

Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji

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Giving through October 5, 2025

Weekly Giving: \$11,920

Weekly Need: \$15,986

Giving YTD: \$573,301

Needed YTD: \$639,440

Roof Funds Received: \$62,715



Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, October 5, 2025

346 onsite | 29 screens / 10 states

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

66 adults, 72 children, 60 youth

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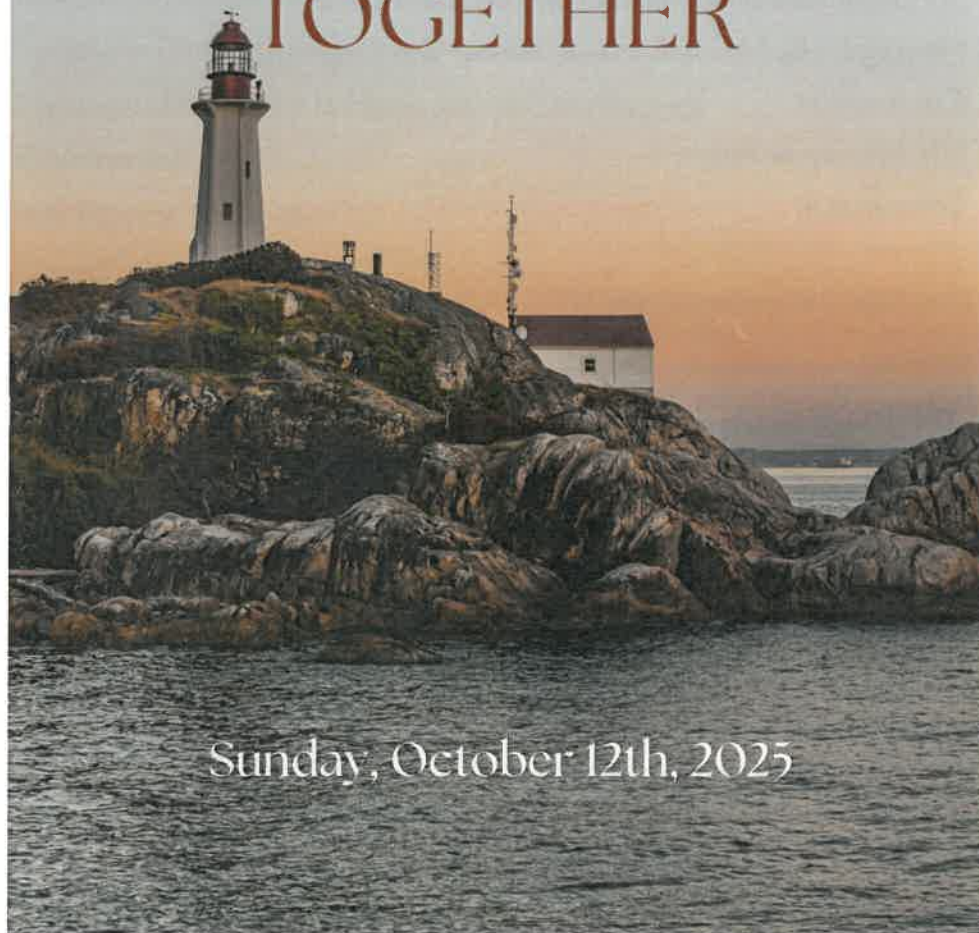
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Becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus together.



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BECOMING DEEPLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF JESUS TOGETHER



Sunday, October 12th, 2025

Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Traditional Worship Service - 8:30 AM

Prelude: Kay Sue, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It! (#505)

There is a Redeemer

Offering & Prayer

Offertory: Kay Sue, piano

Scripture Reading: Mishel Carlson, Luke 8:1-3

Message: His Mercy Is More, Pastor Eric Nygren

Communion

His Mercy Is More

Benediction

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!

