

## Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji

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### Giving through August 31, 2025

Weekly Giving: \$6,331

Weekly Need: \$15,986

Giving YTD: \$507,009

Needed YTD: \$559,510



### Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, August 31, 2025

303 onsite | 23 screens / 5 states

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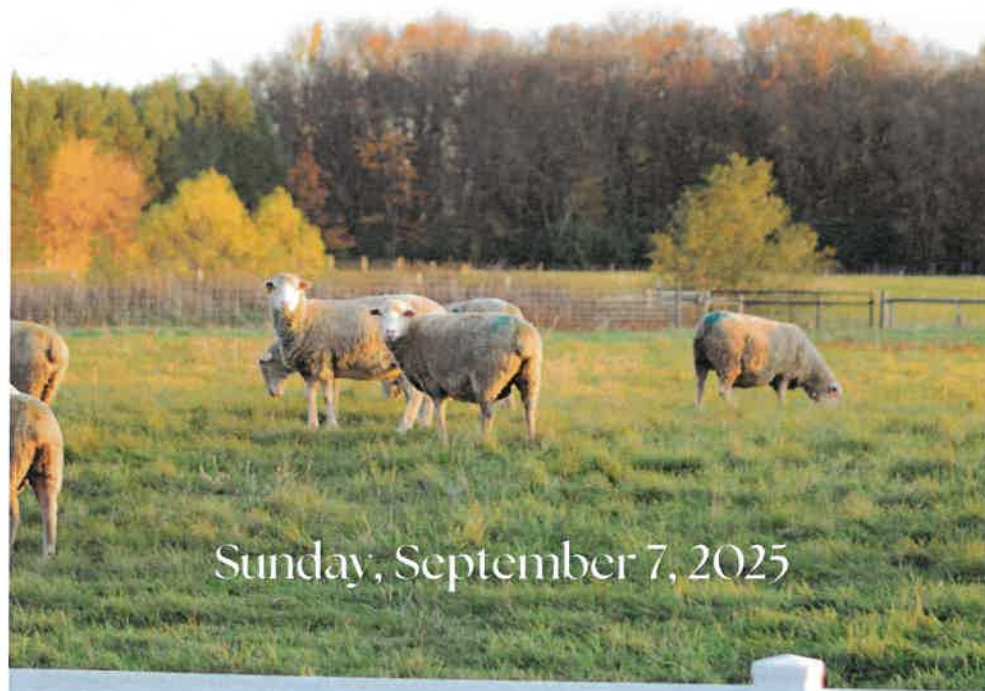
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Becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus together.



# BECOMING DEEPLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF JESUS TOGETHER



# Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

**Sunday, September 7, 2025**

## Combined Summer Worship Service - 9:30 AM

Prelude: Mary Severseike, Organ

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

### Living Hope

### Be Thou My Vision (#532)

Pastor Shane's Installation

Offering & Prayer

Offertory: "The Solid Rock" (#517) Handbells, see pg. 6

Scripture Reading: Lea Cermak, Titus 2:11-14

Message: Embracing Our Gospel G's, Pastor Jerry R.A. Johnson

Communion

### Deeply Devoted

Benediction

### Giving to our Roof Fund

Our church roof suffered significant damage in the June 21 storm. If you'd like to give a financial gift, above and beyond your regular giving, to help toward these repairs, please designate it "Roof Fund."

### The Deeply Devoted Podcast: Episode 048

This week on the podcast, Nate and Taumi Wilson sit down with Pastor Eric to talk about their experience with Life Groups at E-Free Bemidji. Tune in to learn more about this ministry and why you should prayerfully consider joining a Life Group.

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

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### 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](mailto:efree@paulbunyan.net).

### Now Hiring: Office Manager

Please pray for our Search Team as we look for an Office Manager. The job description is available by stopping by the church office or on our website ([www.efcbemidji.org/jobs](http://www.efcbemidji.org/jobs)). Applicants can email [efree@paulbunyan.net](mailto:efree@paulbunyan.net) with a letter of inquiry and resume.

### Next Sunday, September 14, 2025

The Faith of the Centurion

Luke 7:1-10, Pastor Jerry R.A. Johnson

## Kids & Youth Upcoming Events

### Sunday, September 7

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

Kid's Church - Grades 1 -5 (Lower Level Assembly Room)

11:00 am - Kickoff Sunday - Join us at the Ministry Fair &

Free Cookout

### Wednesday, September 10

5:00-5:45 pm - Family Meal: Pizza

6:00-7:30 pm - Kids Club, PreK - 5th Grade (Lower Level)

6:00-7:45 pm - Youth Group, grades 6-12 (Youth Room)



## E-Free Kids

### Kickoff Sunday

Stop by the Kids Ministry Table to get some popcorn, football souvenir cup, play some games, and learn about opportunities to serve.

