

Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

Sunday, July 13, 2025

Combined Summer Worship Service - 9:30 AM

Prelude: Laura Engelstad, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

My Hope Is In The Lord (Hymn #482)

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-20, Debbie Johnson

Message: The Best Way to Tell Others About Jesus,

Pastor Jerry R.A. Johnson

Offering & Prayer

Offertory: Laura Engelstad, "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Global Partner Update

Take My Life And Let It Be (Hymn #568)

Benediction

The Deeply Devoted Podcast - Episode 044

This week on the podcast, Pastor Eric sits down with Scott Buchan, Camp Director at Camp Oak Hills, to find out what the Lord has been doing so far this summer at camp.

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.

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Congregational Meeting

Today, 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 October of 1982 to the glory of God, in loving memory of Doyle B. Smith, a memorial gift of hymnals was presented by his wife, Vivian A. Smith.

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.

July 27 Quarterly Congregational Meeting

We'll receive an update on our mid-year financials, learn about a quasi-endowment fund, and more at our quarterly congregational meeting on Sunday, July 27th at 11:00 AM in the sanctuary.

Members are urged to attend to help us reach a quorum, and, as always, anyone who is interested in our church's ministry is welcome to attend.

Annual Cookout & Cornhole Tournament

We regret to announce that we will not be hosting our annual Summer Cookout and Cornhole Tournament this year. We hope to bring this event back next summer. Plans are underway for our Kickoff Sunday Ministry Fair and Tailgate Cookout in September. Stay tuned!

Next Sunday, July 20, 2025 - 9:30 Combined Service

Message: Eternal CPR

2 Corinthians 5:18-21, Jim Hodgson, Elder

Kids & Youth Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 13

9:30 am - Beginner's Church - ages 4 - K (Lower Level Assembly Room)
Kid's Church - Grades 1 -5 (Youth Room)

Tuesday, July 15

6:30 pm - Trail Life (Gym)



E-Free Kids

Summer Worship for Beginners/Kids Church

Beginners/Kid's Church will be offered for the full hour during the 9:30am summer service. Kid's Church will be in the Youth Room, Beginner's Church will be in the Assembly Room. Please make sure to check in your children for their appropriate class.

VBS Donations

This year's theme is Live It Out (Camp Theme) - Living out the love of Jesus! We are not doing T-shirts this year, but each child will receive a backpack with a water bottle and camping supplies (compass, flashlight, keychain, etc). This is your opportunity to donate. Each backpack full of supplies is \$5. Also, you can donate towards our snacks for VBS - \$5. Make all your donations to VBS if you are using a check or paying online. You can donate cash in the giving box on the VBS table in the Connection Cafe.

Community Outreach Opportunities

Summer Picnics at Ridgeway

July 22nd - Ridgeway Outreach
Fry Bread truck - Come help set up tables/chairs at 4:30pm and play 9 square/gaga ball with kids and residents.

July 29th - Outreach Opportunity
Bemidji Community Picnic
Nymore Park - 5:00pm-6:30pm

Aug 19th - Ridgeway Outreach
4:30pm-6:30pm

VBS Registration Open

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



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

Youth Ministry



Youth Group & Sunday School

Sunday School will resume in September.

Pray!

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

Young Adults

Sunday, July 13

9:30 am - Summer Combined Service
10:45 am - Congregational Meeting

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.

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Upcoming Events

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)

July 14-17

Bemidji Library Booksale (gym)

Tuesday, July 15

10:30 am - Bone Builders (Chapel)

Wednesday, July 16

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

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

Thursday, July 17

10:30 am - Bone Builders (Chapel)

6:30 pm - Worship Team (Sanctuary)

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

Friday, July 18

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

2:00 pm - Funeral for Ann Wedekind

Sunday, July 20

9:30 am - Combined Worship Service

11:00 am - VBS Training (Lower Level Assembly Room)

2:00 pm - Grief Share: Loss of a Spouse (Chapel)

What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

E-Free Softball

Come on out and support our

E-Free softball team Thursday nights!

This week, July 17th our team plays

Tenstrike at 7:30 in field 2 and at

8:30 against St. Marks in field 4.

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

Go E-Free!!

Office Manager Update

Our Office Manager, Jessica

Westlund, let us know that she is

resigning from her position. Her last

day will be Wednesday, July 23. She

will be greatly missed. Please take

time to thank her for her faithful

service to our church.

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.

Global Fingerprints Update

We received word this week that

Global Fingerprints had to make the

difficult decision to close one of its

sites in South Asia. Over the past

several months, the ministry has

experienced heightened government

scrutiny in that part of the world.

They are no longer authorized to

receive foreign funds. More than 700

children will no longer be able to

receive support through the Global

Fingerprints Child Sponsorship

Program. If you sponsor a Global

Fingerprints child in South Asia, you

will be contacted soon by the

ministry about other support

opportunities should you choose to

continue. Please be in prayer for this

ministry site and these children. For

more information, contact Pastor Eric.

Loss of a Spouse Seminar

Sunday, July 20, 2-4pm at the E-Free

Church in the Chapel. Questions?

Contact Jenny Hodgson at 218-556-

4250.

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Laura Engelstad, 8:30 Music Director

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Giving through July 6, 2025

Weekly Giving: \$ 12,326

Weekly Need: \$ 15,986

Giving YTD: \$ 385,087

Needed YTD: \$ 431,622



Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, July 6, 2025

286 onsite | 32 screens / 8 states

11:00am Connection Time: 138

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