

# Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

**Sunday, October 20, 2024**

**Traditional Worship Service - 8:30 AM**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

**Nothing But The Blood of Jesus (Hymn #471)**

**What A Wonderful Savior (Hymn #488)**

**Oh, the Mercy of God**

Offering & Prayer

VIDEO - This Is Our Story

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:18-20

Message: Our VISION: Personal Global Evangelism

**Christ For The World! We Sing (Hymn #743)**

Benediction

## **The Deeply Devoted Podcast - Episode 008**

On another Testimony Tuesday episode, Pastor Eric chats with a member of the E-Free Bemidji church family, Lex Zylka to learn more about how she came to faith in Christ and to talk about how God is working in her life today. Visit [efcbemidji.org/podcast](https://efcbemidji.org/podcast) to listen. Send an email to [podcast@efcbemidji.org](mailto:podcast@efcbemidji.org) with your comments and feedback.

There are many ways to give at E-Free Bemidji. Visit

**[www.efcbemidji.org/give](https://www.efcbemidji.org/give)** or by scanning the QR code.

## **Women's Christmas Tea**

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars

CHRISTMAS TEA

Friday, December 6th, 2024

More information to come.

If you would like to set and host a table, contact Linda Bouchie 218-766-6659 or Jessica Westlund in the church office.

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**Contemporary Worship Service - 10:45 AM**

Prelude: In Christ Alone

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

**Build Your Kingdom Here**

**The Lion And The Lamb**

**Holy Forever**

Offering & Prayer

VIDEO - This Is Our Story

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:18-20

Message: Our VISION: Personal Global Evangelism

**I Will Follow**

Benediction

## **Global Connections Team**

Please remember to pray for our Global Connections team:  
Peter Eriksson (GCT Chair)  
Justin Burpo, Daniel Carpenter,  
Sue Cutler, Lizzy Lofgren, Rachael Lofgren, Justin Nicholson, Eric Nygren, Sherry Shindelar, Karin T.  
If you have any questions please email the church office at [officemanager@efcbemidji.org](mailto:officemanager@efcbemidji.org).

## **Operation Christmas Child**

Time has flown by and it is only a month away when our OCC Collection Center will begin accepting shoeboxes from the community. Have you begun filling your shoeboxes? Pre-printed shoeboxes are available in the Connection Cafe along with information on how to pack them. Please return them by November 24.

**Next Sunday, October 27, 2024**

Message: Our VISION: Personal Local Evangelism

2 Corinthians 5:11-21, Pastor Jerry R.A. Johnson

## Kids & Youth Upcoming Events

### Sunday, October 20

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)

### Wednesday, October 23

5:00-5:45 pm - Family Meal: Pulled Pork Sandwiches - (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)

### Friday, October 25 - Saturday, October 26

4:00 pm - Saturday 5:00 pm - Trail Life Campout at Camp Oak Hills

## E-Free Kids

### Operation Christmas Child

Our **Kids Club** Packing Party is November 6th.

Anyone can begin to bring OCC donations this week. We are hoping to make 100 boxes again this year! Let's celebrate Christmas by giving to those in need, and sharing the love of Christ.

**Items needed** - socks, scarves, mittens, hats, coloring supplies, wash clothes, soap, and toothbrushes. Let's celebrate Christmas by giving to those in need, and sharing the love of Christ.

### Community Fun Day

We had a wonderful Community Fun Day! There were about 285 people that came out to eat, pet the animals, and enjoy fun games and cotton candy.

## Thank you!

Thank you to all the volunteers who served! This event could not have happened without you! Also, thanks to all who donated Little Debbie's and candy.

**Special thank you to:** The Nicholson Family and their Carnoch Farm for sharing their animals and face paint, Ryan Speck for the use of his Cotton Candy Machine and sound system, Cheryl Paddock for sharing her bubbles and bouncy houses, Daniel Carpenter for teaching us how to juggle, and for the Youth Small Group Leader Team for serving in the kitchen!

It was a great day and a fun event!