### Volunteers Needed!

We are in need of several Volunteers.

- 2 Committed Kindergarten leaders for Wednesday Night Kids Club
- 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade leaders for Wednesday Night Kids Club
- 5-10 helpers for Beginner's Church/Kids Church, who can help serve 1 time/quarter.
- 3 Sunday school helpers and substitutes.

## Kids Club

Beginning this Wednesday September 10th at 6:00pm.

Meal is pizza and begins at 5:00pm in the gym.

Kids Club is from 6-7:30pm

**(NOTE: This is a time change!)**

We are ending Kids Club at 7:30pm this year. Please bring your "check-in" tag to your child's leader and pick them up at 7:30pm at their classroom.

Youth Group will still be ending at 7:45pm

## Kids Sunday School

Sunday School Begins September 14th at 9:45am - 10:35am

PreK and Kindergarten will be in the PreK classroom

1st-5th will be in the 2nd/3rd grade classroom

## Youth Ministry

### Youth Group & Sunday School



### Wednesday, September 10

5:00-5:45 pm - Family Meal: Pizza

6:00-7:30 pm - Kids Club, PreK - 5th Grade (Lower Level)

6:00-7:45 pm - Youth Group (Youth Room)

### Sunday, September 14

9:45 am - Sunday School, "Faker or Follower" Series (5:11 Room)

## Youth Group is Back

Our first youth group of the year is this Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6-7:45 pm. the meal will be served from 5-5:45 pm.

## Sunday School Begins

Sunday School starts back up next week on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Our topic is, "Faker or Follower."

## Fall Fling

Camp Shamaineau time is here! It will be the weekend of October 31<sup>st</sup> - November 2<sup>nd</sup>. See Pastor Shane for more information.

## Young Adults

### Sunday, September 7

9:30 am - Summer Combined Service

11:00 am - Ministry Fair and Free Cookout!

### Tuesday, September 9

6:30 pm - Anchor (5:11 Room)

## ANCHOR

Diving into the Gospel of Mark. Come join us in the 5:11 Room on Tuesday at 6:30pm.



Cru is back on BSU campus for the Fall Semester! Open to all BSU, Oak Hills, NW Tech, Leech Lake, and Red Lake Nation students. We meet Thursday nights from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Crying Wolf Room. As well as having Monday Night Men's and Women's Bible Studies. See Mark C. or Terry H. with questions:

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## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, September 7

9:30 am - Combined Worship Service & Communion

11:00 am – Ministry Fair & Free Cookout (Gym)

### Tuesday, September 9

10:00 am - Women's Bible Study (Fireside Room)

10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)

6:00 pm - Trustees Meeting (Conference Room)

6:30 pm - Global Connections Team Meeting (Fireside Room)

### Wednesday, September 10

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

### Thursday, September 11

10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)

6:30 pm - Women's Bible Study Fellowship (Youth Room, East Chapel, and West Chapel)

### Friday, September 12

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

### Saturday, September 13

8:30 am - Men's Breakfast (Gym)

### Sunday, September 14

8:30 am - Traditional Worship Service

9:45 am - Sunday School Hour

9:45 am - Second Sunday Prayer (East Chapel)

10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service

## What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

### Kickoff Sunday is Here!

Please join us in the Gym at 11am after the service for the Ministry Fair and Free Cookout!

### September Senior Connection Potluck

Senior adults, please join us on Friday, Sept. 12 at 11:30 in the Connection Cafe for our monthly potluck and program. Bring a simple dish (or fancy, if you like) to share, and a friend. Tom Halverson will share his artistic talents and a spiritual lesson with a Chalk Talk. Call or text Laura at 218-209-8190 for questions.

### Offertory Lyrics

The Solid Rock (#517)

My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and  
righteousness; I dare not trust  
the sweetest frame, but wholly  
lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ the solid Rock I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand!

### Memorial Book Entry

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Carl Olander, a memorial gift of hymnals was presented by his wife Florence Olander in December of 1988.

### Welcome a New Member of the Neill Family

Serenity Grace Neill was born on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:40 pm.  
Congratulations Seth and Zirah!

### Choir - Come Join Us & Schedule Changes

This year the choir will only sing one Sunday a month, and rehearse for just the two Tuesdays before we sing. Our first practice is Sept. 16 at 7:15. We need all singers, especially men. Maybe this new schedule will work well for you. Come and join us! Contact Ian at (952) 607-9095 or Laura at (218) 209-8190 with questions.

