

Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

Sunday, March 9, 2025

Traditional Worship Service - 8:30 AM

Prelude: Laura Engelstad, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners (Hymn #89)

Oh, the Mercy of God

Offering & Prayer

Choir Anthem: "I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands On Me"

Global Partner Update: Camp Oak Hills

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

Scripture Reading: Luke 5:27-32, Sylvia Johannes

Message: Eating with Lost Sinners, Pastor Jerry R.A. Johnson

Lord Speak To Me, That I May Speak (Hymn #574)

Benediction

Friday Men's Discipleship

Gentlemen, we're starting an 8-week video series, Fully Devoted, on Friday, March 21st. Join us in the Fireside Room from 7:00-7:50 am for coffee and conversation. No prep needed. Just show up!

Come sing "Behold Our God"

Choir will sing a great worship song, "Behold Our God," at both services on March 23. We'd love more voices to join us, so come give choir a try! Rehearse Tuesdays March 4, 11, 18 for just 30 min. at 7:15. Let Laura know you are coming, and we'll save you some music. Call/text her at 218-209-8190 with questions.

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Contemporary Worship Service - 10:45 AM

Prelude: Old Church Choir

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

Good Good Father

Blessed Assurance (Hymn #514)

That's Who I Praise

Offering & Prayer

Global Partner Update: Camp Oak Hills

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

Scripture Reading: Serena Hall, Luke 5:27-32

Message: Eating with Lost Sinners, Pastor Jerry R.A. Johnson

Gratitude

Benediction

The Deeply Devoted Podcast - Episode 028

This week on the Podcast, Pastor Eric and Mark Carlson cover Part 2 of Membership Matters: The Process & The Practice. If you're considering church membership at E-Free Bemidji, you'll want to listen to last week's and this week's episodes.

Second Sunday Prayer

2SP is moving to 9:45 am this spring. Join us today in between services in the Chapel as we pray for one another, our church, and our Global Partners.

Sr. Connection March Potluck

Let's try this again! Our family is healthy, hope you are too. Seniors, let's get together at our monthly potluck on Friday, March 14 at 11:30, as we Focus on Friendship. Scott will share 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.

Next Sunday, March 16, 2025

Message: Out With the Old; In With the New

Luke 5:33-39, 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, March 9

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

Wednesday, March 12

No Family Meal, Kids Club or Youth Group

Wednesday, March 19

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

To continue to serve our families and offer Nursery and Beginner's/Kids Church, we need more people to volunteer.

We need **4 nursery volunteers** to serve 6 times/year (every other month) - either at 1st service/2nd service or during the Sunday School time.

Beginner's and Kids Church - We need **6 adults** (3 for Beginner's church, and 3 for Kids Church) to serve 6 times/ year.

Our policy is to have 2 adults in each classroom to keep our kids safe.

There have been several Sundays where we are short and have to combine 4 year olds through 5th grade. This gets to be really tough for the kids to transition and to also teach the curriculum. Would you consider praying and seeing if God is leading you to minister to kids?

We could also use Substitute leaders on our sub list for Sundays and Wednesdays.

Kids Leading Worship

On March 30th, E-Free Kids will be leading worship during our 10:45 service. For more information go to this link: <http://eepurl.com/iYx1X2>

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



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

Sunday School

Sunday School class for grades 6-12 is using The Money Challenge for Teens. We will be meeting together in the 511 room and is being led by Matt & Shelbi Myrick.

District Blitz

District Blitz registration has ended. However, 6-12th grade students can still be put on a waiting list if a spot opens up. Contact Shelly if you want to be on the waiting list, 218-760-2821.

Young Adults

Sunday, March 9

8:30 am - Traditional Service

9:45 am - Gospel of John (Room 10)
2nd Sunday Prayer (Ch)

10:45 am - Contemporary Service

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

Tuesday, March 11

6:30 pm - Anchor Life Group

Wednesday, March 12

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

Thursday, March 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

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 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)

Monday, March 10

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

Tuesday, March 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)
- 6:00 pm - Trustee Meeting (Conference Room)
- 6:30 pm - Global Connections Meeting (Fireside Room)
- 7:15 pm - Choir (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, March 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, March 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, March 14

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

Saturday, March 15

- 11:00 am - Handbell Practice (Sanctuary)

What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

Did you know...

April 2006 finally brought groundbreaking for the expansion project. Everyone wanted a chance at the shovel! An improved kitchen, multiple classrooms, larger nursery, multipurpose gym, chapel, fireside room, enhanced entryways, storage, and office space were all added in this ambitious project. But we did not expand the sanctuary at this time due to finances. Supplies for that, including massive wood beams for the ceiling, were wrapped and carefully stored.

Memorial Book Entry

Back in June of 2011 to the glory of God, in loving memory of David A. Smith, a memorial gift of Hymnals was presented by friends of the Smith family.

Newcomers Lunch

Have you started coming to E-Free Bemidji recently? Do you still feel new to our church family? You're invited to be our guest for our next Newcomers Lunch on Sunday, March 30th at 12:00 pm. Please let the church office know if you plan to attend.

Camp Oak Hills Needs

Please help us collect the following items to be made into fun crafts at Camp Oak Hills this summer.

1. Empty, clean clear (not green) 2 liter pop bottles---without lids (160+)
2. 15 or 29oz. empty, clean Tin Cans (50)
3. Clean lids from pasta sauce, salsa, etc. (100)
4. Camp themed stickers and/or stamps with stamp pads
5. Colored yarn for crafts
6. Smallish rocks that can be painted for a game (a lot)
7. Adult cru size or larger socks (need 80 pairs)
8. 3 bags of poly-fill
9. Bird Seed (2 bags)
10. Battery powered tea lights (need 160+)
5. Wood burner kit (2)

Thank you for considering helping us with these lists. We are grateful for your partnership with the camp. The collection bin will be in our Global Partner hallway until April 13th. Please contact Becky with questions at (218) 407-0072.

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

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Laura Engelstad, 8:30 Music Director

Jason Robeck, 10:45 Music Director

Giving for March 2, 2025

Weekly Giving: \$ 9,150

Weekly Need: \$ 15,986

Giving YTD: \$ 141,224

Needed YTD: \$ 143,874



Remaining Mortgage: \$ 27,901.83

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, March 2, 2025

393 onsite | 38 screens / 10 states

2 countries

SS: 19 kids | 7 youth | 32 adults

Connection Café/Misc: 77

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

59 adults, 73 children, 49 youth

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

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

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"If anyone would
come after me, let
him deny himself
and take up his cross
and follow me"

Matthew 16:24 (NIV)

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