

Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

Sunday, April 6, 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)

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery

Offering & Prayer

Choir Anthem: "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

Global Partner Update

Dismiss for Kids/Beginner Church (PreK-5th grade)

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 59:1-4, Scott Engelstad

Message: Preparing Our Hearts for the Cross, Pastor Jerry R.A. Johnson

Search Me, O God (Hymn #460)

Benediction

Easter Treats

Do you have a favorite Easter treat that you would like to share with the church? Easter Sunday, we will be hosting a special Connection Café displaying favorite easter treats from your fellow church members. If you would like to bring something to share, please reach out to Rylie Helweg for details.

218-407-4692

Rylie.Helweg@gmail.com

April Senior Potluck

Seniors, join us for our potluck on Friday, April 11 at 11:30 in the Connection Cafe. We'll enjoy lunch and fellowship together. The Sheriff's Dept. will update us on current scams to watch out for, and Jessica from the church office will also share examples. Contact Laura at 218-209-8190 with questions. Feel free to bring a friend!

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Contemporary Worship Service - 10:45 AM

Prelude: Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

This Is Amazing Grace

Scandal Of Grace

At The Cross (Love Ran Red)

Offering & Prayer

Global Partner Update

Dismiss for Kids/Beginner Church (PreK-5th grade)

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 59:1-4, Mishel Carlson

Message: Preparing Our Hearts for the Cross Pastor Jerry R.A. Johnson

The Wonderful Cross

The Deeply Devoted Podcast - Episode 032

This week on the podcast, Pastor Eric sits down with Judy Emery and Tracy Parthun to learn more about Ring Jubilant Praise, our church's Handbell Choir. Episodes are available on multiple podcast platforms. Visit efcbemidji.org/podcast to start listening.

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!

New Baby

Congratulations to Melanie & Brandon Adams on the birth of their daughter, Vivian Shae. She was born March 24th. She weighed 7 lbs 10 oz, and was 20.25" long.

Next Sunday, April 13, 2025

Message: Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Matthew 21:1-10, Jason Robeck

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, April 6

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)

2:00 pm - Shamineau 46 kids returning (approximately)

Wednesday, April 9

5:00-5:45 pm - Family Meal: Hot Dogs

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.

Please contact the office or Amy if you would considering helping.

Ideally, if enough people volunteered you would only need to serve once per month or every couple months.



Shamineau 46 Retreat

Pray for our 24 Kids and 7 volunteers coming home from Camp Shamineau 46 this weekend.

Pray for opportunity for spiritual growth, learning, and fun and pray for their safety, both physically and emotionally, and that they may make meaningful connections and friendships.

2025 VBS

Save the date!

August 10th-13th from

6:00pm-8:15pm

4 years-entering 6th graders

We hope your kids will join us this year as we

Live It Out: Discover how to love like Jesus

Youth Ministry



Youth Group

E-Free Bemidji Student Ministry welcomes all 6th - 12th grade students! See Shelly Mustful or Danny Paddock with questions. shellymustful@gmail.com or paddocksonsautorepair@gmail.com

Looking Ahead

No Youth Sunday School April 13th due to District Blitz. Feel free to join 2nd Sunday Prayer that week in the chapel.

Youth Outreach Night

Wednesday, April 16th 6:00-8:00pm
With no Kids Club this night, youth will get the gym for the evening! 6th-12th grade invite your friends for a night of pizza, volleyball, games and testimony!

District Blitz

Pray for our 25 Youth & 8 volunteers that are headed to Duluth this Friday for the youth conference. Pray for opportunity for spiritual growth, learning, and fun. Pray for their safety, both physically and emotionally, and that they may make meaningful connections and friendships.

Young Adults

Sunday, April 6

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, April 8

6:30 pm - Anchor Life Group

Wednesday, April 9

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

Thursday, April 10

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, April 6

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

Monday, April 7

- 6:30 pm - Soft ball practice (Gym)

Tuesday, April 8 - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

- 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, April 9

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

Thursday, April 10

- 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, April 11

- 7:00 am - Men's Discipleship (Fireside Room)
- 11:30 am - Senior Connection Potluck (Connection Café)
- 3:30 pm - Youth depart for District Blitz, Duluth

What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

Did you know...

In March 2016 we welcomed Jerry Johnson as our new lead pastor. A number of other pastoral changes followed quickly. Late in 2016 Albin Sterneman was hired as Youth and Young Adult Pastor. In 2017 Sunday attendance averaged about 395 each week. Pastor Eric Nygren joined our team in 2019. He helped begin our first six Life Groups and Second Sunday Prayer. And Kids Ministry director Gerri Thorsgaard collaborated with the Covenant Church to offer VBS to 240 kids each night.

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.

E-Free Softball T-Shirts

We will be placing an order for E-Free Softball T-Shirts for anyone who would like to show support for our team! Please see the order form in the church office, the order will be placed on April 25th.

March Food Shelf

The March food Share Campaign is an important time of the year for the Food Shelf to raise funds to meet the need for food support in our community. The need is great and growing, in 2024 we served more people than ever before, over 42,000 people from 13,576 families came to us. We were able to help them because of you and many individual donors who gave of their time and treasure to make sure we could. We hope you'll help us continue our work in feeding those in our community who need your help.

From **March 1st through April 6th**, all donations made to the Food Shelf will receive a partial match from the GIVEMN foundation." Thank you, Serena Hall, Volunteer Coordinator Bemidji Community Food Shelf 1260 Exchange Ave SE Bemidji, MN 56601 218-441-7391 <https://bcfsmn.org/>

Bulletin Cover

This week's bulletin cover was designed by Layla Adams, age 8. If your child would like to design a cover please have them stop by the church office to get a paper.

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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 30, 2025

Weekly Giving: \$ 11,191

Weekly Need: \$ 15,986

Giving YTD: \$ 187,778

Needed YTD: \$ 207,818



Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, March 30, 2025

384 onsite | 37 screens / 9 states

3 countries

SS: 41 kids | 5 youth | 33 adults

Connection Café/Misc: 78

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

weather cancellation

Remaining Mortgage: \$ 27,901.83

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Holy Week

at E-Free Bemidji

Palm Sunday, April 13th

Hosanna! Holy Week begins with praise to Christ our King. Jason Robeck, our 10:45 Music Director will share a message on the topic of worship at both services. In between services, our Trail Life troop will host a free Pancake Breakfast in the Gym. No Sunday School classes on Palm Sunday.

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service

9:45 am Pancake Breakfast hosted by Trail Life

10:45 am Contemporary Worship Service

Tuesday, April 15th

The Deeply Devoted Podcast: Episode 033

The Hope of the Resurrection with special guest Dr. Jeff Brannon Professor and Chair of Biblical Studies Department, Belhaven Univ.

Good Friday, April 18th

Our focus for the evening will be on the finished work of Christ. The service will be an evening of music from our Handbell Choir, Worship Team, Choir, and Youth Band. Pastor Eric will give a message about Christ's finished work and we will share in Communion together. Nursery will be available.

7:00 pm Good Friday Service: *It Is Finished!* with Communion

Easter Sunday, April 20th

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! We celebrate the resurrection with a morning of music, testimony, prayer, and a message about our salvation in Christ from Pastor Jerry. We will have refreshments in the Connection Café in between services. No Sunday School classes on Easter Sunday.

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service

with music from our Choir, Handbells, and brass players

9:45 am Refreshments in the Connection Café

10:45 am Contemporary Worship Service

with music from our Worship Team and Handbell Choir

Visit efcbemidji.org/pco-events or download the Church Center app to view the full calendar.