

Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

Sunday, September 15, 2024

Traditional Worship Service - 8:30 AM

Prelude - Lynnea Kaehne, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

My Savior's Love (Hymn #478)

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Offering & Prayer

Choir Anthem: The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Ministry Moment: Kids Ministry

Scripture Reading: Psalm 1:1-3, Patti Lofgren

Message: Our Discipleship Pathway: Part 2 - Grow

Standing On The Promises (Hymn #306)

Benediction

Phase 1

Praise the Lord we are getting and installing the new equipment from Phase 1! We have new handheld microphones, new headset for the pastors, new microphones for the drumset along with microphones for the choir/bells. The rear projector was replaced. We are in the process of getting our sanctuary analyzed so we can get our sound panels.

Livestream Glitch

We apologize for last Sunday's Livestream glitch. Our tech team is looking into the problem.

Strategic Leader Team

Today, September 15 and also next week, September 22 members of our Strategic Leadership Team will be available to answer questions about the new Strategic Ministry Plan.

There are many ways to give at E-Free Bemidji. Visit www.efcbemidji.org/give or by scanning the QR code.

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Contemporary Worship Service - 10:45 AM

Prelude: Holy Spirit

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Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

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Promises

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Offering & Prayer

Ministry Moment: Kids Ministry

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church

Scripture Reading: Psalm 1:1-3, Kwsind Clelland

Message: Our Discipleship Pathway: Part 2 - Grow

He Will Hold Me Fast

Benediction

The Deeply Devoted Podcast

This week on the podcast Pastor Jerry and Pastor Eric talk about our current sermon series on E-Free Bemidji's Mission, Vision, and Values. New episodes will be available every Tuesday. Visit efcbemidji.org/podcast for more information.

And the Winner Is...

Thanks to all who visited the Ministry Fair last Sunday. We hope everyone got a good glimpse of all that's happening at E-Free Bemidji. The winner of the free Bible is... Brad & Sarah Paulson! See Pastor Eric to pick up your prize.

Next Sunday, September 22, 2024

Message: Our Discipleship Pathway, Part 3 - Give
Romans 12:1-11, Pastor Jerry R A Johnson

Kids & Youth Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 15

9:45 am - Kids Sunday School (Lower Level)

9:45 am - Youth Sunday School (Guys-Youth Room, Girls -511 Room)

10:45 am - Kids/Beginner Church (Lower Level)

Tuesday, September 17

6:30 pm - Trail Life (Gym)

Wednesday, September 18

5:00-5:45 pm - Family Meal - Tacos (Gym)

6:00-7:45 pm - Kids Club, PreK - 5th Grade (Lower Level)

6:00-7:45 pm - Youth Group, grades 6-12 (Youth Room)

E-Free Kids Sunday School



9:45-10:30am - use secure check-in
PreK-Kindergarten (PreK Room)
1st-5th grade (5th grade class room)

Kids Club

E-Free Kids Club welcomes all children ages 4 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. We meet each week in small group, large group Bible teaching, worship, snacks and games. Contact Amy with questions: agraf@efcbemidji.org

****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 Sunday School during the Sunday School hour to connect, and pray about our week and have class. See Shelly Mustful or Danny Paddock with questions. shellymustful_mn@yahoo.com or paddocksonsautorepair@gmail.com



Young Adults

Sunday, September 15

9:45am- Adult Sunday School

Tuesday, September 10

6:30 pm - Anchor

7:00 pm - CRU Small Groups
women: South Conference Room
men: Ozawindib Room

7:15 pm - Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, September 11

7:00 pm -CRU -Crying Wolf Room

ANCH

Anchor is our young adult life group. We meet on Tuesday nights from 6:30-8:30 pm. Contact Jesse Schmidt at 218-760-5852 or email pastorjerry@efcbemidji.org with any questions.



Cru is back on BSU campus for the Fall Semester! Open to all BSU, Oak Hills, NW Tech, Leech Lake, and Red Lake Nation students. See Mark Carlson (mhockeymd@gmail.com) or Terry Hewitt (Terryleehewitt@gmail.com) for more information.

Grief Share

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Join us Sundays at 2:00pm in the Chapel. Pick up a pamphlet at the Welcome Table for more information.

