

Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

Sunday, November 10, 2024

Traditional Worship Service - 8:30 AM

Prelude: Laura Engelstad, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

Praise Him! Praise Him! (Hymn #96)

My Hope Is In The Lord (Hymn #482)

I Am Not My Own

Ministry Moment: Orphan Sunday/Global Fingerprints

Dismiss for Kids Church - 1st-5th Grades (No Beginners Church)

Offering & Prayer

Offertory: Handbells, "As The Deer" directed by Brent Ekstrom

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:5-25, Patti Lofgren

Message: The Forerunner Foretold

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (Hymn #135)

Benediction

Women's Christmas Tea

Friday, December 6th, 2024 at 6:00pm. Tickets go on sale today, November 10th. Look forward to a new menu and a wonderful speaker/musician! See Linda in the Connection Cafe for a ticket.

Why Should I Be Baptized?

If you are considering being baptized, we invite you to join us today at 9:45 am in Classroom 1 (CLC) to learn more about baptism at E-Free.

Where's Pastor Jerry?

On Thursday, November 14, Pastor Jerry will be having surgical procedure as a treatment for acid reflux. He's planning to return to work at the church after November 24. Pastor Eric and Jerry Drebelbis will be covering the pulpit in his absence. Prayers for a good surgery and a smooth recovery would be much appreciated.

📶 wi-fi: EFCB_Guest | password: efreebemidji

Contemporary Worship Service - 10:45 AM

Prelude: Our Great God

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

This Is Amazing Grace

Way Maker

Goodness Of God

Ministry Moment: Orphan Sunday/Global Fingerprints

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church

Offering & Prayer

Offertory: Handbells, "As The Deer" directed by Brent Ekstrom

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:5-25, Sherry Shindelar

Message: The Forerunner Foretold

King Of Kings

Benediction

Women's Overflow

Ladies! You are invited to join us Monday, November 25 from 6:30-8:00pm to make a Christmas ornament and be encouraged by a God Story. Be sure to sign up at the Women's Ministry table in the Connection Cafe so we have enough supplies. We hope to see you there!

Baby Shower

The church family is invited to a baby shower to celebrate the upcoming birth of a little girl to Neil & Serena Hall. Join us November 17th at 3:00pm in the Connection Cafe. Serena is registered on Amazon. Questions and RSVP to Tessa Gill at 612-391-9947.

Next Sunday, November 17, 2024

Message: Jesus: Son of David, Son of Mary, Son of God

Luke 1:26-38 Pastor Eric Nygren

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

1 Visit www.efcbemidji.org/give or by scanning the QR code (back page)

Kids & Youth Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 10

- 8:30 am - Kids Church (Lower Level, dismissed before sermon)
- 9:45 am - Kids Sunday School (Lower Level)
- 9:45 am - Youth Sunday School (Guys-Youth Room, Girls- Green Room)
- 10:45 am - Kids/Beginner Church (Lower, dismissed before sermon)

Wednesday, November 13

- 5:00-5:45 pm - Family Meal: Hotdogs (Gym)
- 6:00-7:45 pm - Kids Club, PreK - 5th Grade (Lower Level)
Operation Christmas Child Packing Party
- 6:00-7:45 pm - Youth Group, grades 6-12 (Youth Room)

Wednesday, November 27 - NO Kids or Youth Group

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! Join us for dinner at 5pm. 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



Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to all who donated to our Operation Christmas Child Packing Party. We packed over 100 boxes to send to children this Christmas! We still need about \$600 to make our shipping goal. If you would like to donate \$5 to \$10 to help with shipping costs, please put your gift in an envelope (make sure and write OCC shipping) and drop it in the offering plate or box. Thank you for your generosity and support. Please pray for the boxes that will be distributed and that children around the world will receive the Good News.

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 or paddocksonsautorepair@gmail.com

Small Group Night Out

There is no regular Youth Group on November 13th. We will be having Small Group Night Out. Check with your small group leaders on when & where you will be meeting.

Guys! We need you!

We are looking for a couple more guys who are willing to serve at our Christmas Tea on Friday, December 6. Talk to Jessica in the office if you are interested.

Young Adults

Sunday, November 10

- 9:45am - Church Hist. Survey (Ch)
Gospel of John (Rm 10)
Baptism Class (Rm 1)

Tuesday, November 12

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

Thursday, November 14

- 2:00 pm - Pickleball (gym)
- 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 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
Terryleehewitt@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 10

- 7:45 am - Prayer (Fireside Room)
- 8:30 am - Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am - Church History Survey (Chapel)
 - Gospel of John (Room 10)
 - Baptism Class (Room 1)
- 10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service
- 2:00 pm - Grief Share (Chapel)
- 6:30 pm - Second Sunday Prayer (Chapel)

Monday, November 11

- 6:00 pm - Foster Moms Support Group (Connection Cafe)
- 6:30 pm - Young Men's Bible Study (Fireside Room)

Tuesday, November 12

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

Wednesday, November 13

- 7:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Chapel)
- 6:05 pm - Oasis (Green Room)
- 6:15 pm - Life Group (Conference Room & Fireside Room)

Thursday, November 14

- 10:00 am - Life Group (Fireside Room)
- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (chapel)
- 2:00 pm - Pickleball (Gym)
- 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, November 15

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

What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

Did you know...

