

Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji

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Giving through November 16, 2025

Weekly Giving: \$10,158

Weekly Need: \$15,986

Giving YTD: \$675,158

Needed YTD: \$735,356



Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, November 16, 2025

307 onsite | 42 screens / 11 states

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

60 adults, 67 children, 55 youth

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Sunday, November 23, 2025

Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

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Traditional Worship Service - 8:30 AM

Prelude: Laura Engelstad, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

I Sing The Mighty Power of God (#52)

This Is My Father's World (#384)

Offering & Prayer

Offertory: Choir Anthem, "Sing Joyful Praise!"

Ministry Moment: Thanksgiving Testimonies

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church

Scripture Reading: Sylvia Johannes, Luke 8:40-56

Message: Unclean and Unwanted to Adopted and Redeemed,
Randy McKain

Kids lead us in singing, "I Thank God"

Benediction

December Overflow

Ladies! You'll want to join us Monday, December 8th @ 6:30 PM in the Connection Cafe for our Kick Off Christmas with Cookies, Cocoa & Carols. Take a break from the chaotic holiday prep and relax with us. Stop by the Women's Ministry table and let us know you're coming!

The Deeply Devoted Podcast: Episode 052

This past week, The Deeply Devoted Podcast visited Senior Connection. On the most recent episode, Pastor Eric chatted with Dave Vogel about his life, his faith, and the Lord's faithfulness over the years.

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

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

Jericho Song

I Thank God

Offering & Prayer

Offertory: New Future

Ministry Moment: Thanksgiving Testimonies

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church

Scripture Reading: Lindsay Nygren, Luke 8:40-56

Message: Unclean and Unwanted to Adopted and Redeemed,
Randy McKain

God So Loved

Benediction

Announcements

As December is almost upon us, here are a few things to take note of. Next week, Nov. 30, we are transition to a 9:30 combined service time and there will be a time of Christmas carol singing in the sanctuary after the service. Make sure you're paying attention to changes in the schedule as things get hectic around the holidays. If you would like another copy of the Advent schedule, they're available at the welcome table and in the church office. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Next Sunday, November 30, 2025

What Are We Waiting For?

James 5:7-11, Eric Nygren

Kids & Youth Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 23

- 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)

E-Free Kids

Reminder

No Kids Club this Wednesday.
Happy Thanksgiving!

Christmas Movie

All Church Family Invited
Sunday, December 21st
@ 11am - In the Gym
Showing: "Best Christmas Pageant Ever"
Concessions provided - all donations will be used to purchase supplies for our blessing bags, that we'll give to homeless shelters in February.

Volunteers Needed!

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



November Is:

Adoption Awareness Month

Please be praying for all of those touched by adoption.

Here are some facts:

*1 in 35 children in the United States is adopted.

* More than 50,000 children are adopted through foster care every year.

*As estimated 100,000 children are adopted through all adoption types every year.

*More than 1.2 million children are living with at least one adoptive parent.

Foster Closet

Our foster closet is in need of 3T girls clothes and 5T boys and girls clothes. Also, new socks and underwear. And, New or "like new" shoes. Please drop off any donations at the church office.

Youth Ministry

Youth Sunday School

Sunday School- New series: Bad Advice. We are going through a series on listening to Jesus and how His voice cuts through the noise (Bad Advice from others) and gets to the heart. Join us for this 3 week series! (6th-12th Grade)

Thanksgiving Break

There will be no Youth Group on November 26th due to Thanksgiving.

Young Adults

Sunday, November 23

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

Thanksgiving Break

There will be no Anchor on November 25th or Cru on November 27th due to Thanksgiving.



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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ANCHOR

Join us at 6:30 - 8:00 PM on Tuesday evenings in the Youth Room. We enjoy bible study, fellowship, and occasional Pie Nights at Perkins - and more! Come join us as we are currently going through the Gospel of Mark. (Ages 18-30)



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Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 23

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

Tuesday, November 25

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

Wednesday, November 26

- 7:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Chapel)
- No Wednesday Kids Club, Youth Group, or on-site Life Groups

Thursday, November 27

- Church Office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
- No Women's Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) or on-site Life Groups

Friday, November 28

- Church Office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
- No Friday AM Men's Discipleship

Sunday, November 30

- 9:30 am - Combined Worship Service
- 11:00 am - Treats in the Gym - No Sunday School
Christmas Carol Singing in the Sanctuary
- 2:00 pm - GriefShare

What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

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.).

Men's Breakfast - Dec. 6

Gentlemen! Our next men's breakfast is coming up on Saturday, December 6th, from 8:30-10:00 am. Come hungry because we'll have pancakes and lots of bacon. We'll feed you spiritually, too, with a testimony of faith from Dave Knudson and a brief devotional from Brandon Mustful. Bring a friend!

11:00 Carol Sing on Nov. 30

Come request your favorite carols at our Carol Sing at 11:00 on Nov. 30 in the sanctuary. We'll also enjoy the story behind several carols. Let's begin the advent season with music!

Memorial Book Entry

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Frank Tyner, a memorial gift was presented by friends, in May of 1991.

GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays event

GriefShare will be offering a Surviving the Holidays event with 3 options to attend. If you or someone you know is grieving the death of a loved one, and are nervous about the coming holidays, consider attending this event and bringing a friend. Fee \$10.

Nov. 22 or Dec 13, from 2-4 pm, at EFree Church Bemidji
Dec. 6, 2-4 pm, in Red Lake at St. Mary's Mission

Join Our Christmas Choir

We'd love more singers for our Christmas Mini-Cantata on Dec. 14. Singing together is a great way to celebrate our Lord's birth! Join us for rehearsal on Tuesdays at 7:15PM on Nov. 18, 25, Dec. 2, 9. We are finished by 8:30 PM. Talk to Ian Trosen (952-607-9095) or Laura Engelstad (218-209-8190) for more info.