

Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

Sunday, June 15, 2025

Combined Summer Worship Service - 9:30 AM

Prelude: Laura Engelstad, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Hymn #45)

God You're So Good

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

Ministry Moment: Foster the Family, Scott & Mandi Buchan

Offering & Prayer

Offertory: Lizzy Lofgren, harp

Scripture Reading: Joel 2:18-30, Lex Zylka

Message: Restoration, Pastor Eric Nygren

It Is Well With My Soul (Hymn #519)

Benediction

The Deeply Devoted Podcast - Episode 041

This week on the podcast, we're diving back into our Podcast Read-Along through Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis. We'll be delving into a bit of theology as we look at chapters 1-5 of Book Four.

E-Free Softball

Come on out and support our E-Free softball team Thursday nights! This week, June 12, our team plays at 7:30pm in City field 1 against St. Marks, and at 8:30pm in City field 3 against Bemidji First Assembly. There is a schedule posted on the bulletin boards if you'd like to see it.

Go E-Free!!

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

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

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9:30 am Summer

Combined Worship Service

Now 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 a full hour Beginners and Kids Church during the 9:30am Service and Nursery will be available during church and Sunday School. If you are able, please park in our lower lot this summer to make room in the main upper lot.

church center

Download our Church Center app. With the app you'll be able to:

- View upcoming events
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- Give online
- Check in your family
- And more!

Need help installing or setting up the app on your smartphone or tablet? Contact our Office Manager, Jessica Westlund.

Next Sunday, June 22, 2025 - 9:30 Combined Service

Message: From Generation to Generation

Psalm 78:1-8, Pastor Jerry RA Johnson

Kids & Youth Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 15

9:30 am - Beginner's Church - ages 4 - K (Lower Level Assembly Room)

Kid's Church - Grades 1 -5 (Youth Room)



E-Free Kids

Foster the Family

Our Foster Closet has been chosen for the "Wait No More" Program through Focus on the Family. They're providing 50 suitcases/50 Bibles (25 teen/25 kid), and 50 stuffies. Many children enter foster care with nothing, or have just a few belongings in a garbage bag. Each child will receive a suitcase with age appropriate clothes, Bible, and stuffy. We have helped several foster families in the last month that needed baby clothes. We're accepting clothing donations of all sizes/gender.

We're in need of shelves in our foster closet. If you have the gift of building and some extra time this summer, we would love to get some shelves built in the foster closet so we can have easier access to the clothes. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Save the Date - Our Summer Trainings for VBS Volunteers

Please choose one training to attend. June 29th at 11:00am, July 20th at 11:00am - both trainings will be held in the Sanctuary.

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

Community Outreach Opportunities

Summer Picnics at Ridgeway

July 8, July 22, August 19

916 30th St. NW Bemidji, MN

4pm-5pm - serve by helping to set up tables/chairs/activities

5pm-6:30pm - serve by building relationships with kids and adults (share your faith)

6:30pm-7:00pm - serve by helping to clean up/tear down tables/chairs

You can attend for 3 hours, or come and serve when you are available.

Praying that God will give you a passion to "GO" into our community, to meet those who are lost, and to share the hope that you have found in Jesus. You can easily join one of these dates by going into your Church Center app, touch Connect, scroll down to Unique Groups.

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.

Candidating Weekend

See the insert in today's bulletin for details on candidate Shane Fleming's upcoming visit.

Saturday, June 21

Middle & High School students will meet with Shane for food, fun, a devo and time for Q&A. Parents are invited at the beginning to meet him too!



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Young Adults

Sunday, June 15

9:30 am - Summer Combined Service

ANCHOR

Anchor is our young adult life group. Stay tuned for our bonfire events this summer. 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.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 15

9:30 am - Combined Worship Service

Tuesday, June 17

10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)

Wednesday, June 18

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

9:00 am - Summer Bible Study (Room 10)

Thursday, June 19

10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)

6:30 pm - Elder Board Meeting (Conference Room)
- Worship Team (Sanctuary)

Friday, June 20

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

Saturday, June 21

5:00pm - 7:30 pm - Youth/Parents Event (Youth Room)
Come and meet Shane Fleming!

