

Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji

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Giving through January 4, 2026

Weekly Giving: \$4,459

Weekly Need: \$15,986

Giving YTD: \$4,459

Needed YTD: \$15,986



Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, January 4, 2026

275 onsite | 44 screens | 14 states

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

57 adults, 63 children, 53 youth

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Becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus together.



Matthew 11:28
Come to me, all you who
are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.



Sunday, January 11, 2026

Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

Sunday, January 11, 2026

Traditional Worship Service - 8:30 AM

Prelude: Laura Engelstad, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

Like A River Glorious (#594)

He Will Hold Me Fast

Offering & Prayer

Offertory: Bells, Piano, & Flute trio playing "Panis Angelicus"

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church

Scripture Reading: Holly Howes, Luke 9:1-9

Message: Proclaiming the Kingdom of God, Pastor Eric Nygren

Communion

Seek Ye First (#447)

Benediction

Volunteers Wanted!

Are you looking for a way to get involved in serving at church? There are a lot of opportunities to volunteer and you don't need to miss service! Scripture readers, ushers to hand out bulletins or pass offering plates, awareness team, audio/visual team, worship and even greeters are needed. If you are interested in any of these or other serving roles, please let the church office know at officemanager@efcbemidji.org

Open Prayer Time - Jan. 17th

This Saturday, January 17th, from 10 am - 12 pm, the Sanctuary will be open again for anyone who would like to stop by and pray. Come and go as you like. Come pray silently, or join others in praying for one another and for our church.

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

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

What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

8:30 Offertory Song

The offertory at the 8:30 service is a song called Panis Angelicus. Translated "Bread of Angels," this is a Latin hymn verse by St. Thomas Aquinas for the Feast of Corpus Christi, celebrating Communion. The English words are:

May the Bread of Angels
Become bread for mankind;
The Bread of Heaven puts
All foreshadowings to an end;
Oh, thing miraculous!
The body of the Lord will nourish
the poor, the poor,
the servile, and the humble.
Piano: Laura Engelstad
Flute: Taumi Wilson
Handells: Tracy Parthun

Potluck and Congregational Meeting

Join us on Sunday, January 25th at 12 pm for our next Potluck. Please bring a main dish and either a side, salad, or dessert to share. At 1 pm, we will have our Annual Celebration & Vision Meeting in the Sanctuary.

Life Groups

Our Life Groups are all about learning together and loving one another. We would love to have you join us for one of our groups available throughout the week. Head over to efcbemidji.org/lifegroups or open your Church Center App and click on JOIN A LIFE GROUP to let us know you're interested and we will help you find a group that fits your schedule.

Church Center App

Did you know our church has an app? In our Church Center App, you can watch services, sign up for notifications, join a group, see the bulletin, check in kids, see upcoming events, give and more! Visit : efcbemidji.churchcenter.com/setup or scan the QR code below to get started. Let the office know if you need any help!



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Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 11

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

Tuesday, January 13

- 10:00 am - Women's Bible Study (Fireside Room)

Wednesday, January 14

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

Thursday, January 15

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

Friday, January 16

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

Saturday, January 17

- 10:00 am - Not Forgotten Adult Grief Group

Sunday, January 18

- 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)
- 10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service

Contemporary Worship Service - 10:45 AM

Prelude: You are the One

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

Battle Belongs

Holy Forever

Offering & Prayer

Offertory: The Graf Family, "Be Alright"

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church

Scripture Reading: Mandi Buchan, Luke 9:1-9

Message: Proclaiming the Kingdom of God, Pastor Eric Nygren

Communion

Communion Music: Revelation Song

This is Amazing Grace

Benediction

The Deeply Devoted Podcast - Episode 53

We're back! This Tuesday, we'll have a new episode available. This week on the podcast, Pastor Eric chats with Steve Austvold, one of our Global Partners serving with the EFCA North Central District.

Bible Reading Plans for 2026

We have links to a variety of bible Reading Plans on our website. Visit efcbemidji.org/bible to download a reading plan, or contact the Church Office, and we can print you a copy

Next Sunday, January 18, 2026

Satisfied, Luke 9:10-17

Pastor Eric Nygren

Kids & Youth Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 11

- 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, January 14

- 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

NYE & Foster the Family update:

We offered a kid friendly NYE party for Foster families. We had 84 people in attendance including Foster families, biological families (parents, siblings & grandparents), adoptive families, and even a social worker! It was a FULL 4 hours of food, lots of fun, and even more prizes. Please continue to pray for the foster care ministry in our community. Pray for wisdom for those of us who are followers of Christ that we have love and understanding for all involved.

-On behalf of Foster the Family,
Mandi Buchan & Amy Graf



Appreciation Station

In the Kids Min Area on the lower level, we have changed our Prayer Wall to: Appreciation Station! This is an opportunity to praise the Lord by noticing how kids and adults live like Jesus. Take some time to pray, and notice how others are living out their faith and leave a note of encouragement.

Kids Club

Please join us for our Family meal at 5:00pm in the gym and then walk your child downstairs to check them in for Kids Club at 6:00pm. See you there!

Volunteers Needed!

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

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)

Youth Group

Come join us for our Wednesday night meal at 5pm. Then come to youth group afterwards at 6pm. We look forward to seeing you!



Young Adults Sunday, January 11

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

Tuesday, January 13

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

Thursday, January 15

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

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)



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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