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## Youth Ministry



### Youth Group

E-Free Bemidji Student Ministry welcomes all 6th - 12th grade students! Most Wednesdays throughout the school year we meet for Youth Group for time with Jesus, Bible, fellowship, worship, and fun. Most Sunday mornings 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@gmail.com](mailto:shellymustful@gmail.com) or [paddocksonsaautorepair@gmail.com](mailto:paddocksonsaautorepair@gmail.com)

### Youth Group

Youth group on October 30th will be a fun night for small groups to work together as we do the EFCB Amazing Race! Bring a friend and see if your team can complete the challenges the fastest!

## Young Adults

### Sunday, October 20

9:45am- Church History Survey (Chapel)  
Gospel of John (room 10)

### Tuesday, October 22

6:30 pm - Anchor  
7:00 pm - CRU Small Groups  
women: South Conference Room  
men: Ozawindib Room  
7:15 pm - Choir (Sanctuary)

### Thursday, October 24

7:30 pm -CRU -Crying Wolf Room

## ANCHOR

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](mailto: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 C. or Terry H. with questions: [mhockeymd@gmail.com](mailto:mhockeymd@gmail.com) [Terryleehewitt@gmail.com](mailto:Terryleehewitt@gmail.com)

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

## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, October 20

- 7:45 am - Prayer (Fireside Room)
- 8:30 am - Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am - Church History Survey (Chapel)  
Gospel of John (Room 10)
- 10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service
- 2:00 pm - Grief Share (Chapel)

### Tuesday, October 22

- 10:00 am - Women's Bible Study (Fireside Room)
- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
- 11:00 am - Funeral for Kim Bahr
- 5:45 pm - Handbell Practice (Connection Café)
- 7:15 pm - Choir (Sanctuary)

### Wednesday, October 23

- 7:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Chapel)
- 6:15 pm - Life Group (Conference Room & Fireside Room)

### Thursday, October 24

- 10:00 am - Life Group (Fireside Room)
- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (chapel)
- 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, October 25

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

### Sunday, October 27

- 7:45 am - Prayer (Fireside Room)
- 8:30 am - Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am - Church History Survey (Chapel)  
Gospel of John (Room 10)
- 10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service
- 12:00 pm - All Church Potluck (Gym)
- 1:00 pm - Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 2:00 pm - Griefshare (Chapel)

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

## What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

### Did you know...

In 1982 and 1983, new ideas flourished: Get Acquainted and Request Nights were held quarterly. We also had Student Nights, a Job/Housing bulletin board, contributions to the Food Shelf, a church retreat, a Wedding Recommitment service, Help the Hungry famine relief project, a mother-daughter banquet, and a picture bulletin board of church attenders. These activities were not just busy-ness, but helped build connections within the church family, and reach out to our Bemidji community.

### Memorial Book Entry

Back in June of 2006 to the glory of God, in loving memory of Doris Edwards, a memorial gift of hymnals was presented by her friends and family.

### Congregational Potluck

Please join us for an all-church Potluck in the Gym at 12 PM before the congregational meeting on October 27. Please bring a main dish or side dish to share, we hope you will join us. Please contact the church office if you are available to help with set up and clean up. All are welcome!

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.

### Strategic Ministry Plan – Vote of Affirmation

There will be a vote of affirmation at our October 27th congregational meeting regarding our Mission, Vision, Core Values, and Discipleship Pathway. Copies of our Strategic Ministry Plan are available in our Connection Café. If you have any further questions or input, please touch base this week with anyone from our Strategic Leadership Team: Deb Brown, Mandi Buchan, Barb Capes, Mark Carlson, Laura Engelstad, Kay Sue Eriksson, Dan Evans, Dan Frost, Amy Graf, Todd Guntzel, Holly Howes, Jerry Johnson, Brandon Mustful, Eric Nygren, Bill Oakes, Karl Salscheider, or Ken Wold.

### Congregational Meeting

October 27 at 1:00 PM we will hold our Congregational meeting in the sanctuary. The agenda will include membership updates, vote on Strategic Ministry Plan commitment, vote on 2025 church officers, vote on 2025 Ministry Budget, Youth & Young Adult Search Team update, and Financial report. This meeting is open to anyone who would like to attend. We hope to see you there!

