

# Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

## Sunday, March 31, 2024

Message: Finding Life in Jesus

(Matthew 28:1-17) Pastor Jerry Johnson

### Traditional Worship Service - 8:30 AM

Prelude:

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

### Christ the Lord is Risen Today (Hymn #234)

Choir anthem: Was it a Morning Like This?

Testimony - Sue Cutler

Offering & Prayer

Ministry in Music-Handbells: Resurrection Day!

Scripture Reading (Matthew 28:1-17): Scott Engelstad

Message: Finding Life in Jesus

Testimony - Douglas Daube

Choir anthem: Christ Has Indeed Been Raised

### Easter Song (Hymn #244)

Ministry in Music- Handbells: Duet "I've Just Seen Jesus"

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.

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### Contemporary Worship Service - 10:45 AM

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

### Happy Day

### Death Was Arrested

### In Christ Alone

Testimony - Sue Cutler

Offering & Prayer

Ministry in Music - Handbells: Resurrection Day!

Scripture Reading (Matthew 28:1-17): Dave Knudson

Message: Finding Life in Jesus

Testimony - Douglas Daube

### Christ The Lord Is Risen Today (Hymn #234)

Ministry in Music- Handbells: Duet "I've Just Seen Jesus"

Benediction

### 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, April 7, 2024

Message: Reaching the Unreached

(Romans 15:14-22) Paul Thomas

## E-Free Kids



April 19-21

### Shamineau 46 Retreat

All 4th, 5th, and 6th graders are welcome to attend. Deadline to register is April 1st! No fooling....it's **April 1st!** If you need any help with paying the fee to attend the retreat, there are scholarships available. Please contact Jessica or Amy in the office. [agraf@efcbemidji.org](mailto:agraf@efcbemidji.org) 218-751-8834



## Upcoming Events

**Sunday, March 31**

No Sunday school or Kids/beginners church this week for Easter

**Tuesday, April 2**

6:30 Trail Life (Gym)

**Wednesday, April 3**

5:00-5:45pm -Family Meal  
MN Hotdish (Gym)

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

### Kids Club

E-Free Kids Club welcomes all children age 3 through 5th grade! Use our Secure Child Check-In and drop your children off in their classroom by 6:00pm. Pickup your children in their classrooms by 7:45 pm. Contact Amy with questions: [agraf@efcbemidji.org](mailto:agraf@efcbemidji.org)

### VBS-SAVE THE DATE!

July 28th-31st @ 6:00pm-8:00pm.



## 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)

### Youth Group this week:

We will be starting a new series called Anthem where we will be looking at select Psalms of David. We are starting with Psalm 19 which C.S. Lewis called, "the greatest poem in the Psalter."

## Upcoming Events

**Sunday, March 31**

No Sunday School this week

**Monday, April 1**

No Softball this week

**Tuesday, April 2**

6:30 Trail Life (Gym)

**Wednesday, April 3**

5:00-5:45pm -Family Meal  
MN Hotdish (Gym)

6:00 pm - Youth Group

**Thursday, April 4**

1:00 pm - Pickleball (Gym)  
6:30 pm - Volleyball (Gym)  
ages 16+

**Saturday, April 27**

High School Prom - Tickets for sale in the church office.

### Challenge

Challenge is a week-long youth conference put on by the EFCA. It will take place this year in Kansas City July 1-5. Any high school students who are interested in going have to sign up by **April 10th**

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## 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.

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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.

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### Upcoming Events

#### Sunday, March 31

9:45 am - No Sunday School

#### Tuesday, April 2

6:00 pm - Anchor

#### Wednesday, April 3

5:00-5:45pm -Family Meal  
MN Hotdish (Gym)

#### Thursday, April 4

1:00 pm - Pickleball (Gym)  
6:30 pm - Volleyball (Gym)  
7:00 pm - Cru at BSU

#### Sunday, April 7

9:45 am - Adult Sunday School  
(Room 10); Christ in  
All the Scriptures  
(Chapel)

### The Summit: Cru Leadership and Planning Retreat

All college students are invited to Cru's future planning and leadership retreat on April 6th at Camp Oak Hills 11 am to 5 pm. We will be focusing on how we can reach our campuses for the Gospel and what we are going to do next year to make that happen.

## What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

### E-Free's 100th Anniversary SAVE THE DATE!

Please set aside October 10-13, 2024, for a very special weekend of events celebrating God's 100 years of faithfulness to E-Free Bemidji!

### North Central Foundation Grant

Praise the Lord for the generosity and gospel partnership of our EFCA North Central District! This week our church received a \$15,000 grant from them toward our fundraiser for the upgrade of our sound and projection systems. This puts us very close to completing Phase 1! Hallelujah!

