

Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

Sunday, July 6, 2025

Combined Summer Worship Service - 9:30 AM

Prelude: McKain Team

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

This Is Amazing Grace

To God Be The Glory (Hymn #72)

Candidate Testimony: Shane Fleming

Offering & Prayer

Offertory: Another in the Fire, Nygren Family

Scripture Reading: Psalm 78:1-8, Patti Lofgren

Message: From Generation to Generation, Pastor Jerry R.A. Johnson

Holy Forever

Benediction

The Deeply Devoted Podcast - Episode 043

This week on the podcast, we get to know Rob & Jackie Passer serving with ReachGlobal Crisis Response. We'll not only learn about their ministry to those impacted by crisis, but we'll get their perspective as our own community responds to the damage left by the recent storm in Bemidji.

Join Us for Summer Choir

It's time for our one-time Summer Choir: rehearse once on July 22 at 7 PM, sing once on July 27. We will sing an arrangement of "Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me." You know the song; now come discover the joy of praising God by singing in a group together! Questions? Talk to Ian Trosen (952) 607-9095 or Laura Engelstad (218) 209-8190.

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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Congregational Meeting

July 13th at 10:45 AM we will hold a special Congregational meeting in the sanctuary. 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 Fleming as our new Youth & 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. Members please help us reach our quorum.

Memorial Book Entry

Back in December of 2024 to the glory of God, in loving memory of Jerry Hannah a memorial gift of funds given for the Foster Care Ministry was presented by his wife, Mary Hannah.

Alice Fuglestad

Alice Fuglestad went Home to her Lord and Savior on Easter Sunday 2025. Please join us for a Celebration of Life at 2 PM on Tuesday, July 8th Bemidji First Assembly, 1015 4th St. SE. A luncheon will follow hosted by Alice's children Annie Hendrickson, Maria Raukar and Paul Fuglestad.

Memorial Service

The church family is welcome to attend a memorial service for Laura Engelstad's mother, Ann Wedekind, on Friday, July 18 at 2 PM. Visitation is one hour prior to the service, with light refreshments afterward.

Facility Supervisor Update

Our Facility Supervisor, Justin Nicholson, informed our Trustees that he is resigning from his position. He really appreciated this opportunity to serve. He and his family will continue to attend and be part of our church. July 12 is his last day on staff.

Next Sunday, July 13, 2025 - 9:30 Combined Service

Message: The Best Way to Tell Others About Jesus

2 Corinthians 5:14-20, Pastor Jerry R.A. Johnson

Kids & Youth Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 6

- 9:30 am - No Beginner's or Kid's Church today
- Nursery is available for birth - 3 year old
- 11:00 am - No Nursery available



E-Free Kids

Summer Worship for Beginners/Kids Church

There is no Kid's or Beginner's Church today.

VBS - Sign up to Volunteer

It's not too late! If you would like to volunteer for VBS, please email Amy Graf at agraf@efcbemidji.org or let Jessica know in the office.

We still need help with Small Groups, Snacks, Crafts, and Games.

Final VBS training July 20th at 11:00am and will be held in the Lower Level Assembly Room.

VBS Registration Open

Register your child now for VBS:
August 10-13 from 6:00 pm to 8:15 pm



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.

Youth Ministry



Youth Group & Sunday School

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, July 5th

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!

Pray!

Pray for the July 13th vote on our candidate for Youth and Young Adults Pastor Shane Fleming.

Young Adults

Sunday, July 6

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, July 6

9:30 am - Combined Worship Service

11:00 am - Congregational Q&A for Candidate, Shane Fleming (Gym)

Tuesday, July 8

10:30 am - Bone Builders (Chapel)

5:00 pm - Outreach at Ridgeway

6:00 pm - Trustee Board Meeting (Conference Room/Room 3)

6:30 pm - Global Partners Meeting (Fireside Room)

Wednesday, July 9

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

9:00 am - Women of the Bible (Room 10)

Thursday, July 10

10:30 am - Bone Builders (Chapel)

6:30 pm - Worship Team (Sanctuary)

7:30 pm & 8:30 pm - Softball (city fields)

Friday, July 11

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

11:30 am - Senior Connection Potluck (Connection Café)

Sunday, July 13

9:30 am - Combined Worship Service

10:45 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.

11:15 am - Global Partner visit/2nd Sunday Prayer (Chapel)

Tuesday, July 14-17

Bemidji Library Booksale (gym)

What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

Senior Potluck July 11

Join us for our July Sr. Connection

Potluck on Friday, July 11 at 11:30.

Bring a dish to share and a friend.

We are pleased to have Nate Wilson's Dad, Harley, come share his woodworking skills. He specializes in carving birds and butterflies. All are welcome to join us; you don't have to be a senior to enjoy his presentation. Questions? Call Laura at 218-209-8190.

E-Free Softball

Come on out and support our

E-Free softball team Thursday nights!

This week, July 10th our team plays

Covenant at 7:30 in field 1 and at

8:30 against House of Prayer in field

1. There is a schedule posted on the bulletin boards if you'd like to see it.

Go E-Free!!

Bemidji Food Shelf

We can really use personal care

items like toothpaste, shampoo, bar soap and toilet paper. Call Linda with questions 218-766-7171.

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 \$43,000 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.

Now Hiring: Church Custodian

Please pray for our Search Team as we look for a Church Custodian (formerly Facility Supervisor). The job description is available online, including our church website, and in the church office. If you or someone you know may be a good fit, please connect with us in the main office or email: efree@paulbunyan.net.

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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

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Justin Nicholson, Facility Supervisor..... facilitysupervisor@efcbemidji.org

Laura Engelstad, 8:30 Music Director

Jason Robeck, 10:45 Music Director

Giving through June 29, 2025

Weekly Giving: \$ 19,416

Weekly Need: \$ 15,986

Giving YTD: \$ 372,761

Needed YTD: \$ 415,636



Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, June 29, 2025

359 onsite | 21 screens / 5 states

11:00am Connection Time: 226

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

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Becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus together.



We will not hide them from their descendants;
we will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD,
his power, and the wonders he has done.

Psalm 78:4



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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, July 5th, at 8:30 a.m.

Our Elders and Trustees will be having breakfast with Shane on Saturday, July 5th, at 8:30 a.m. This will be held in the East Chapel of the Community Life Center.

Lunch with the Staff Saturday, July 5th, at 12:00 p.m.

Our staff will enjoy getting to know Shane a little better over a lunch meeting in our East Chapel of the CLC.

Young Adult Ice Cream Social, Saturday, July 5th, 2:30pm

Our Young Adults will have a time to get to meet with Shane.

Youth/Parents Event Saturday, July 5th, from 5-7:30 p.m.

Middle 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, July 6th, 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 introduce himself and share his faith testimony and call to ministry.

Congregational Q&A Sunday, July 6th, 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.

Congregational Meeting Sunday, July 13th, at 10:45 a.m.

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From Generation to Generation
Psalm 78:1-8 on July 6, 2025
Pastor Jerry R. A. Johnson

Each generation of believers is called

Psalm 78 teaches us that each generation should...

...LEARN

...TELL

...TEACH

...WARN



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