# STRATEGIC MINISTRY PLAN

## EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF BEMIDIJ



### MISSION

*What we are  
supposed to be  
doing as a church.*



### VISION

*A picture of  
what the mission  
will look like when  
it is realized.*

**BECOMING  
DEEPLY DEVOTED  
FOLLOWERS OF  
JESUS TOGETHER.**

## WE WILL BE A CHURCH WHO

- GLORIFIES GOD IN ALL OF LIFE
- IS TRANSFORMED BY GOD'S WORD
- SERVES AND CARES FOR EACH OTHER IN LOVE
- WELCOMES ALL PEOPLE AND CARES FOR OUR NEIGHBORS
- PERSONALLY SHARES THE GOSPEL LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY

## DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY



*A plan to guide  
disciples toward  
maturity in Christ.*



### CORE VALUES

*The biblical beliefs that empower  
and guide our ministries.*

#### GOD'S GLORY

#### BIBLICAL FOUNDATION

#### CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP

#### CARING FOR THE BODY OF BELIEVERS

#### CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

#### EVANGELIZING THE LOST





Fill out this sheet for yourself and stick it in your Bible, on your fridge, or somewhere you'll see it. Then fill out the bottom portion and return it in to the church office or at the Ministry Fair for **a chance to win a coffee shop gift card!**



I plan to **gather** for worship at: 8:30/10:45 am

I hope to **grow** this season by joining:

- a Life Group
- a Sunday School class
- a Youth, Young Adult, or Men's/Women's group
- \_\_\_\_\_



This season, I plan to regularly **give**:

- cheerfully, what I have decided in my heart to give financially to support the ministry of E-Free Bemidji and its Global Partners.
- using my spiritual gifts by serving on the \_\_\_\_\_ ministry team.
- \_\_\_\_\_



**Go!** I want to share my faith locally and engage with the gospel globally by: \_\_\_\_\_

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With the Lord's help, I've got a plan to GATHER, GROW, GIVE, and GO this year!

Name:

Phone:

Email:



### WHAT IS A LIFE GROUP?

A Life Group is a small group of 10 to 14 adults who are committed to meeting regularly for the purpose of becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus together.

Life Groups are designed to be a place where people can learn together and can love one another.



### WHERE AND WHEN DO LIFE GROUPS MEET?

Some Life Groups gather in a member's home. Others meet at the church. Life Groups often come together around a kitchen table or in a living room setting that provides a good space for fellowship, discussion, and prayer. We encourage your group to meet weekly. Life Groups meet from September through May, with breaks for holidays and other special occasions.

### WHAT DOES A TYPICAL LIFE GROUP GATHERING LOOK LIKE?

Life Groups meet for around 90 minutes. This allows enough time for visiting as a group, spending time in sermon-based discussion, and sharing life and a time of prayer. Often, groups will enjoy treats or a meal together.

### IS CHILDCARE AVAILABLE?

There are some Life Groups available for families with kids, however, not all of our groups are able to accommodate children or provide childcare. Individuals may need to arrange their own childcare in order to participate in a Life Group.

### HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR A LIFE GROUP?

Sign up at the Ministry Fair in the Gym, register online at [efcbemidji.org/lifegroups](https://efcbemidji.org/lifegroups) or by scanning the QR code with your smart phone.

### QUESTIONS?

Contact Pastor Eric at (218) 751-8834 or [pastorerice@efcbemidji.org](mailto:pastorerice@efcbemidji.org)



JOIN A LIFE GROUP





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MON	TUE	WED	THU
<div>OPEN</div> <b>Paul &amp; Launa Schlador</b> 6-7:30 pm	<div>OPEN</div> <b>Len &amp; Sandi Carlson</b> 2:00- 3:30 pm	<b>Dan Evans/ Neil Hall</b> 6-7:30 pm (Fireside Room)	<div>OPEN</div> <b>Tom Halverson</b> 10-11 am (Fireside Room)
<b>Randy &amp; Mishele McKain</b> 6:30-8 pm	<div>OPEN</div> <b>Anchor Young Adults</b> 6:30-8 pm (5:11 Room)	<div>OPEN</div> <b>Justin &amp; Kara Nicholson</b> 6-7:30 pm (Green Room)	<div>OPEN</div> <b>John S. Men's Group</b> 6:30-8 pm (Fireside Room)
	<b>Johnson Life Group</b> 6:30-8 pm (at church)		
	<div>OPEN</div> <b>Hudson &amp; Lea Cermak</b> 7-8:30 pm		