### Child Dedication

We are having a Child Dedication Service on Sunday, April 14. If you have any questions or are interested in having your child dedicated, please contact [PastorJerry@efcbemidji.org](mailto:PastorJerry@efcbemidji.org) no later than Sunday, April 7.

### Strategic Leadership Team

Why did we do the congregational survey? Were we just being nosy? We apologize if it felt that way; that was not the intent. We are getting a picture of who we are as a church, in order to better reach out to our community.

### Visitation Caregiver

I am looking forward to serving the church family as Visitation Caregiver now, long-term. I am thankful for all the many words of encouragement to continue on in this ministry and will appreciate your ongoing prayers, and that I might learn and grow into the additional facets required of this position! Hoping to be a blessing to all - Tom Halverson.

### Men's Ministry

Join us in the chapel on Wednesday mornings 7:30am or Friday mornings at 7:00 am for good coffee, great conversation, and an opportunity to grow in your walk with Christ along with other men.

## What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

### Easter Treat

Easter Sunday, we will be hosting a special Connection Cafe displaying favorite Easter treats from your fellow church members.

### Softball Practice

Spring is here and so is church softball! Here are the first practice dates: April 8th and 15th starting at 6:30pm in the E-Free Gym. Co-ed, ages 14+ are welcome to join, no experience necessary. Contact Matt Myrick with questions 218-242-0822.

### Volleyball

Join us for Volleyball on Thursdays at 6:30pm in the gym, ages 16+, no experience necessary. Contact Stephen Helweg with questions 218-242-0041

### Pickleball

Join us Thursdays from 1:00pm-3:00pm in the GYM. All skill levels welcome and we have extra paddles to share. Contact Bob Parham with questions 218-260-0708.

### Senior Connection Potluck

Senior adults, please join us for our monthly potluck on Friday, April 12 at 11:30 in the Connection Cafe. Bring a simple dish to pass, store-bought or homemade is fine. John Williams will share his rock hobby with us, with stories and samples to view. We'll also take a look at what the Bible says about the Lord our Rock. Contact Laura with questions 218-209-8190.

### Grief Share

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way. Join us Sundays at 2:00pm in the Chapel for the session that runs through April.

## What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

### A/V TECH UPGRADE PLAN



### Oasis

Welcome to the Oasis! We are offering a space for you to relax and regroup while your children are in Wednesday night Kids Club. Where: the Green Room Dates: Wednesdays that Kids Club is running: March 20th to May 15th Time: 6:05-7:30 p.m. If you don't feel like going home, come to the Oasis!

### Men's Breakfast

Guys! Join us on Saturday, April 13th from 8:30-10:00am for lots of bacon and food, fresh coffee, and a great morning of fellowship and spiritual encouragement.

### Adult Sunday School

We're resuming our 9:45 am Adult Sunday School classes next week. Join us in Room 10 for our study in the Gospel of John, or head down the hall to the Chapel for Part 1 of Reading Leviticus, part of our Christ in All the Scriptures Old Testament study.

### Newcomers Lunch

Have you started coming to E-Free Bemidji recently? Do you still feel new to our church family? You're invited to be our guest for our next Newcomers Lunch on Sunday, April 14th at 12:00 pm. Please let the church office know if you plan to attend.

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

### Easter Sunday, March 31

7:45 am - Prayer (Fireside Room)

8:30 am - Traditional Worship Service

9:15 am - Worship Team (Conference Room)

10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service

### Tuesday, April 2

10:00 am - Women's Bible Study (Fireside Room)

10:30 am - Bone Builders (Chapel)

5:45 pm - Handbell Practice (Sanctuary)

7:15 pm - Choir (Sanctuary)

### Wednesday, April 3

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

### Thursday, April 4

10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)

1:00 pm - Pickleball (Gym)

6:30 pm - Worship Team Practice (Sanctuary)

6:30 pm - Volleyball (Gym)

6:30 pm - Women's Bible Study Fellowship (Chapel)

### Friday, April 5

7:00-7:50 am - Friday AM Men's Discipleship (Chapel)

2:00 pm - Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)

### Sunday, April 7

8:30 am - Traditional Worship Service

9:45 am - Adult Sunday School (Room 10); Christ in All the Scriptures (Chapel)

10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service

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.



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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

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### Support Staff

Corbin McCray, Facility Supervisor

Dan Evans, A/V Supervisor

Tom Halverson, Visitation Caregiver

Jason Robeck, 10:45 Music Director

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

### Giving for March 24, 2024

Weekly Giving: \$ 14,020

Weekly Need: \$ 15,986

Giving YTD: \$ 181,263

Needed YTD: \$191,832



### Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, March 27, 2024

408 onsite | 36 screens / 6 states

SS: - kids | - youth | - adults

Connection Café/Misc: 8

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

- adults, - children, - youth

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