## 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

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### Support Staff

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Jason Robeck, 10:45 Music Director

### Giving for October 13, 2024

Weekly Giving: \$ 41,673

Weekly Need: \$ 15,986

Giving YTD: \$ 629,469

Needed YTD: 655,426



Remaining Mortgage: \$ 87,574.84

### Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, October 13, 2024

450 onsite | 30 screens / 14 states

4 countries

SS: - kids | - youth | - adults

Connection Café/Misc: 89

### Sign up for text notifications

Stay connected by signing up to receive our text notifications.

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

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

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Becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus together.



But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024

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# STRATEGIC MINISTRY 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

## DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY



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



## 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**



## **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recommitment by E-Free Bemidji**

Pastor: We have gathered together this morning as the Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji to remember and celebrate God's faithfulness to our church. And we now recommit ourselves to His future purposes for us. Fully depending on the empowering of His Spirit, we now recommit ourselves to being the church that God would have us be.

Congregation: With God's help, we commit ourselves to loving the Lord our God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We commit to loving our neighbors as ourselves. We commit to seeking first His Kingdom and His righteousness.

Pastor: We commit ourselves to Jesus Christ as the Head of our church, and the Lord of our lives. We commit ourselves to fully embracing who Jesus is, and all that He has done through His life, death, and resurrection. We commit to resisting sin and seeking holiness.

Congregation: As the body of Christ, we commit to being a body that builds one another up. We commit to caring for one another, and using our spiritual gifts in gospel service. We commit ourselves to discipling every generation, from the youngest to the oldest.

Pastor: We commit ourselves to gathering together for God's gospel purposes. We will not give up meeting together. We will encourage one another in the faith, and we will spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

Congregation: We commit to loving one another deeply, from the heart. We commit to bearing with one another in love. We commit to having a gospel testimony in our community, so that the watching world will know that we are Christians by our love.

Pastor: We commit to seeking God's good, pleasing and perfect will.

We commit to worshipping God in our actions and attitudes. We commit

to reverent congregational worship, and joyful singing together from our hearts.

Congregation: We commit to spending time in God's Holy Word and obeying its truth. We commit to reading it, teaching it, and living it out in our public and personal lives. We commit to growing together into strong, mature, and steadfast believers.

Pastor: We commit to our Great Commission Mandate of going and making disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that Jesus has commanded.

Congregation: We commit to stewarding our finances and our facilities for God's gospel purposes. We commit to the cheerful giving of our financial resources. We commit to sending out and supporting our Global Partners. And we commit to going wherever God may call us.

Pastor: We commit to sharing the gospel with those outside of our church walls. We commit to sharing Jesus with our friends and neighbors as God provides opportunities.

All Together: We commit to becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus together. We commit to denying ourselves, and taking up our cross and following Jesus, until He returns, or calls us home. To all of these things, we recommit ourselves for the glory of God. Amen.

## ***Recommended Resources***

### **Personal Global Evangelism Resources**

Where Will God Send You? A Guide to ReachGlobal Ministry <https://helps.efca.org/resources/reachglobal-booklet>

How Can I Support International Missions? by Mark Collins

Missions: How the Local Church Goes Global by Andy Johnson

When Everything Is Missions by Denny Spitters and Matthew Ellison

Let the Nations Be Glad by John Piper

Joshua Project [www.joshua-project.net](http://www.joshua-project.net)

EFCA ReachGlobal, [reachglobal.ministries.efca.org](http://reachglobal.ministries.efca.org)  
<https://reachglobal.ministries.efca.org/>

### **Personal Local Evangelism Resources**

Evangelism: How the Whole Church Speaks of Jesus by J. Mack Stiles

How Do I Get Started in Evangelism? by J. Mack Stiles

The Gospel and Personal Evangelism by Mark Dever

Stay Salt by Rebecca Manley Pippert

Bringing the Gospel Home: Witnessing to Family Members, Close Friends, and Others Who Know You Well by Randy Newman