

Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji

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Giving through Sept. 14th, 2025

Weekly Giving: \$16,650

Weekly Need: \$15,986

Giving YTD: \$540,369

Needed YTD: \$591,482

Roof Funds Recieved: \$28,560



Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, September 14th, 2025

388 onsite | 36 screens / 8 states

SS: 23 kids | 10 youth | 44 adults

Connection Café/Misc: 69

Wednesday, September 17th, 2025

66 adults, 80 children, 76 youth

Sign up for text notifications

Stay connected by signing up to receive our text notifications.

General notifications: text **efree** to **94000**

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

Youth Ministry: text **efcbesm** to **94000**

Prayer chain: text **efreeprayer** to **94000**

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Sunday, September 21, 2025

Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

Sunday, September 21, 2025

Traditional Worship Service - 8:30 AM

Prelude: Mary Larson, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

To God Be The Glory (#72)

My Hope Is In The Lord (#482)

Oh, the Mercy of God

Offering & Prayer

Offertory: "Lamb of God", Ian Trosen

Global Partner Update: Franklin & Lorine Limarii

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church

Scripture Reading: Scott Engelstad, Luke 7:11-17

Message: Living Hope, Pastor Eric Nygren

Living Hope

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 049

This week on the podcast, Pastor Eric visits with Brandon Mustful to chat about Christians in the marketplace and faith at work. Visit efcbemidji.org/podcast to listen or to subscribe.

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

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

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Contemporary Worship Service - 10:45 AM

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

Tabernacle

Glory Glory (God is Able)

Promises

Offering & Prayer

Offertory: Holy Forever

Global Partners Update: Franklin & Lorine Limarii

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church

Scripture Reading: Serena Hall, Luke 7:11-17

Message: Living Hope, Pastor Eric Nygren

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Benediction

Bemidji Area Food Shelf

The Bemidji Area Food Shelf is currently in need of bar soap and toothpaste. Any help would be greatly appreciated. We have donation bins by the church office that you can put items in at any time.

Next Sunday, September 28, 2025

Adjusting Our Expectations and Acknowledging God's Ways
Luke 7:18-35, Pastor Jerry R.A. Johnson

Kids & Youth Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 21

8:30 am - Kids/Beginners Church (Lower Level, dismissed before sermon)

9:45 am - Kids Sunday School (Lower Level)

9:45 am - Youth Sunday School (5:11 Room)

10:45 am - Kids/Beginners Church (Lower, dismissed before sermon)

Wednesday, September 24

5:00-5:45 pm - Family Meal: Hot Dogs

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

Volunteers Needed!

We are in need of volunteers for Beginners Church and Kids Church. Please consider serving once per quarter.

Kids Sunday School

Our Kids Sunday School has begun.

9:45 am - 10:35 am on the lower level. PreK - 1st will be held in the PreK classroom. 2nd - 5th will be held in the 2/3rd grade classroom.

Come join us to learn more about Jesus!



Kids Club

E-Free Kids Club welcomes all children ages 4 through 5th grade! Join us for dinner at 5pm. Use our Secure Child Check-In and drop your children off in their classroom by 6:00pm. Pickup your children in their classrooms by 7:30 pm. We meet each week in small group, large group Bible teaching, worship, snacks and games. Contact Amy with questions: agraf@efcbemidji.org

Youth Ministry

Youth Sunday School

Youth Sunday School is in the 5:11 room at 9:45 am. Don't miss out as we go through the series, "Faker or Follower."



Student Rally

We are taking part in a Student Rally for local youth being held at the Crossroads Church from 6:30-8:00 pm on Tuesday September 23rd. All Youth Group students are invited to attend. For More information ask Pastor Shane or email pastorshane@efcbemidji.org

See You at the Pole

National "See You at the pole" Day is on Wednesday September 24th. Meet up with others in our community before school at the flag pole at your school to pray over our schools together.

Fall Fling

Camp Shamineau time is here! It's happening the weekend of October 31st- November 2nd. See Pastor Shane for registration and more information.

Young Adults

Sunday, September 14

8:30 am - Traditional Service

10:45 am - Contemporary Service

Tuesday, September 16

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

ANCHOR

We're diving into the Gospel of Mark. Join us on Tuesday nights in the 5:11 Room from 6:30-8:00pm.



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 7:30-8:30 pm in Memorial 240. 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 21

- 8:30 am - Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am - Adult Bible Study: Gospel of John (Room 10)
- 9:45 am - Adult SS: Survey of Church History (East Chapel)
- 9:45 am - Adult SS: Old Testament Survey (West Chapel)
- 10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service

Tuesday, September 23

- 10:00 am - Women's Bible Study (Fireside Room)
- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)

Wednesday, September 24

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

Thursday, September 25

- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
- 6:30 pm - Women's Bible Study Fellowship (Youth Room, East Chapel, and West Chapel)
- 6:30 pm - Heart of a Man: Men's Discipleship (Green Room)

Sunday, September 28

- 8:30 am - Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am - Adult Bible Study: Gospel of John (Room 10)
- 9:45 am - Survey of Church History (East Chapel)
- 9:45 am - Old Testament Survey (West Chapel)
- 10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service

What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

Book Signing by Greg Giles

Greg Giles, former E-Free Bemidji member, and former professor at Oak Hills Christian College, will be having an informal gathering in our Fireside Room on Sunday afternoon, September 28, beginning around noon. There will be a brief reading from his new book, "Wisdom About Wisdom," as well as an opportunity to buy a signed copy.

Fraud Alert

Please be careful NOT to respond to any email supposedly coming from one of the church staff that asks you to purchase gift cards or give personal information. This is a scam. Please contact the church office with any questions or concerns.

Memorial Book Entry

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Frosty Tyner, a memorial gift of a piano was presented by her Husband Frank Tyner in July of 1989.

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.

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). Applicants can email efree@paulbunyan.net with a letter of inquiry and resume.

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Friday, October 3rd
Friday, November 14th
Friday, December 12th
7:00-8:30 PM

Join us for this three-part event this fall and enjoy an evening of encouragement, instruction, and dessert!

Return the registration below to the church office or scan the QR code to register online.

\$20/Couple Registration Fee due at first event.



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Names:

Anniversary: