

Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

Sunday, March 23, 2025

Traditional Worship Service - 8:30 AM

Prelude: Laura Engelstad, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

Crown Him With Many Crowns (Hymn #92)

O Worship The King (Hymn #29)

King Of Kings Majesty

Offering & Prayer

Choir Anthem: "Behold Our God"

Ministry Moment

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

Scripture Reading: Luke 6:1-11, Patti Lofgren

Message: Lord of the Sabbath, Pastor Jerry R.A. Johnson

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (Hymn #95)

Benediction

Laurie Fredrikson

Laurie passed away on Tuesday, March 19th. We are glad to know she is with her Lord. Her Memorial Service will be Tuesday, March 25th at 11:00am, visitation at 10:00am at the E-Free church.

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.

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Contemporary Worship Service - 10:45 AM

Prelude: Mighty To Save

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Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

Lay Me Down

Only A Holy God

Worthy Of It All

Offering & Prayer

Choir: Behold Our God

Ministry Moment

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

Scripture Reading: Luke 6:1-11, Tom Halverson

Message: Lord of the Sabbath, Pastor Jerry R.A. Johnson

Cornerstone

Benediction

The Deeply Devoted Podcast - Episode 030

This week on the Podcast, Pastors Eric and Jerry answer your questions on our first Ask the Pastor episode. We're covering some light-hearted topics as well as some deep subjects. Episodes are available on multiple podcast platforms. Visit efcbemidji.org/podcast to start listening.

Softball Practice

Spring is here and so is church softball! Here are the first practice dates: April 7th and 21st starting at 6:30pm in the E-Free Gym. Co-ed, ages 14+ are welcome to join, no experience necessary. Contact Matt Myrick with questions 218-242-0822.

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

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

Next Sunday, March 30, 2025

Message: The Twelve

Luke 6:12-16, Pastor Jerry R.A. Johnson

Kids & Youth Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 23

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 26

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

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

Youth Group, grades 6-12 (Youth Room)

Saturday March 29 & Sunday March 30

Trail life Campout

E-Free Kids

Kids Leading Worship

On March 30th, E-Free Kids will be leading worship during our 10:45 service. Kids need to arrive at 9:30 in the Assembly Room for rehearsal. For more information go to this link: <http://eepurl.com/iYx1X2>

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.

📷 follow @efreekidz | www.efcbemidji.org/kids

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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 or paddocksonsautorepair@gmail.com

Sunday School

Sunday School class for grades 6-12 is using The Money Challenge for Teens. We meet together in the 511 room with 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.

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Young Adults

Sunday, March 23

8:30 am - Traditional Service

9:45 am - Gospel of John (Room 10)
Church History Survey (Ch)

10:45 am - Contemporary Service

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

Tuesday, March 25

6:30 pm - Anchor Life Group

Wednesday, March 26

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

Thursday, March 27

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, March 23

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

Tuesday, March 25

- 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)
- 7:15 pm - Choir (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, March 26

- 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 27

- 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 28

- 7:00 am - Men's Discipleship (Fireside Room)

Saturday, March 29

- 8:30 am - Men's Breakfast (Gym)

Sunday, March 30

- 12:00 pm - Newcomers Lunch (Gym)

What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

Did you know...

Remember the supplies for the sanctuary expansion that were stored in 2006? By 2011, we were told to use them or they would be ruined. The new larger sanctuary was ready to use by November. We also sadly said goodbye to Pastor Dave Smith, who went home to heaven. The Edge youth group served 102 students with 27 leaders. That fall Micah Carpenter was hired as our next Temporary Ministry Assistant. 2012-2013 saw the building used fully by church ministries and community events such as concerts, banquets, and blood drives.

Memorial Book Entry

Back in October of 2011 to the glory of God, in loving memory of Waiva Weins, a memorial gift toward Sanctuary carpet was presented by family and friends.

Men's Breakfast

Gentlemen! Our next men's breakfast is coming up on Saturday, March 29th from 8:30-10:00 am. Come hungry because we've got plenty of bacon on the menu. We'll feed you spiritually too with a testimony of faith and a brief devotional. Bring a friend!

Women's Overflow

Ladies! Join us Monday, March 31st at 6:30 PM as we hear from Dr. Gale Struthers, Director of Biblical Studies at Oak Hills Christian College, as she speaks on "Women at the Cross and Tomb". Stop by the Women's Min table in the Connection Cafe and sign up!

Friday Men's Discipleship

Gentlemen, we're just getting started with a new video series, Fully Devoted, from the makers of the movie The Forge. Join us on Friday mornings in the Fireside Room from 7:00-7:50 am for coffee and conversation. No prep needed. Just show up!

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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 March 16, 2025

Weekly Giving: \$ 11,060

Weekly Need: \$ 15,986

Giving YTD: \$ 166,634

Needed YTD: \$ 175,846



Remaining Mortgage: \$ 27,901.83

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, March 16, 2025

307 onsite | 51 screens / 9 states

SS: 14 kids | 8 youth | 24 adults

Connection Café/Misc: 60

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

55 adults, 83 children, 58 youth

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

Youth Ministry: text **efcbism** to **94000**

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

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Becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus together.



Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you,
which is lawful on the Sabbath:
to do good or to do evil,
to save life or to destroy it?"

Luke 6:9

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025

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NEWCOMERS



LUNCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH

12:00 PM

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 lunch as a way for us to welcome you and to help you to get connected here. Please RSVP using the form below and return it to the office or drop it in the offering plate/box.

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NEWCOMERS LUNCH / MARCH 30TH

NAME(S):

HOW MANY WILL ATTEND?

Scam Awareness

*How to Recognize
and Avoid Common
Scams*



Join us for a Scam Awareness
presentation.

When: **Thursday, March 27th @ 6pm.**

Where: **Beltrami County Board
Room at 701 Minnesota Ave.**

This event is open to the public.

Put on by the Bemidji Police Department and the Beltrami
County Sheriff's Department