Church ministries continued to be blessed and grow. The congregation (and particularly Pastor Fred) was grateful to add Don Emery to our staff as Pastor of Discipleship and Visitation in 1986. But lack of space was a serious issue. By 1987, a large new property was purchased on Carr Lake Road SW, just down the road from the very first home of the Carr Lake Bible Chapel.

Memorial Book Entry

Back in September of 2006 to the glory of God, in loving memory of Robert Comstock, a memorial gift toward the Building Fund was presented by his granddaughter Tessa Johnson.

Operation Christmas Child Collection Week Needs:

E-Free will be accepting shoeboxes from area churches the week of November 18-23. Help is needed Monday-Friday afternoons with two shifts each day: 1:00-3:00 and 3:00-5:00, and Saturday 9:00-noon. You will be helping unload shoeboxes from vehicles and then putting them in cartons for shipment. We need two people per shift. Please call Anna Johnson at 218-760-5264 to sign up.

Orphan Sunday - November 10th

EFCA churches across the country will be highlighting the ministry of Global Fingerprints as part of Orphan Sunday. Through partner churches in twelve countries, Global Fingerprints helps to provide for the spiritual, nutritional, medical, and educational needs of children for just \$39 a month. We will have opportunities to begin sponsoring a child through Global Fingerprints next Sunday. Visit globalfingerprints.org for more information about the program.

The Deeply Devoted Podcast - Episode 011

E-Free Bemidji is beginning a journey through Luke! This week, Pastor Eric chats with Dr. Joshua Jipp, a New Testament scholar and professor at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School to talk about the Gospel of Luke. New episodes post every Tuesday. Visit efcbemidji.org/podcast or listen via your favorite podcast app. Email podcast@efcbemidji.org with comments or feedback.

Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji

115 Carr Lake Rd. SW, Bemidji, MN 56601 | www.efcbemidji.org



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

Jerry Johnson, Lead Pastor pastorjerry@efcbemidji.org

Eric Nygren, Associate Pastor pastoreric@efcbemidji.org

Amy Graf, Kids Ministry Director agraf@efcbemidji.org

Support Staff

Corbin McCray, Facility Supervisor facilitysupervisor@efcbemidji.org

Dan Evans, A/V Supervisor efcbemidjitech@gmail.com

Tom Halverson, Visitation Caregiver tom.halverson63@gmail.com

Jessica Westlund, Office Manager officemanager@efcbemidji.org

Jason Robeck, 10:45 Music Director

Giving for November 3, 2024

Weekly Giving: \$ 13,361

Weekly Need: \$ 15,986

Giving YTD: \$ 671,914

Needed YTD: 703,384

Remaining Mortgage: \$ 75,343



Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, November 3, 2024

375 onsite | 36 screens / 8 states

SS: 11 kids | 16 youth | 54 adults

Connection Café/Misc: 51

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

68 adults, 72 children, 47 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 **efcbesm** to **94000**

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

efcbemidji.org | (218) 751-8834 | efree@paulbunyan.net

Becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus together.



Do not be afraid.
Your prayer has been heard.

LUKE 1:13 (NIV)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024

Becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus together.

LUKE

Resources for further study

BOOKS

★ **Luke** (NIV Application Commentary)
Darrell L. Bock

The Message of Luke (The Bible Speaks Today Series)
Michael Wilcock

Luke (Tyndale New Testament Commentary, 1988)
Leon Morris

Luke (Tyndale New Testament Commentary, 2022)
Nicholas Perrin

Reading the Gospels Wisely
Jonathan T. Pennington

Reading the Gospels as Christian Scripture
Joshua Jipp

MEDIA

The Bible Project: Luke (video)
<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/luke/>

Help Me Teach the Bible:
Benjamin Gladd on Teaching Luke (podcast)
<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/podcasts/help-me-teach-the-bible/benjamin-gladd-on-teaching-luke/>



Ladies' Christmas Tea

Friday, December 6, 2024 | 6 p.m.

Speaker / Musician: Taunya Todd

Purchase tickets at the church
Sunday, November 10th
through Sunday, November 24th

Limited Seating. Age 14 & Older.

\$20 Tickets | \$25 for Gluten or Dairy Free

Evangelical Free Church
115 Carr Lake Road SW
(1 mile south of Luckens South)