

Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji

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Giving through October 26, 2025

Weekly Giving: \$9,417

Weekly Need: \$15,986

Giving YTD: \$609,899

Needed YTD: \$687,398

Roof Funds Received: \$74,234



Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, October 26, 2025

319 onsite | 36 screens / 11 states

Sunday School Hour: 129

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

59 adults, 67 children, 65 youth

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Becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus together.



Psalm 119:105

YOUR
WORD IS A
LAMP FOR
MY FEET,
A LIGHT
ON MY
PATH.

Sunday, November 2, 2025

Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

Sunday, November 2, 2025

Traditional Worship Service - 8:30 AM

Prelude: Laura Engelstad, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

Holy, Holy, Holy (#2)

Be Unto Your Name

Glorify Your Name (#10)

Ministry Moment: Grace Marriage

Offering & Prayer

Offertory: Ian Trosen, "His Robes for Mine"

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church

Scripture Reading: Reed Carlson, Luke 8:16-21

Message: Responding to Light, Pastor Eric Nygren

Thy Word

Benediction

Give Thanks

In preparation for Thanksgiving later this month, we would like to video record a variety of brief testimonies and words of thanksgiving that we can share at our services on November 23rd. If you would like to share a short message of thanksgiving, please contact Pastor Eric to schedule a time to record.

The Deeply Devoted Podcast

Catch up on past episodes of The Deeply Devoted Podcast by visiting efcbemidji.org/podcast or by subscribing on your favorite podcast platform. Send an email to podcast@efcbemidji.org to share your comments, feedback, or episode ideas.

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Contemporary Worship Service - 10:45 AM

Prelude: Breakthrough

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

Your Great Name

Battle Belongs

Thank You Jesus

Ministry Moment: Grace Marriage

Offering & Prayer

Offertory: Mighty To Save

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church

Scripture Reading: Sarah Robeck, Luke 8:16-21

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Glorify Thy Name

Benediction

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.

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, November 9, 2025

What Moves You?

Luke 8:22-25, Matt Graf

Kids & Youth Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 2

- 8:30 am - Kids/Beginners Church (Lower Level, dismissed during service)
- 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, November 5

- 5:00-5:45 pm - Family Meal: MN Hotdish
- 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

Sunday, November 23rd Kids Leading Worship Music

8:30am service - the kids from the 8:30am Kids Church Service will be leading the song, "I Thank God" at the end of the service. We will rehearse during Kids Church in the Assembly Room.

10:45am service - Kids will be leading 2 songs at the 10:45am service. "Jericho Song" and "I Thank God"

at the beginning of the service. We will rehearse at 10:20am in the Sanctuary.

Volunteers Needed!

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



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

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!

Youth Ministry



Youth Sunday School

No Youth Sunday school today.

Young Adults

Sunday, November 2

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

Tuesday, November 4

- 6:00 pm - Anchor (5:11 Room)

Thursday, November 6

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

ANCHOR

Join us for Anchor on Tuesday nights 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: mhockeymd@gmail.com Terryleehewitt@gmail.com

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 2

- 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)

Tuesday, November 4

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

Wednesday, November 5

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

Thursday, November 6

- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
- 6:30 pm - Women's Bible Study Fellowship (Youth Room, East Chapel, West Chapel, and Classroom 4)
- 6:30 pm - Heart of a Man: Men's Discipleship (Green Room)

Sunday, November 9

- 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

Senior Potluck Nov. 14

Senior adults, please come to our potluck on Nov. 14 at 11:30 in the Connection Cafe. Bring a dish to share as we eat and fellowship together. Friends are welcome too! This month Dave Vogel will share stories from his life and his walk with the Lord. . If you'd like, bring a couple dollars for a gift to our local Food Shelf. For questions, contact Laura at 218-209-8190.

Women's Overflow

LADIES! The November Overflow will be meeting Monday, November 17th from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Connection Cafe and will focus on the persecuted church. We'll hear from a speaker and create/write some notes of encouragement to send to our global partners. Stop by the women's ministry table in the Connection Cafe and let us know you're coming!

Bemidji Food Shelf

he 3rd Friday of every month our church provides volunteers to serve at the Food Shelf, from 9 am - 12:15 pm. If you're interested in serving, please call Linda Shutter at (218) 766-7171. Thank you!

Memorial Book Entry

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Pearl Seaton, a memorial gift toward the organ, was presented by her daughter and son-in-law, Pearl and Russell Stordahl in May of 1990.

Communion

Next Sunday, November 12th, the Lord's Supper will be served during both worship services. We will be using our non-alcoholic communion juice and gluten free bread. All who trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior are invited to celebrate with us. Please take time to reflect upon your walk with the Lord and relationships with other Christians. 1 Corinthians 11:28 urges, "We ought to examine ourselves before we eat of the bread and drink of the cup." The Lord's Supper represents Christians' union with Jesus and unity with other believers.

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.

You're invited to take part in a new grace-based marriage discipleship curriculum that fills the gap between premarital counseling and crisis care.

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Friday, November 14th

Friday, December 12th

7:00-8:30 PM

**Join us for our next 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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Life Group Questions for the week of October 26th

1. How did you do with the time change this week? How do you feel about the days growing shorter as we approach winter?
2. Why do you think the theme of light is so prevalent in Scripture? What makes light such a good metaphor when describing God's revealed word and our response to it?
3. Read Luke 8:16-18. Our problem isn't lack of access to the light. Too often, it's a lack of interest. Why do you think this is the case? What is the solution?
4. Read Romans 1:18-21. What does it look like for someone to "suppress the truth" or hide the light they have? When do you tend to behave this way?
5. It's important to consider *what* you're listening to, but why is it necessary to consider carefully *how* you listen? (v. 18) What do you think this looks like in practice? What is one next step you can take?
6. Read Luke 8:19-21. What are some ways people can confuse proximity to Jesus with knowing him personally? Was there a time in your life when you confused the two?

Our Life Groups are all about learning together and loving one another. Visit www.efcbemidji.org/lifegroups for more info.



Responding to Light

Luke 8:16-21 on November 2nd, 2025

Pastor Eric Nygren

How am I responding to the light I have been given?

There is a _____ and a _____ to respond to the light.

The wrong way is to _____ try and _____ the light that you've been given.

The right way to respond to the light we're given is to _____.

Take care that you don't confuse _____ to Jesus with knowing him _____.

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