

Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Traditional Worship Service - 8:30 AM

Prelude: Laura Engelstad, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

How Firm A Foundation (Hymn #612)

My Faith Has Found A Resting Place (Hymn #495)

His Mercy Is More

Offering & Prayer

Choir Anthem: "Go Out In Joy"

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

Scripture Reading: Luke 4:31-44, Josie Fultz

Message: The Messianic Manifesto Inaugurated

What A Wonderful Savior (Hymn #488)

Benediction

Senior Connection Potluck

Seniors, please join us at our monthly potluck on Friday, Feb. 14 at 11:30, as we Focus on Friendship. Valentines Day is a great time to learn what the Bible says about friends. And we'll throw in a little bit of bingo too! We'll meet in the Connection Cafe, to eat, laugh, and learn together. Call Laura at 218-209-8190 with any questions.

Facility Supervisor Hired!

Our elders and trustees are pleased to announce that we've hired Justin Nicholson as our Facility Supervisor. Justin and his wife Kara and their family have been attending E-Free since about January 2023. Justin loves the Lord and is eager to serve Him in this way. Please join us in welcoming him! If you have questions for him, please email him at facilitysupervisor@efcbemidji.org

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

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

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Contemporary Worship Service - 10:45 AM

Prelude: To Our God

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

Firm Foundation

Lord I Need You

What A Beautiful Name

Offering & Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Luke 4:31-44, Mandi Buchan

Message: The Messianic Manifesto Inaugurated

Death Was Arrested

Benediction

The Deeply Devoted Podcast - Episode 024

This week on the podcast Pastor Eric sits down with our new Facility Supervisor, Justin Nicholson to talk through Part 2 of our Podcast Read Along through Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis. If you're reading along, we'll be discussing Book Two: What Christians Believe.

Join a Life Group!

Are you looking to GATHER with other believers and GROW as a follower of Jesus? Now is a great time to join a Life Group! Check out the schedule on the insert in today's bulletin and stop by the Life Groups table in the Connection Cafe to sign up. Looking for a daytime group? There's a brand new Life Group starting soon on Tuesdays at 2 pm.

Next Sunday, February 9, 2025

Message: The Messianic Manifesto Inaugurated

Luke 4:31-44 Jerry Drebelbis, Elder

Kids & Youth Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 9

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, February 12

5:00-5:45 pm - Family Meal: Sloppy Joes

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

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!

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 at
Kids Club this Wednesday, Feb. 12th.

Please bring any supplies or offering
by Wednesday the 12th!

Be praying for those who are
receiving the bags. Pray for salvation
and that these bags will bring hope to
those in need.

Shamineau 4/6 Retreat

April 4-6, all 4th, 5th, and 6th
graders are invited to attend this
retreat. Please pick up a registration
form at the check in table in the
main foyer or the church office. A
\$25.00 non-refundable deposit is
due by March 5th.

Youth Ministry



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 non-refundable deposit
due February 26th. Information
packets and forms are found on the
Parent Table just outside the gym.
Students can sign up on the Youth
bulletin board. Scholarships are
available! Contact Shelly with
questions: shellymustful@gmail.com

Small Group Night Out

Small Group Night Out is Feb. 19th.
Groups will be planning the next
two weeks what they will be doing
that night.

E-Free Prom

"Amongst the Stars," is March 8th
from 7pm-11pm for 9th-12th grade
students at the Nary School/Helga
Town Hall. Tickets are \$30 each and
can be purchased in the church
office. Tickets will not be sold at the
event.

Young Adults

Sunday, February 9

8:30 am - Traditional Service

9:45 am - Gospel of John (Room 10)

10:45 am - Contemporary Service

7:00 pm - CRU Women
(BSU library, 3rd floor)

Tuesday, February 11

6:30 pm - Anchor Life Group

Wednesday, February 12

7:15 pm - CRU Men (BSU, south
Conference Room of lower union)

Thursday, February 13

6:30 pm - Volleyball (gym)

7:30 pm - CRU Large Group (BSU
Crying Wolf room)

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 is on BSU campus for the spring
semester. Open to all BSU, Oak
Hills, NW Tech, Leech Lake, & Red
Lake Nation students.

See Mark C. or Terry H. with
questions: mhockeymd@gmail.com
TerryLeeHewitt@gmail.com



Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 9

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

Monday, February 10

- 6:30 pm - Foster the Family (Connection Café)

Tuesday, February 11

- 10:00 am - Women's Bible Study (Fireside Room)
- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
- 5:45 pm - Handbells (Connection Café)
- 6:00 pm - Conquer (Room 2)
- 6:30 pm - Global Connections Meeting (Fireside Room)
 - Trustee Meeting (Conference Room)
- 7:15 pm - Choir (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, February 12

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

Thursday, February 13

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

Friday, February 14

- 7:00 am - Men's Discipleship (Chapel)
- 11:30 am - Senior Connection Potluck (Connection Café)

What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

Did you know...

