Tom Halverson, Interim Visitation Caregiver

Jason Robeck, 10:45 Music Director

Jessica Westlund, Office Manager ..... [officemanager@efcbemidji.org](mailto:officemanager@efcbemidji.org)

Giving for November 19, 2023

Weekly Giving: \$12,133

Weekly Need: \$15,195

Giving YTD: \$647,464

Needed YTD: \$714,165



### Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, November 19, 2023

382 onsite | 32 screens / 6 states

SS: 6 kids | 11 youth | 45 adults

Connection Café/Misc: 65

Wednesday, November 23, 2023

- adults, - children, - youth

### Sign up for text notifications

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**E-Free Kids Ministry:** text **efreekids** to **94000**

**Youth Ministry:** text **efcbsm** to **94000**

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YOU WILL BE ENRICHED  
IN EVERY WAY SO THAT  
YOU CAN BE GENEROUS  
ON EVERY OCCASION,  
AND THROUGH US YOUR  
GENEROSITY WILL  
RESULT IN  
THANKSGIVING TO GOD.  
2 COR. 9:11 (NIV)

Sunday, November 26, 2023

# ADVENT

CELEBRATING THE SEASON AT E-FREE BEMIDJI

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## THANKSGIVING WEEK

### **WED | Nov 22**

No Wednesday Kids Club, Youth Group, or on-site Life Groups

### **THU | Nov 23**

Church Office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

No Women's Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)

### **FRI | Nov 24**

Church Office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

No Friday AM Men's Discipleship

## WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26TH

### **SUN | Nov 26**

9:30 am - Combined Worship Service with Communion

11:00 am - All-Church Christmas Carol Sing

### **MON | Nov 27**

6:30 pm - Women's Overflow (RSVP requested)

### **WED | Nov 29**

5:15 pm - Wednesday Night Family Meal

6:00 pm - Kids Club, Youth Group, & on-site Life Groups

### **FRI | Dec 1**

6:30 pm - Women's Christmas Tea (tickets required)

## FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

### **SUN | Dec 3 - First Sunday of Advent**

8:30 am - Traditional Worship Service

9:45 am - Adult Bible Study: Ruth

Adult Sunday School: Christmas Christology (Part 1 of 3)

10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service

Kids Christmas Program Rehearsal (Pre-K - 5th Grade)

### **WED | Dec 6**

5:15 pm - Wednesday Night Family Meal

6:00 pm - Kids Club, Youth Group, & on-site Life Groups

### **FRI | Dec 8**

11:30 am - Senior Connection Christmas Potluck & Handbells

## SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

### **SUN | Dec 10 - Second Sunday of Advent**

8:30 am - Traditional Worship Service

9:45 am - Adult Bible Study: Ruth

Adult Sunday School: Christmas Christology (Part 2 of 3)

10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service

Kids Christmas Program Rehearsal (Pre-K - 5th Grade)

6:30 pm - Second Sunday Prayer

### **MON | Dec 11**

6:00 pm - Grief Share: Surviving the Holidays

### **WED | Dec 12**

5:15 pm - Wednesday Night Family Meal

6:00 pm - Kids Club, Youth Group, & on-site Life Groups

## THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

### **SUN | Dec 17 - Third Sunday of Advent**

8:30 am - Choir Christmas Cantata: Night of the Father's Love

9:45 am - Adult Bible Study: Ruth

Adult Sunday School: Christmas Christology (Part 3 of 3)

10:45 am - Kids Christmas Program: Sing with Us the Christmas Story

### **WED | Dec 20**

5:15 pm - Wednesday Night Family Meal

6:00 pm - Kids Club & Youth Group Christmas Parties; On-site Life Groups

## FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

### **SUN | Dec 24 - Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9:30 am - Combined Christmas Worship Service

5:00 pm - Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols Christmas Eve Service

### **MON-WED | Dec 25-27**

Church Office Closed for Christmas Holiday

### **WED | Dec 27**

No Wednesday Kids Club, Youth Group, or on-site Life Groups

### **FRI | Dec 29**

No Friday AM Men's Discipleship

## WEEK OF DECEMBER 31ST

### **SUN | Dec 31**

9:30 am - Combined Worship Service with MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir

### **WED | Jan 3**

No Wednesday Kids Club, Youth Group, or on-site Life Groups