The Deeply Devoted Podcast

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Contemporary Worship Service - 10:45 AM

Prelude: Never Once

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

Your Grace Is Enough

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

Offering & Prayer

Offertory: Jesus Lover of My Soul

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church

Scripture Reading: Sherry Shindelar, Luke 8:1-3

Message: His Mercy Is More, Pastor Eric Nygren

Communion

His Mercy Is More

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Update from Elder Board

Pastor Jerry Johnson is currently on leave due to a private matter. We will share with you more information as we are able. During this time, we ask for your patience. If you have any questions, please speak with our Elder Chair, Jerry Drebelbis.

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 19, 2025

How do we become deeply devoted Christ-followers?

Col. 3:1-4:1, Elder Jim Hodgson



Kids & Youth Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 12

8:30 am - No Kids/Beginners Church for the 8:30 service this Sunday.

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

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

10:45 am - Kids/Beginners Church (Lower Level, dismissed during service)

Wednesday, October 15

No Kids Club or Youth Group due to MEA weekend. We look forward to seeing you next week!

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 is going on at 9:45 am - 10:35 am in the lower level. PreK - 1st is held in the PreK classroom. 2nd - 5th is held in the 2/3rd grade classroom. Come join us to learn more about Jesus!



Kids Club

There is no Kids Club this week due to MEA Weekend. We look forward to having you back next week!!

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."



Youth Group

There is no Youth Group this week due to MEA Weekend. We look forward to having you back next week!!

Fall Fling

Camp Shamineau time is here! It's happening the weekend of October 31st - November 2nd. Remember to get your forms in by the deadline on October 22nd. See Pastor Shane for registration and more information.

Young Adults

Sunday, October 12

8:30 am - Traditional Service

10:45 am - Contemporary Service

Monday, October 13

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

Tuesday, October 14

7:00 pm - CRU Men's Bible Study (BSU, Ozawindib Room)

Thursday, October 16

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

ANCHOR

There is no Anchor this week. Join us next Tuesday in the 5:11 Room from 6:30-8:00pm as we go through the Gospel of Mark.



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 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)

Monday, October 13

- 6:30 pm - Membership Class (East Chapel)

Tuesday, October 14

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

Wednesday, October 15

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

Thursday, October 16

- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
- 6:30 pm - Women's Bible Study Fellowship (Youth Room, East Chapel, West Chapel, and Classroom 4)

Friday, October 17

- 7:00 am - Heart of a Man: Men's Discipleship (Green Room)

Saturday, October 18

- 10:00 am - Not Forgotten - Adult Grief Group (Room 10)

Sunday, October 19

- 8:30 am - Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am - Adult Bible Study: Gospel of John (Room 10)
- 9:45 am - Survey of Church History (West Chapel)
- 9:45 am - Old Testament Survey (East Chapel)
- 10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service
- 2:00 pm - Grief Share (Chapel)

What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

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, and Terry Hewitt.

Trustee: Richard Anderson, John Baer, Dan Frost, and Nicki Carlson.

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.

Membership Class

Join us on Monday, October 13th, 6:30-8:30 pm for a group discussion on what it means to become a member of a local church and why it's important. This membership class is the first step in the membership process at E-Free Bemidji. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend. Copies of the Membership Handbook are available in the office or on our website.

Bemidji Community Food Shelf

The food shelf is in need of personal hygiene products like shampoo, bar soap, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, and more. If you would like to help out leave your donations in the donation baskets by the office.

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.

Contact Information Update FALL 2024 2025

Do you attend E-Free? Please fill out the form below, or scan the QR code to access the form on your smartphone. If you already filled in the form last year & nothing has changed, please just put your name on it & return to the office with the words "the same". **If you have never filled it out**, please do so & return to the office. I'd like to meet you!! **Jessica Westlund**, Office Manager



Name: _____
(Last, First) (cell phone number)

email: _____

Spouse: _____
(Last, First) (cell phone number)

email: _____

Address: _____

(city)

(zip)

Landline phone: _____

Childrens Names
(kids at home)

Grade

birthday
mm/dd/yy

allergies,
health concerns,
special needs

I am presently a college student enrolled at: _____

Please circle which service you typically attend:

8:30am

10:45am

in person

Livestream

Would you like:

- to receive occasional **text notifications**: weather-related & event reminders? Yes No
- to receive the **weekly bulletin** by email? Yes No