See Jenny Hodgson with questions, jennyhodgson@oakhills.edu

Congratulations!

We rejoice with Alice and Brandon Carlson on the birth of their daughter, Lindy Lee. Lindy was born September 7th weighing 7lbs 3oz, 20.5" long.

Trail Life Open House

Our Trail Life Troop will be hosting an Open House on Tuesday, September 17th from 6:30-8:30 pm in the gym. Go to efcbemidji.org/kids for more information.

Women's Overflow

The women of E-Free are invited to our first Overflow women's event on **Monday, September 30** from 6:30-8:00pm. Join with us for campfire and s'mores down by the firepit and bring a friend!

📷 follow @efreekidz | www.efcbemidji.org/kids

3 Text **efreekids** to **94000** join our E-Free Kids notification system.

📷 follow @efcb_sm | www.efcbemidji.org/youth

Text **efcbasm** to **94000** join our Student Ministries notification system.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 15

- 7:45 am - Prayer (Fireside Room)
- 8:30 am - Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am - Adult, Youth, and Kids Sunday School
- 10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service
- 2:00 pm - Grief Share (Chapel)

Monday, September 16

- 6:30 pm - 100th Anniversary Meeting (Conference Room)

Tuesday, September 17

- 10:00 am - Women's Bible Study (Fireside Room)
- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
- 5:45 pm - Handbell Practice (Connection Café)
- 6:00 pm - Trustee Meeting (Conference Room)
- 6:30 pm - Global Connections Meeting (Fireside Room)
- 7:15 pm - Choir (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, September 18

- 7:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Chapel)
- 2:00 pm - Ruby's Pantry (Sanford Center)
- 6:05 pm - Oasis (Green Room)
- 6:15 pm - Life Group (Conference Room)

Thursday, September 19

- 10:00 am - Life Group (Fireside Room)
- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
- 6:30 pm - Elder Board Meeting (Conference Room)
- 6:30 pm - Women's Bible Study Fellowship (Chapel)
- 6:30 pm - Worship Team Practice (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 pm - Shindelar Men's Life Group (Fireside Room)

Friday, September 20

- 7:00 am - Men's Discipleship (Chapel)
- 1:00 pm - Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)

Saturday, September 21

- 7:00 pm - S'More Time With our Global Partners (Chapel)

There are many ways to connect and grow at E-Free Bemidji. Visit www.efcbemidji.org/events for a complete calendar of events.

What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

Did you know...

During spring and summer 1976, a new church building was being built on Washington Ave (where the current Gym Bin is). The old Carr Lake Bible Chapel had been sold to Ivan Lauderbaugh Jr., so services were held at Oak Hills Fellowship Center during the building phase.

100th Anniversary Weekend

Be watching for the RSVP for these different events! This weekend is quickly approaching!

- Thurs, Oct 10 - Global Partner Night
- Fri, Oct 11 - Senior Connection Potluck
- Fri, Oct 11 - Through the Decades Variety Night
- Sat, Oct 12 - Community Fun Day
- Sat, Oct 12 - Dessert Night With Friends
- Sun, Oct 13 - One Combined 9:30 Worship Service
- Sun, Oct 13 - 100th Anniversary Catered Lunch **(RSVP required)**
- Sun, Oct 13 - A Night of Worship and Prayer (Communion)

Memorial Book Entry

Back in November of 2003 to the glory of God, in loving memory of Linda Benson, a memorial gift towards the building fund was presented by her family.

Membership Class

Monday, September 23rd from 6:30-8:30 pm. This class is an important first step in the membership process. Contact the church office if you plan to attend. Copies of the Membership Handbook are available in the office or on our website.

E-Free Choir

Tayler Borders and Ian Trosen are looking for new members for our EFC Bemidji Choir. Join us if you want to:

- Praise the Lord through music,
- Make new connections, and
- Work hard and learn together.

All people and skill levels are welcome! Come make music with us from 7:15-8:30PM each Tuesday. Questions? Contact Ian, 952-607-9095 or Tayler, 218-851-9627.

Our Life Groups are all about learning together and loving one another. Visit www.efcbemidji.org/lifegroups for more info.

Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji

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Church Office

Email: efree@paulbunyan.net | Phone: (218) 751-8834

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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Jason Robeck, 10:45 Music Director

Giving for September 8, 2024

Weekly Giving: \$ 16,140

Weekly Need: \$ 15,986

Giving YTD: \$ 523,666

Needed YTD: 575,496



Remaining Mortgage: \$ 97,742.83

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, September 8, 2024

437 onsite | 30 screens / 4 states

SS: 130

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

76 adults, 94 children, 58 youth

Sign up for text notifications

Stay connected by signing up to receive our text notifications.

General notifications: text **efree** to **94000**

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

Youth Ministry: text **efcbasm** to **94000**

Prayer chain: text **efreeprayer** to **94000**

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Becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus together.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

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● **Thursday, October 10th, Global Partners Night, 6:30pm**

Together we'll remember all that God has done across the globe through our Global Partners and we will reconnect with current and former Global Partners serving locally and globally. We will also have the opportunity to recommit together to reaching our Adopted People Group in South Asia.

● **Friday, October 11th, Senior Connection Potluck, 11:00am**

Seniors, come for our special 100th Anniversary Potluck. Out-of-town guests are welcome! Pastor Fred and Berta Martin plan to join us. Come at 11 am for visiting, and we'll eat at 11:30 am. After lunch Sarah (Page) Friesen will share a devotional. Then we'll have a Heritage Panel with Sarah, her sister Ruth Eastling, Allen Benson, and other old-timers. Hear stories of the early days of our church! Contact Laura Englestad for questions.

● **Friday, October 11th, Through the Decades Night, 6:30pm**

Come enjoy a fun video presentation reviewing our church's 100 year history. We'll have some audience participation and a trivia quiz about our history with a chance to win the privilege of ringing the church bell on Sunday morning. We will hear from some of our church's "history makers" including Pastor Fred Martin and Pastor Jerry Johnson. Cookies and cider will be available afterwards.

● **Saturday, October 12th, Community Fun Day, 11:00am-2:00pm**

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a super fun day full of fellowship, activities, and a free meal! There will be a pulled pork meal at 12:00 pm in the gym. Activities include Bouncy Houses, Petting Zoo, Face Painting, Corn Hole, Animal Balloons, Cotton Candy, Cake Walk, and more! Invite your friends and family to this fun event to help celebrate our 100th Anniversary together.

● **Saturday, October 12th, Dessert With Friends, 6:30pm**

Join us for a chance to reconnect with each other! Enjoy sampling desserts made from historical church cookbooks while chatting in a relaxing atmosphere. This is a time to enjoy being together seeing old friends. Hope to see you there!

● **Sunday, October 13th, 9:30am Combined Worship Service**

Come and hear testimonies of God's faithfulness throughout E-Free's 100-year history. We will debut a brand new E-Free song along with congregational singing, music from our handbell choir, kids ministry, and choir. The service will also include times of prayers and the giving of our tithes and offerings. Hear sermons from Oak Hills Christian College President Marty Giese, Pastor Fred Martin, and Pastor Jerry Johnson as well as a greeting from Paul Anderson from our North Central District, EFCA.

● **Sunday, October 13th, 100th Anniversary Catered Lunch, 11:00am,
(RSVP required)**

Directly following the service on Sunday, we will enjoy a delicious meal together provided by Baker's Place Catering. On the menu is Marinated Chicken Breast, Roasted Baby Red Potatoes, California Medley Vegetable, and Fresh Bread/Butter. We will top it off with 100th Anniversary Cake and Coffee! You MUST RSVP for this meal no later than September 29th!

● **Sunday, October 13th, A Night of Worship and Prayer
with Communion, 6:30-7:30pm**

We will cap off the 100th Anniversary weekend in a spirit of worship and song. This will be an evening of prayer for our church, our community, and our world. We will worship by sharing Communion together. Together we will recommit to Christ, his church, and his disciple-making mission.