Sunday, June 22

9:30 am - Combined Worship Service

11:00 am - Congregational Q&A (Gym)

Sunday, June 29

9:30 am - Combined Worship Service

11:00 am - Special Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)

We will vote on the Search Committee and Elder Board recommendation of Shane Fleming as our new Youth and Young Adults Pastor.

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 \$30,000 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

Wednesdays through July 30th at 9:00 a.m in room 10, 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. Men and women are welcome. Call Sue Cutler at 712-898-0936 if you are interested in joining us.

Memorial Book Entry

Back in March of 2020 to the glory of God, in loving memory of Don Emery a memorial gift towards Building Funds was presented by his family and friends.

Fraud Alert

Please be careful NOT to respond to any email or text messages supposedly coming from one of the church staff or other church members that asks you to purchase gift cards or give contact information such as our church directory. This is a scam. We never share this kind of information! Please contact the church office with any questions or concerns.

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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 through June 8, 2025

Weekly Giving: \$ 13,958

Weekly Need: \$ 15,986

Giving YTD: \$ 337,660

Needed YTD: \$ 367,678



Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, June 8, 2025

323 onsite | 27 screens / 4 states

11:00am Connection Time: 188

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Youth and Young Adult Pastor Candidating Weekend with Shane Fleming

Shane Fleming grew up in a Christian home in the Pine River, MN area. He is 29 years old. He received his undergraduate degree in Youth Ministry from Oak Hills Christian College, and hopes to pursue further education, as well as licensing with the EFCA.

Shane has served in various leadership roles at a church in Laporte, Park River Bible Camp in North Dakota, Timber Bay in Bemidji, Hope Church in Grand Forks, as well as doing a one-year internship at Calvary Evangelical Free Church in Walker, MN.

He and his wife, Kristine, have been married for 7 years. They have a 2 ½ year old son named Harrison. Kristine grew up in Laporte and, among other things, she has been involved with North Homes Children and Family Services in Bemidji. They are very excited for this opportunity to serve at E-Free Bemidji!

NOTE: Copies of Shane's resume and testimony, as well as the ministry description for our Youth and Young Adults Pastor, are available at the church or by emailing OfficeManager@efcbemidji.org. Also, feel free to direct any questions to any of our Elders or a member of our Search Committee: Bethany Anderson, Caleb Caster, Jerry Drebelbis, Amy Graf, Jerry Johnson, Shelly Mustful, Eric Nygren, Danny Paddock (chair), and Lex Zylka.



Opportunities to get to know Shane

Breakfast with our Boards Saturday, June 21, at 9 a.m.

Our Elders and Trustees will be having breakfast with Shane on Saturday, June 21, at 9 a.m. We'll enjoy some good food together and talk about life and ministry. This will be held in the East Chapel of the Community Life Center.

Youth/Parents Event Saturday, June 21, from 5-7:30 p.m.

Middle School and High School students will meet with Shane for food, fun, a devotional from God's Word, and a time for Q&A. The night will begin with a time for parents to meet Shane and ask him questions. They can then head out in order to give the youth some focused time with Shane.

Combined Service Sunday, June 22, at 9:30 a.m.

Our entire church will gather for our normal combined Sunday worship service with music, preaching, etc. During this service Shane will share during an extended ministry moment, introducing himself and sharing his faith testimony and call to ministry.

Congregational Q&A Sunday, June 22, at 11:00 a.m.

Join us in the Community Life Center Gym for refreshments and a Q&A time with Shane. We'll also have a chance to meet his wife Kristine and their son Harrison.

Lunch with the Staff Sunday, June 22, at 12:00 p.m.

Our staff will enjoy getting to know Shane a little better over a lunch meeting in our Conference Room.

Congregational Meeting Sunday, June 29, at 10:45 a.m.

All are welcome but members are especially urged to attend this brief meeting for a vote on the Search Committee and Elder Board recommendation of Shane as our new Youth and Young Adults Pastor. Our Trustees will explain his pay and benefits. Our by-laws require a yes vote of at least 75% in order to hire a pastor.

Restoration
Joel 2:18-3:21 on June 15, 2025
Pastor Eric Nygren

I. Invitation: _____ to the LORD your God. (2:12-17)

II. Restoration: I will _____ (2:18-32)

III. Retribution: I will _____ (3:1-21)

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or read today's sermon. You'll find an archive of past
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