In 1999 our Building Committee recommended plans to expand. But the church body determined to pay down our debts before taking on new loans. It was hard to wait for more space, but necessary. It was also hard to say a retirement goodbye to Muriel Anderson, who had been our church secretary for over 21 years.

Concert at E-Free

You're invited to a heartfelt worship concert featuring the amazing Philippa Hanna on Friday, Feb. 21, at 6:30 pm to celebrate the life of Lauren Lund and Mary Lund. Any proceeds will benefit the Lauren Lund Memorial Scholarship. Tickets may be purchased online via www.eventbrite.com or at the door.

Women's Overflow

Ladies! Come join us Monday, February 24th from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Connection Cafe for a calm evening of "Mindful Mending" with Sashiko. We'll also fellowship together over dessert and conversation. Stop by the Women's Ministry table to sign up.

Memorial Book Entry

Back in March of 2016 to the glory of God, in loving memory of Jacob Bruns, a memorial gift toward Sanctuary LED Lights was presented by an anonymous friend.

Got Questions?

We've added some new titles to our Church Questions booklets rack. The following are available for free in the main foyer:

- How Do I Fight Sin and Temptation?
- How Can I Be Sure I'm Saved?
- Why Should I Be Baptized?
- What If I'm Discouraged in My Evangelism?
- How Do I Get Started in Evangelism?
- How Can I Get More Out of My Bible Reading?
- What If I Don't Desire to Pray?
- How Do I Disciple Others?

Choir Needs You!

Choir has started up again, and we are doing some great new music. All we need now, is you! Come praise the Lord with us in song. See you Tuesdays at 7:15PM for rehearsal. Questions? Call or text Laura at 218-209-8190

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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

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Justin Nicholson, Facility Supervisor..... facilitysupervisor@efcbemidji.org

Laura Engelstad, 8:30 Music Director

Jason Robeck, 10:45 Music Director

Giving for February 2, 2025

Weekly Giving: \$ 9,252

Weekly Need: \$ 15,986

Giving YTD: \$ 64,891

Needed YTD: \$ 79,930



Remaining Mortgage: \$ 37,753.18

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, January 26, 2025

345 onsite | 40 screens / 12 states

SS: 9 kids | 9 youth | 31 adults

Connection Café/Misc: 77

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

63 adults, 74 children, 42 youth

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

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

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

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

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Becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus together.



Jesus said,
"I must proclaim
the good news of
the kingdom of God
to the other towns
also, because that
is why I was sent."

Luke 4:34 (NIV)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025

Becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus together.

1. Each of us comes to a worship service with different anticipation and expectation. Are teaching and preaching the same thing? If not how are they different? How are they the same? How is a pastor's preaching powerful?
2. In Luke 4:43 Jesus said that he "must preach the good news of the kingdom of God." What do you think Jesus meant? As a believer in Christ, do you consider yourself a member of the "kingdom of God"? Where do you see the "kingdom of God" at work in your life?
3. How would you define "the Lord's favor" in today's world? How should we "proclaim the Lord's favor" to those around us?
4. In Luke 4:38 Jesus healed Simon's mother-in-law. In Luke 4:42 Jesus went about the area healing many who were sick. Have you experienced (or heard of) a miracle healing or know of someone who has? How did it happen? What was your impression? Were lives changed, faith deepened?
5. Many people have experienced mental and emotional darkness. Do you think these types of dysfunctions are caused by (or can be caused by) demon oppression? Have you ever known someone who you thought might be demon possessed (or oppressed)? Why is this type of malady not really considered anymore by people of faith? Or is it and we just don't talk about it.

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



The Messianic Manifesto Inaugurated (Luke 4:31-44)

February 9, 2025
Jerry Drebelbis, Elder

Sermon notes:

Jesus' words have _____ and _____.

1. His authority extends to _____.

2. Jesus inaugurates the _____.

3. Jesus' power extends even over _____.

1. Knowing God's Word (Scripture) is _____.

2. Understanding God's Kingdom requirements is _____.

3. Walking daily with my Lord is _____.

Visit www.efcbemidji.org/sermons to listen, watch, or read today's sermon. You'll find an archive of past messages on our website as well.

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LEARNING TOGETHER • LOVING ONE ANOTHER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
OPEN Matt & Amy Graf 4-5:30 pm	Randy & Mishele McKain 6:30-8 pm	OPEN Len & Sandi Carlson 2:00-3:30 pm	Dan Evans 6:15-7:45 pm (at church)	OPEN Tom Halverson 10-11 am (at church)
		OPEN Anchor Young Adults 6:30-8:30 pm	OPEN Neil & Serena Hall 6:15-7:45 pm (at church)	OPEN John S. Men's Group 7-8:30 pm (at church)
		OPEN Mark & Mishel Carlson 6:30-8:30 pm	OPEN Terry & Liz Smith 6:00-7:30 pm	
		OPEN Hudson & Lea Cermak 7-8:30 pm		

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