STRATEGIC PLAN

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF BEMIDJI



MISSION

*What we are
supposed to be
doing as a church.*



VISION

*A picture of
what the mission
will look like when
it is realized.*

**BECOMING
DEEPLY DEVOTED
FOLLOWERS OF
JESUS TOGETHER.**

WE WILL BE A CHURCH WHO

- GLORIFIES GOD IN ALL OF LIFE
- IS TRANSFORMED BY GOD'S WORD
- SERVES AND CARES FOR EACH OTHER IN LOVE
- WELCOMES ALL PEOPLE AND CARES FOR OUR NEIGHBORS
- PERSONALLY SHARES THE GOSPEL LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY



CORE VALUES

*The biblical beliefs that empower
and guide our ministries.*

GOD'S GLORY

BIBLICAL FOUNDATION

CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP

CARING FOR THE BODY OF BELIEVERS

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

EVANGELIZING THE LOST

DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY



*A plan to guide
disciples toward
maturity in Christ.*



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 will gather in a group member's home. Life Groups often come together around a kitchen table or in a living room setting that provides a good space for fellowship, discussion, and prayer. We encourage your group to meet weekly. Life Groups 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 visiting as a group, spending time in sermon-based discussion, and sharing life and a time of prayer. Often, groups will enjoy treats or a meal together.

IS CHILDCARE AVAILABLE?

There are some Life Groups available for families with kids, however, not all of our groups are able to accommodate children or provide childcare. Individuals may need to arrange their own childcare in order to participate in a Life Group.

HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR A LIFE GROUP?

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

QUESTIONS?

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



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
Matt & Amy Graf 4-5:30 pm	Randy & Mishele McKain 6:30-8 pm	Midge Lake Salscheider 5:30-7:30 pm	Dan Evans 6:15-7:45 pm (at church)	NEW GROUP Tom Halverson 10-11 am (at church)
	Taylor & Rissa Borders 7-8:30 pm	Anchor Young Adults 6:30-8:30 pm	NEW GROUP Neil & Serena Hall 6:15-7:45 pm	John S. Men's Group 7-8:30 pm (at church)
		Mark & Mishel Carlson 6:30-8:30 pm		
		NEW GROUP Hudson & Lea Cermak 7-8:30 pm		

Contact Information Update FALL 2024

Do you attend E-Free? Please fill out the form below, or scan the QR code to access the form on your smartphone. If you already filled in the form last year & nothing has changed, please just put your name on it & return to the office with the words "the same". **If you have never filled it out**, please do so & return to the office. I'd like to meet you!! Jessica Westlund, Office Manager



Name: _____
(Last, First) (cell phone number)

email: _____

Spouse: _____
(Last, First) (cell phone number)

email: _____

Address: _____

(city) (zip)

Landline phone: _____

Childrens Names (kids at home)	Grade	birthday mm/dd/yy	allergies, health concerns, special needs

I am presently a college student enrolled at: _____

Please circle which service you typically attend:
8:30am 10:45am in person Livestream

Would you like:

- to receive occasional **text notifications**: weather-related & event reminders? Yes No
- to receive the **weekly bulletin** by email? Yes No

100th Anniversary Celebration RSVP

October 10-13, 2024

Please indicate below the events you plan to attend and the number attending. Visit efcbemidji.org/100 for more information about the various events.

Your Name _____ phone _____

Email Address: _____

Names of those attending with you?

Thursday, October 10th

☐ Global Partner Night, 6:30pm

Number of adults: _____ Number of children (10 and under): _____

Friday, October 11th

☐ Senior Connection Potluck, 11:00am

Number of adults: _____

☐ Through the Decades Night, 6:30pm

Number of adults: _____ Number of children (10 and under): _____

Saturday, October 12th

☐ Community Fun Day, 11:00-2:00pm

Number of adults: _____ Number of children(10 and under): _____

☐ Highchair needed

☐ Dessert Night with Friends, 6:30pm

Number of adults: _____ Number of children(10 and under): _____

☐ Highchair needed

Sunday, October 13th

☐ Worship Service, 9:30-11:00am, Adults: _____ Children: _____

☐ 100th Anniversary Catered Lunch, 11:30am, **RSVP required**

Number of adults: _____ Number of children(10 and under): _____

☐ Highchair needed

☐ A Night of Worship, Prayer and Communion, 6:30-7:30pm

Number of adults: _____ Number of children(10 and under): _____

Please return to Jessica in the church office no later than Sept. 29th