

Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

Sunday, January 12, 2025

Traditional Worship Service - 8:30 AM

Prelude: Laura Engelstad, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

And Can It Be That I Should Gain? (Hymn #473)

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Offering & Prayer

Choir Anthem: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Global Partner Update

Dismiss for Kids Church (1st-5th grade)

Scripture Reading: Luke 3:1-20, Josie Fultz

Message: Repentance Prepares the Way

Search Me, O God (Hymn #460)

Benediction

Women's Overflow

Ladies! You are invited to join us Monday, January 27th from 6:30-8:00 PM for appetizers and to hear from a panel of women on hospitality and the various forms that takes within the church and in our community. Come connect and be inspired. Stop by the women's ministry table for a reminder invite!

Bibles and One-Year Devotional For Sale

We have a variety of NIV Bibles for sale in the Connection Cafe. Prices range from \$20 to \$35. We also have a new one-year devotional called Everyday Gospel available for \$10. Use the included envelope for payment. Pick one up to start a Bible-reading habit in the new year.

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

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

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Contemporary Worship Service - 10:45 AM

Prelude: Lead On Good Shepherd

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

Set Free

O Come To The Altar

Rescue

Offering & Prayer

Global Partner Update

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church (Pre-K-5th Grade)

Scripture Reading: Luke 3:1-20, David Knudson

Message: Repentance Prepares the Way

Lord I Need You

Benediction

The Deeply Devoted Podcast - Episode 020

This week we're beginning our podcast read-along through Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis. To help us get started, Pastor Eric sits down with Adam Bommersbach to discuss Book 1: Right and Wrong as a Clue to the Meaning of the Universe. Visit efcbemidji.org/podcast or listen via your favorite podcast app.

Church Directory

The church directories are now ready. You can pick up a copy in the church office.

Next Sunday, January 19, 2025

Message: Here Comes the Son

Luke 3:21 - 4:13 Pastor Eric Nygren

Kids & Youth Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 12

8:30 am - Kids Church (Lower Level, dismissed before sermon)

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

Youth Sunday School (511 Room)

10:45 am - Kids/Beginner Church (dismissed before sermon)

Wednesday, January 15

5:00-5:45 pm - Family Meal: Tacos

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

Youth Group, grades 6-12 (Youth Room)

E-Free Kids

Sunday School

Today, at 9:45am

All Kids are welcome.

PreK/KInd (PreK Room)

1st-5th grade (5th grade classroom)

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

Blessing Bags!

We will be filling Blessing Bags for the homeless/shelters again this year. Accepting donations at any time. There is a bucket by the E-Free Kids Check In Table. If you would like to donate items, this is the list of supplies: (socks, mittens, hats, soap, washcloths, snacks, toothpaste, toothbrushes, small shampoo/conditioners, combs, small brushes, etc.) If you would like give a donation towards the purchase of small Bibles to go in each bag, please specify "Blessing Bags" on your donation. Thank you! May we be church who sees those who are hungry, thirsty, cold, and in need and be able to help, and show them the love of Christ.

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

District Blitz

April 11-13 is District Blitz in Duluth. This youth conference is for 6-12th grade students wanting to go deeper in their faith. Cost is \$175 with a \$75 deposit due

February 26th. More information and sign ups will be available this Wednesday.

Contact Shelly with questions: shellymustful@gmail.com

Young Adults

Sunday, January 12

8:30 am - Traditional Service

9:45 am - Church History Survey (CH) Gospel of John (rm 10)

10:45 am - Contemporary Service

Tuesday, January 14

6:30 pm - Anchor

Thursday, January 16

6:30 pm - Volleyball (gym)

ANCHOR

Anchor is our young adult life group. We will 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 will resume January 23, 2025. See Mark C. or Terry H. with questions:

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Terryleehewitt@gmail.com

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 12

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

Monday, January 13

- 6:00 pm - Foster the Family (Connection Cafe)

Tuesday, January 14

- 10:00 am - Women's Bible Study (Fireside Room)
- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
- 6:00 pm Conquer (Room 2)
- 6:30 pm - Global Connections Meeting (Fireside Room)
- 6:30 pm - Trustee Meeting (Conference Room)
- 6:30 pm - Anchor
- 7:15 pm - Choir (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, January 15

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

Thursday, January 16

- 10:00 am - Halverson's Life Group (Fireside Room)
- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
- 2:00 pm - Pickleball (Gym)
- 6:30 pm - Elder Board Meeting (Conference Room)
Worship Team (Sanctuary)
Women's Bible Study Fellowship BSF (Chapel)
Volleyball (gym)
- 7:00 pm - Shindelar Life Group (Fireside Room)

Friday, January 17

- 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...

1995 saw staff changes as Don Emery retired and Matt Sconce resigned. Pam Boe came on as Ministry Assistant to help with the ministry load. By fall we were excited to have Mick Marino come as our next Pastor of Family Education. Pastor Fred received his doctorate from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in June, and the church gave him a surprise graduation party.

Memorial Book Entry

Back in March of 2010 to the glory of God, in loving memory of Doris R.O. Erickson, a memorial gift towards Hymnals was presented by her family and friends.

Friday AM Men's Discipleship

Join us from 7:00-7:50 am for Friday AM Men's Discipleship. We are in a book, Hearing God by Dallas Willard. Contact Pastor Eric for a copy (\$15).

Nursery Help Needed

Jan Mauer, who heads up our Nursery each Sunday morning really needs some volunteers. If you are interested please contact Jan at (402) 690-7317. Please remember that you don't have to commit to a weekly schedule but can pick 1 Sunday each month to be a huge help!!! You can pick which service works better for you and how often you want to help. What a blessing to minister to these sweet children and their families!

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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Laura Engelstad, 8:30 Music Director

Jason Robeck, 10:45 Music Director

Giving for January 5, 2025

Weekly Giving: \$ 10,705

Weekly Need: \$ 15,986

Giving YTD: \$ 10,705

Needed YTD: \$ 15,986



Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, January 5, 2025

291 onsite | 38 screens / 8 states

SS: 15 kids | 6 youth | 30 adults

Connection Café/Misc: 57

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

67 adults, 74 children, 55 youth

Remaining Mortgage: \$ 51,638.78

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

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

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As it is written in the book
of the words of Isaiah the prophet:
“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.
Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.
The crooked roads shall become straight,
the rough ways smooth.
And all people will see God’s salvation.”

Luke 3:4-6 (NIV)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

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