

Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji

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Giving through November 2, 2025

Weekly Giving: \$26,130

Weekly Need: \$15,986

Giving YTD: \$636,029

Needed YTD: \$703,384

Roof Funds Received: \$74,239



Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, November 2, 2025

292 onsite | 39 screens / 11 states

Sunday School Hour: 122

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

60 adults, 58 children, 46 youth

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Sunday, November 9, 2025

Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

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Traditional Worship Service - 8:30 AM

Prelude: Mary Larson, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (#60)

Communion

What A Wonderful Savior (#488)

Offering & Prayer

Offertory: Wilson & Johannes Families, "Jesus Loves Me"

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church

Scripture Reading: Holly Howes, Luke 8:22-25

Message: What Moves You?, Matt Graf

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Benediction

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!

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.

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

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

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Contemporary Worship Service - 10:45 AM

Prelude: Abide

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

Turn Your Eyes

Communion

Who You Say I Am

Offering & Prayer

Offertory: Broken Vessels

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church

Scripture Reading: Jan Parham, Luke 8:22-25

Message: What Moves You?, Matt Graf

Same Power

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.

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 16, 2025

Somebody Testify!

Luke 8:26-39, Pastor Eric Nygren

Kids & Youth Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 9

- 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 12

- 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

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.



E FREE KIDS

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

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."

Young Adults

Sunday, November 9

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

Tuesday, November 11

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

Thursday, November 13

- 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 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)

Tuesday, November 11

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

Wednesday, November 12

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

Thursday, November 13

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

Friday, November 14

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

Sunday, November 16

- 8:30 am - Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am - Baptism Class (Room 3)
- 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

Communion

Today 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.

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.

Benevolence Fund

If you or someone you know from our church family is experiencing a financial hardship, please contact one of the Pastors or Elders. Our Benevolence Fund is managed by our elders and is there to help our church family with unexpected financial burdens (utility bill, repair bill, medical bill, etc.).

Baptism

There will be an opportunity for baptism at our December 7th 9:30 am Combined Worship Service. If you are interested in being baptized or you would like to learn more about it, please join us on Sunday, November 16th at 9:45 am for a Baptism Class. Children interested in baptism should have a parent join them for the class. For more info, contact Pastor Eric.

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.

Support the Bemidji Community Food Shelf

The Bemidji Community Food Shelf (BCFS) is a faith based, caring place that listens to those who are experiencing food insecurity.

Beginning November 1, 2025, as many as 440,000 Minnesotans experienced disruptions to their SNAP benefits as a result of the government shutdown.

On November 3, 2025, a new one-day record of 123 households were served in just 5 hours. 22% of those households visted for the first time this year or ever, and **48% of those were individuals under the age 17 or over the age of 64.**

BCFS saw a **41% increase** in the amount of emergency visits used in October of 2025, compared to September of 2025.

As the need for food grows, so does our need for volunteer support. It takes over 110 volunteers each week for BCFS to operate. **We ask for you to prayerfully consider becoming a part of our volunteer team.**

Please reach out to Linda Shutter, our Church Representative at **(218) 766-7171** or Serena Hall, the BCFS Volunteer Coordinator, at **(218) 441-7391**.

Check out our website at bcfsmn.org to see a current list of high need donation items.