

Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

Sunday, April 13, 2025

Traditional Worship Service - 8:30 AM

Prelude: Mary Larson, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

Holy, Holy, Holy! (Hymn #2)

Be Unto Your Name

Glorify Your Name (Hymn #10)

Offering & Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:1-10, Paul Thomas

Message: Preparing Our Hearts for Worship, Jason Robeck

My Jesus I Love Thee (Hymn #101)

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

Women's Overflow

Ladies! Join us Monday, April 28th at The Bemidji Community Food Shelf for our last Overflow of the year. Bring an item or two to donate. Popular but understocked items include: canned tuna or chicken, spices, Bisquick or muffin mixes, canned fruit, and name brand cereals. Stop by the Women's Min table for a reminder invite!

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Contemporary Worship Service - 10:45 AM

Prelude: I Thank God

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

Glorious Day

Here I Am To Worship

Your Great Name

Offering & Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:1-10, Sarah Robeck

Message: Preparing Our Hearts for Worship, Jason Robeck

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Communion

Friday, April 18th, the Lord's Supper will be served during our 7:00pm Good Friday service. We will be using our non-alcoholic communion juice and gluten free bread. All who trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior are invited to celebrate with us. Please take time to reflect upon your walk with the Lord and relationships with other Christians. 1 Corinthians 11:28 urges, "We ought to examine ourselves before we eat of the bread and drink of the cup." The Lord's Supper represents Christians' union with Jesus and unity with other believers.

Benevolence Fund

One of the ways that we demonstrate our love for one another as the body of Christ is by giving a special gift to our church's Benevolence Fund. On a Communion Sunday, this expresses our unity in Christ and our spirit of caring for one another. The Elders distribute these funds to anyone in our church family who needs help with a utility bill, rent, car repair, medical bill, or whatever might be creating a financial hardship right now.

Next Sunday, April 20, 2025

Message: Celebrating the Risen Christ!

John 20:1-10, Pastor Jerry RA Johnson

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 13 Palm Sunday

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

9:45 am - Pancake Breakfast (Gym)

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

Tuesday, April 15

6:30 pm - Trail Life (Gym)

Wednesday, April 16

There is NO Kids Club

6:00pm-8:00pm Youth Outreach Night (Youth Room)

Sunday, April 20 EASTER SUNDAY

No Kids or Youth Sunday School

E-Free Kids

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



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.

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. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the church office of Amy Graf.

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

Today

No Youth Sunday School April 13th due to District Blitz or April 20th due to Easter Sunday.

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!

New Sunday School Class

The Youth has a new Sunday School class beginning on April 27th at 9:45am in the 511 Room. This four week class will look at what science says about the origins of the earth using The Science Dilemma video series.

District Blitz

Pray for our 26 Youth & 8 volunteers that are headed back from the youth conference today. Pray that they had opportunity for spiritual growth, learning, and fun.

Young Adults

Sunday, April 13

8:30 am - Traditional Service

9:45 am - Pancake Breakfast (Gym)

10:45 am - Contemporary Service

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

Tuesday, April 15

6:30 pm - Anchor Life Group

Wednesday, April 16

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

Thursday, April 17

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 or TerryLeeHewitt@gmail.com

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📱 follow @efcb_sm | www.efcbemidji.org/youth

Text **efcbm** to **94000** join our Student Ministries notification system.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 13 Palm Sunday

- 8:30 am - Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am - All-Church Pancake Breakfast (Gym)
- 10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service
- 2:00 pm - Grief Share (Chapel)

Monday, April 14

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

Tuesday, April 15

- 10:00 am - Women's Bible Study (Fireside Room)
- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
- 5:45 pm - Handbells (Connection Café)
- 7:15 pm - Choir (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, April 16

- 7:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Chapel)

Thursday, April 17

- 10:00 am - Halverson Life Group (Fireside Room)
- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (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 18

- 7:00 am - Men's Discipleship (Fireside Room)
- 7:00 pm - Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)

Sunday, April 20 EASTER SUNDAY

- 8:30 am - Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am - Refreshments in the Connection Café
- 10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service

What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

Did you know...

2020-2021 brought changes for the whole world when COVID hit. We met online only for 15 Sundays, including Easter 2020. Steven Miller already had our online technology up and running, and Dan Evans refined our tech even more. How grateful we were to start meeting in person again by June 2020, but many ministries did not come back to full strength until 2021. Douglas Daube joined us as Youth/Young Adult Pastor that year, and in 2022 we brought on board Amy Graf with Kids Ministries and Jessica Westlund as Office Manager.

The Deeply Devoted Podcast - Episode 033

This week on the podcast, Pastor Eric sits down with Dr. Jeff Brannon, Professor and Chair of the Biblical Studies Department at Belhaven University. We'll discuss what Scripture teaches about the hope of the resurrection as we prepare for Easter Sunday.

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!

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.

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.

Memorial Book Entry

Back in December of 2011 to the glory of God, in loving memory of Doris Erickson, a memorial gift towards the Defibrillator was presented by her family.

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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Eric Nygren, Associate Pastor pastoreric@efcbemidji.org

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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 April 6, 2025

Weekly Giving: \$ 13,286

Weekly Need: \$ 15,986

Giving YTD: \$ 201,063

Needed YTD: \$ 223,804



Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, April 6, 2025

328 onsite | 35 screens / 9 states

2 countries

SS:14 kids | 9 youth | 35 adults

Connection Café/Misc: 85

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

59 adults, 82 children, 51 youth

Remaining Mortgage: \$ 27,901.83

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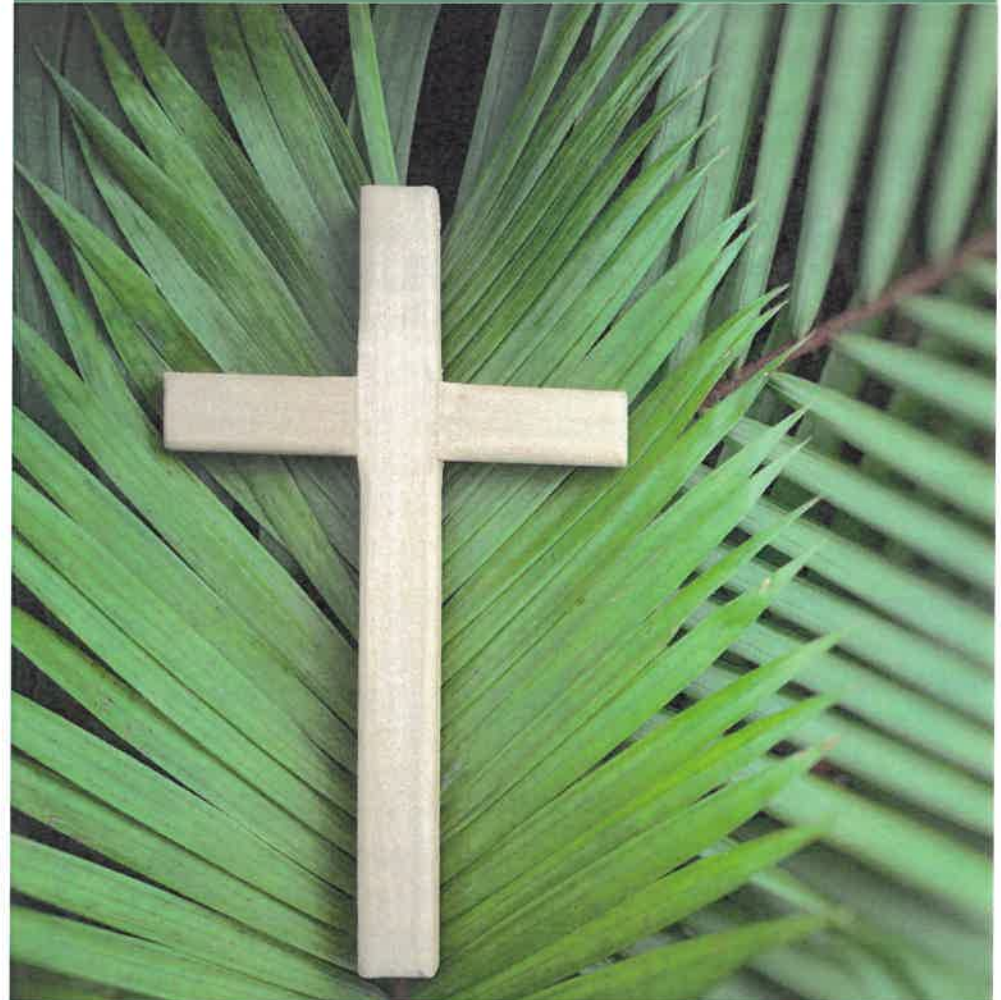
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“Hosanna to the Son of David!”
“Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord!”
“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”
Matthew 21:9



SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

Becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus together

SECOND SUNDAY PRAYER

TAKE TO PRAY

- 1** Take a minute to praise God that Christ our humble, mighty King came to lay down his life for sinners like you and me, that we might be forgiven, reconciled, and rescued.
- 2** Take a minute to pray for a friend, neighbor, family member, or coworker that you could invite to our Good Friday or Easter services.
- 3** Take a minute to pray for the 4th-6th Grade students who attended the retreat at Shamineau last weekend, and for the youth group students who attended the EFCA District Conference in Duluth this weekend.
- 4** Take a minute to pray for the members of your Life Group, Bible Study, Sunday School class, men's/women's group, ministry team, or other group that you're a part of.
- 5** Take a minute to pray for our Youth and Young Adults Pastor search committee and for the individual that God will bring us to serve in this role at our church.



In order to provide better clarity and transparency, the following updates to the by-laws are being recommended by our Elders and Trustees. We will be voting on this at the April 27 Meeting.

Changes to the By – Laws are in italics and underline.

Section 4 – Trustees

A. The Board of Trustees shall be three or more in number and be elected for a term of two years in such a manner that the terms of office of approximately one-half terminate each year.

B. The Board of Trustees shall be the legal representatives of the church in its civil relations and conduct all the business affairs of the church. It shall be their duty to:

1. keep the physical property of the church in good repair and cover the same with adequate insurance;
2. provide all necessary utilities and janitor service;
3. sign all legal papers *which shall include but not limited to such as* deeds, mortgages, leases and notes; and have the power to borrow money and mortgage the church property as security, provided such actions have been approved by the church at a business meeting.
4. prepare the annual budget in cooperation with the boards and committees of the church and present it to the church at the appropriate business meeting for adoption.
5. *oversee and direct all duties and responsibilities of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer*
6. have the financial records reviewed prior to the third quarterly business meeting; and,
7. appoint individuals to receive and deposit all funds in a bank approved by the Board of Trustees.

C. The Board of Trustees shall have power to elect such officers from among its number as deemed necessary to do its work. Among these shall be a chair of the Board of Trustees, a vice-chair and a secretary.

D. The Board of Trustees has authority to approve all benefits and compensation for all church employees except as specified otherwise in these By-Laws. The Board of Trustees may delegate some or all of this authority to specific church leadership person(s) or by creating operational employment compensation and benefit management procedures.

Section 6 – Financial Secretary

A. The Financial Secretary shall keep accurate account of all income and individual gifts, receipting for income tax purposes.

B. The Financial Secretary shall be chosen by a three-fourths vote of the members present and voting at any business meeting of the church. *At the time of the initial vote to install the Financial Secretary, Before any vote is taken* the salary, benefits and responsibilities shall be presented to the congregation.

C. The Financial Secretary's term shall be for an indefinite period of time, and thirty days' notice must be given by the Financial Secretary for termination of this office. *The Financial Secretary shall report directly to the Board of Trustees.*

D. The Trustees may suspend the Financial Secretary from the privileges and responsibilities of this office; such suspension shall be effective immediately upon a majority vote of the Trustees.

E. *At the request of the Board of Trustees, the Financial Secretary in coordination and cooperation with the Treasurer shall conduct an annual audit and submit such results to the Board of Trustees.*

F. *The Financial Secretary shall appoint, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, a "Financial Secretary assistant" for the purposes of support and assistance to the Financial Secretary. The "Financial Secretary assistant" shall be in all duties responsible to and report to the Financial Secretary. The "Financial Secretary assistant" shall be a member in good standing of the congregation whose term of responsibilities shall run indefinitely until terminated by the Board of Trustees or notice of termination from the "Financial Secretary assistant".*

Section 7 – Treasurer

A. The Treasurer shall receive from the Financial Secretary a record of funds deposited and shall disburse the same as directed by the Board of Trustees. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all funds received and expended and shall report the financial status at the monthly Board of Trustees meeting, at all regular business meetings, and as requested by the Board of Trustees.

B. The Treasurer shall be chosen by a three-fourths vote of the members present and voting at any business meeting of the church. *At the time of the initial vote to install the Treasurer Before any vote is taken* the salary, benefits and responsibilities shall be presented to the congregation.

C. The Treasurer's term shall be for an indefinite period of time, and thirty days' notice must be given by the Treasurer for termination of this office. *The Treasurer shall report directly to the Board of Trustees.*

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