

Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

Sunday, May 18, 2025

Traditional Worship Service - 8:30 AM

Prelude: Mary Larson, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

This Is My Father's World (Hymn #384)

Be Thou My Vision (Hymn #532)

Trust And Obey (Hymn #523)

Choir Anthem: "Yet Not I but through Christ in Me"

Offering & Prayer

Prayer for High School Graduates

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

Scripture Reading: Luke 6:46-49, Scott Engelstad

Message: Putting Jesus' Words into Practice, Pastor Jerry RA Johnson

The Solid Rock (Hymn #517)

Benediction

The Deeply Devoted Podcast: Episode 037

We're back this week with a new episode. New episodes post on Tuesdays and can be found on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, YouTube, or at efcbemidji.org/podcast. Send your comments, questions, feedback, or topic suggestions to podcast@efcbemidji.org.

Finale Concert 3 PM May 18

You are invited to the Choir and Handbell Finale Concert today, Sunday May 18 at 3 PM. Join us for many favorites from our past year of music. Refreshments served afterward.

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Contemporary Worship Service - 10:45 AM

Prelude: Indescribable

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Jesus Son Of God

Firm Foundation (He Won't)

Scandal Of Grace

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Deeply Devoted

Benediction

9:30 am Summer

Combined Worship Service

Beginning Sunday, May 25th through Sunday, September 7th we are coming together again as one church for our 9:30 am Summer Combined Worship Services. Stick around after church this summer for the Connection Time in the Gym with coffee and goodies and for our Intergenerational Sunday School. There will be Beginners and Kids Church during the 9:30 Service and Nursery will be available at 9:30 and 11:00 am. If you are able, please park in our lower lot this summer to make room in the main upper lot.

Next Sunday, May 25, 2025 - 9:30 Combined Service

Message: Making Every Effort to Keep the Unity of the Spirit

Ephesians 4:1-6, 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, May 18

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)

Tuesday, May 20

6:30 pm - Trail Life (Gym)

Tuesday, May 25

No Beginners/Kids Church or Sunday School, Nursery Available

E-Free Kids

We had a great end of the year celebration at Kids Club!
Hope you all have a great summer!

Summer Worship for Beginners/Kids Church

Beginning June 1st, Beginners/Kids Church will be offered for the full hour during the 9:30am summer service. Kids Church will be in the Youth Room, Beginners Church will be in the lower Level Assembly Room. Please make sure to check in your children for their appropriate class.

VBS - Sign up to Volunteer

Stop by the table today to volunteer for VBS!
We need lots of small group leaders. Middle Schoolers/High Schoolers/Adults/Grandparents.
We need you all!



How to support Foster Care and Adoption

Step into our foster care support group as a greeter or childcare worker. It is only 1 time a month. Contact Amy Graf (715) 638-0251 or Mandi Buchan (218) 766-9106 for more information.

Statistics

Each year, approximately 20,000 youth age out of the foster care system when they turn either 18 or 21, depending on state guidelines. These children are at higher risk of poor educational outcome, experiencing homelessness, and being unemployed.

Save the Date - Our Summer Trainings for VBS Volunteers

Please choose one training to attend.
June 22th at 11:00am - Sanctuary
July 20th at 11:00am - Sanctuary

Youth Ministry



Youth Group & Sunday School

Shelly Mustful & Danny Paddock would like to thank everyone who help out with Youth Group and Sunday School this past year! We couldn't have done it without you!!!

The next summer youth group is planned for Sunday, June 29th from 6-8pm in the Youth Room. We will be doing Polish Ping-Pong and Sundaes!

Sunday School will resume in September.

Keep praying...

Please keep praying for the youth pastor search committee and the next youth pastor that God is preparing for us.

Young Adults

Sunday, May 18

8:30 am - Traditional Service
9:45 am - Gospel of John (Room 10)
10:45 am - Contemporary Service

Tuesday, May 20

6:30 pm - Final Anchor Life Group

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 has ended for the semester. Look for more info in August when we start back up again.

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 18

- 8:30 am - Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am - Adult Sunday School: Gospel of John (Room 10)
- 10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service
- 3:00 pm - Choir/Handbell Finale Concert (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, May 20

- 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, May 21

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

Thursday, May 22

- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
- 6:30 pm - Worship Team (Sanctuary)
-Softball Game (city fields)
- 7:00 pm - Shindelar Life Group (Fireside Room)

Friday, May 23

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

Sunday, May 25 through September 7

- 9:30 am - Combined Summer Service

What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

Giving Update

The Trustees and Elders are asking everyone who considers E-Free Bemidji their home church to prayerfully consider their financial giving. We are currently about \$40,000 behind on our budget and we need everyone's help to get back on track so that we can continue to do the work to which God has called us. Thank you for your generosity in both giving and service, and for worshipping God together this way. This is our shared privilege and responsibility as we Gather, Grow, Give, and Go.

Summer Bible Study

Beginning June 4 at 9:00 a.m, we will be studying Women of the Bible. While the lessons will come from the book, 12 Daring Women of the Bible; the book is not required for the class. We will meet on Wednesdays in June and July from 9 to 11am, in room 10. Men and women are welcome. Call Sue Cutler at 712-898-0936 if you are interested in joining us.

June 1 Mortgage Payoff Celebration

On Sunday, June 1, our combined 9:30 worship service will focus on celebrating God's faithful provision in helping us to pay off our building expansion loan. This will include sharing some special photos, hearing testimonies of God's provision, and worshipping God with songs focused on His faithfulness. We will also set aside time for prayer, recommitment, and burning the mortgage. Our worship service will be followed by a free hot dog lunch in our (fully paid off!) multi-purpose gym.

E-Free Softball

Come on out and support our E-Free softball team Thursday nights! This week, May 22, our team plays at 6:30pm in City field 2 against 1st Baptist Clearbrook, and at 8:30pm in City field 3 against Tenstrike. There is a schedule posted on the bulletin boards if you'd like to see it. **Go E-Free!!**

Ken Wold

The family of Ken Wold invites you to join us Saturday, May 31st in the Connection Café from 4 to 6 pm to honor Ken on the occasion of his 85th birthday and share cake, stories, and reminiscences !

Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji

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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 May 4, 2025

Weekly Giving: 14,136

Weekly Need: \$ 15,986

Giving YTD: \$ 247,036

Needed YTD: \$ 287,748



Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, May 11, 2025

373 onsite | 27 screens / 8 states

4 Countries

SS: 11 Kids | 4 Youth | 41 Adults

Connection Café/Misc: 83

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Family Worship Night: 100+, 54 youth, 29 adults

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BECOMING DEEPLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF JESUS TOGETHER E-FREE BEMIDJI

May 18, 2025

9:30 SUMMER COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

MAY 25TH THROUGH SEPTEMBER 7TH

Why are we joining together for one worship service this summer?

We enjoyed being together so much last summer that we've decided to do it again! As a church, we're committed to **becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus together**. This summer we'll continue to focus on that word "**together**." Our ongoing desire is to foster greater unity as church by gathering together as one church family for worship, sharing and learning one another's music, and enjoying fellowship with one another.

Will there be drums, organ, guitars, modern songs, or hymns?

We all have our preferences when it comes to worship styles. As we come together as one church this summer, some of those preferences may be stretched. But by sharing our music with one another, we'll also have opportunities to learn new ways to glorify God in ways that encourage and bless the person sitting next to us (see Philippians 2:1-4). Musicians from both our Traditional and Contemporary services will be collaborating together each week to select songs that invite all of us to lift up the name of Jesus together.

Will there be Sunday School, Kids Church, or Nursery?

We will provide opportunities throughout the summer for intergenerational fellowship and discipleship at 11:00 am following the 9:30 am Summer Worship Service. We'll connect with one another, pray together, grow together, hear from our Global Partners, and of course, enjoy lots of goodies. Nursery for children from birth to age 3 will be available both at 9:30 and 11:00 am. Kids (age 4 through 5th Grade) will be able to participate in **a full hour of Beginners Church in the Kids Assembly Room on the lower level and a full hour of Kids Church in the Youth Room during the 9:30 am service**. Kids Sunday School will not meet over the summer.

How long will this Summer Worship Service schedule last?

We'll start gathering together for one 9:30 Summer Worship Service Memorial Day weekend, **Sunday, May 25th**. The summer schedule will continue through **Kickoff Sunday, September 7th**. We plan to return to our 8:30 am Traditional Worship Service, 9:45 am Sunday School, and 10:45 am Contemporary Worship Service schedule on **Sunday, September 14th**.

I have other questions or concerns about the summer schedule. Who should I talk to?

Please reach out to any one of our elders, pastors, or members of our Worship Committee. Names and contact information can be requested from the church office.

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Caleb Caster, High School

Dylan Doffing, High School

Ben Eastling, High School

Zach Graf, High School

Daniel Paddock, High School

Cayden Odegard, High School
and B.S. in Computer Science

Evelyn Nygren, College
B.A. in English
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

**The Church Family is invited to
these Open Houses:**

Ben Eastling

May 4th, 2-4 pm
Camp Oak Hills

Zach Graf

May 25th, 6:30-10 pm
487 Adams Ave SW, Bemidji

Caleb Caster & Daniel Paddock

May 31st 1-3 pm
Evangelical Free Church

Cayden Odegard

June 14th, 2-4 pm
2345 Kingston LN SW, Bemidji