

Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji

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Jason Robeck, 10:45 Music Director

Giving through Sept. 28th, 2025

Weekly Giving: \$8,266

Weekly Need: \$15,986

Giving YTD: \$561,381

Needed YTD: \$623,454

Roof Funds Received: \$60,175



Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, September 28th, 2025

397 onsite | 28 screens / 9 states

Wednesday, October 1st, 2025

53 adults, 68 children, 62 youth

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Becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus together.



BECOMING DEEPLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF JESUS TOGETHER



Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

Sunday, October 5th, 2025

Traditional Worship Service - 8:30 AM

Prelude: Deb Graves, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

I Will Sing of the Mercies (#30)

Grace Greater Than Our Sin (#472)

Amazing Grace (#502)

Ministry Moment: Senior Connection

Offering & Prayer

Offertory: Deb Graves, piano

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church

Scripture Reading: Brian Eastling, Luke 7:18-35

Message: Responding to Jesus, Pastor Eric Nygren

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (#576)

Benediction

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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Contemporary Worship Service - 10:45 AM

Prelude: Gratitude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

Lead on Good Shepherd

Build My Life

Way Maker

Ministry Moment: Senior Connection

Offering & Prayer

Offertory: Your Great Name

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church

Scripture Reading: Sarah Robeck, Luke 7:18-35

Message: Responding to Jesus, Pastor Eric Nygren

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Benediction

Grief Share

A GriefShare support group is meeting on Sundays, 2-4 pm, in the Chapel, through December 14. Everyone is welcome to join at any time. For more information contact Jenny Hodgson, 218-556-4250.

Giving to our Roof Fund

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

Next Sunday, October 12, 2025

His Mercy is More, Luke 7:36-8:3

Pastor Eric Nygren



Kids & Youth Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 5

- 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, October 8

- 5:00-5:45 pm - Family Meal: Tacos
- 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."



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, October 5

- 8:30 am - Traditional Service
- 10:45 am - Contemporary Service

Monday, October 6

- 7:00 pm - CRU Women's Bible Study (BSU, South Conference Room)

Tuesday, October 7

- 6:30 pm - Anchor (5:11 Room)
- 7:00 pm - CRU Men's Bible Study (BSU, Ozawindib Room)

Thursday, October 9

- 7:30 pm - CRU (BSU, Hobson Memorial 240)

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 a Tuesday Night Men's Bible Study and Monday Night Women's Bible Studies. See Mark C. or Terry H. with questions:

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 5

- 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 (West Chapel)
- 9:45 am - Adult SS: Old Testament Survey (East Chapel)
- 10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service
- 2:00 pm - Grief Share (Chapel)

Tuesday, October 7

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

Wednesday, October 8

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

Thursday, October 9

- 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 (Fireside Room)

Friday, October 10

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

Sunday, October 12

- 8:30 am - Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am - Adult Bible Study: Gospel of John (Room 10)
- 9:45 am - Second Sunday Prayer (Chapel)
- 10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service
- 2:00 pm - Grief Share (Chapel)

What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

October Senior Connection

All senior adults are welcome to come for our Senior Connection Potluck this Friday, Oct. 10 at 11:30 in the Connection Cafe. Bring a friend or two, and a dish to share (store-bought or homemade is fine). This month Len & Sandi Carlson will share their life story and their walk with God. Come enjoy a refreshing time of fellowship! Call or text Laura at 218-209-8190 with any questions.

Officer Nominees

We will be voting on nominees for Elder, Trustee, and Church Clerk at our October 26th Congregational Meeting.

Elder: Jerry Drebelbis,
Jim Hodgson, Paul Thomas

Trustee: Richard Anderson,
John Baer, Dan Frost

Church Clerk: TBD

Foster the Family

the Foster Closet is in need of boys and girls clothes size 5-7. Any items brought in can be dropped off in the church office.

Memorial Book Entry

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Cliff Schneider, a memorial gift of a Mountain Ash Tree was presented by his son, Ralph Schneider in October 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.

Missions Golf Tournament

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Missions Golf Tournament last week! we raised approximately \$1,300.

Women's Overflow

Ladies! Our October Overflow will be meeting Monday, October 20th from 6:30-8:00 PM at the fire pit on the west side of the church. We'll stay warm by the campfire singing praise songs, hearing from a speaker, and making s'mores. Stop by the women's ministry table in the Connection Cafe and sign up!