

Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji

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Giving through January 18, 2026

Weekly Giving: \$7,888

Weekly Need: \$15,986

Giving YTD: \$24,062

Needed YTD: \$47,960



Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, January 18, 2026

260 onsite | 35 screens | 10 states

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

54 adults, 54 children, 63 youth

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BECOMING DEEPLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF JESUS TOGETHER E-FREE BEMIDJI

January 25, 2026

Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

Sunday, January 25, 2026

Traditional Worship Service - 8:30 AM

Prelude: Laura Engelstad, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

O Worship The King (#29)

To God Be The Glory (#72)

Oh, the Mercy of God

Offering & Prayer

Offertory: "You Are Worthy, Lord, of Glory"

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church

Scripture Reading: Patti Lofgren, Luke 9:18-27

Message: The Way of The Cross, Eric Nygren

Take My Life And Let It Be (#568)

Benediction

Grant Tharaldson & Emily Quamme's Wedding Ceremony

The congregation is invited to attend the wedding ceremony of Grant Tharaldson & Emily Quamme on Saturday, January 31st at 4 PM. Your presence would be a blessing to them as they celebrate the beginning of their lifelong covenant.

If you choose to attend, we kindly ask for your help in honoring the seating arrangements by leaving the center rows, and any seats marked with a wedding program reserved for the formally invited wedding guests and family.

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: Glorious Day

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

Lead on Good Shepard

Living Hope

Turn Your Eyes

Offering & Prayer

Offertory: Seth Neill, "Singing Daddy's DNA"

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church

Scripture Reading: Joel Hoover, Luke 9:18-27

Message: The Way of The Cross, Eric Nygren

Forever

Benediction

Church Potluck

Please join us today for an all-church Potluck at 12pm. 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.

Congregational Meeting

Today, January 25th at 1:00 PM we will hold our Annual Celebration & Vision meeting in the sanctuary. This meeting is open to anyone who would like to attend. We hope to see you there!

Next Sunday, February 1, 2026

Traditions or Transfiguration, Jerry Drebelbis

Luke 9:28-36

Kids & Youth Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 25

- 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 28

- 5:00-5:45 pm - Family Meal: Sloppy Joes
- 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 Blessing Bags

Efree kids ministry is beginning a service project during January and February. We will be making Blessing Bags for the homeless. We would love for anyone to partner with us by purchasing supplies or giving money towards this ministry. If you choose to make a donation, please specify "Blessing Bags" in the note. Thank you!



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.

All Church Board Game Night

Come Join us for an all church board game night on February 6th from 6 - 8 pm. Stop in at anytime and enjoy some snacks and games! Snacks and water provided.

Youth Ministry

Youth Sunday School

We finished up our Bad Advice series and are moving into Proverbs - or Good Advice! Each Sunday we will be tackling a new chapter of Proverbs and discussing the wisdom and discernment that we have been given through this wonderful book.

Sunday School Volunteers Needed

if you are willing/desire to lead a discussion with our 6th-12th Grade students, let Pastor Shane know. We are looking for more Male and Female leaders to help guide/teach our Sunday School Group.

Youth Group

We are currently in our series on The Virtuous Life: A series on the Fruits of the Spirit. This week's focus is on Peace: Real Peace is found in the presence of Jesus, not in the absence of struggle.



Young Adults Sunday, January 25

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

Tuesday, January 27

- 6:00 pm - Anchor (Youth Room)

Thursday, January 29

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



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

ANCHOR

Our Anchor group continues! Tuesday evenings from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM in the Youth Room. Join us this week as we step into the I AM Series and how through the gospel of John we see a very personal and powerful savior.

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 25

- 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
- 12:00 pm - Potluck (Gym)
- 1:00 pm - Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 2:00 pm - GriefShare

Tuesday, January 27

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

Wednesday, January 28

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

Thursday, January 29

- 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 - Volleyball (Gym)

Sunday, February 1

- 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 - Special Guest (East Chapel)
- 10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service
- 2:00 pm - GriefShare

What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

January Overflow

Ladies! Join us Monday, January 26th @ 6:30 PM in the Connection Cafe for an elegant evening in Psalm 45, seeing ourselves through God's eyes: His Radiant Bride. Feel free to dust off and wear your fanciest attire or come straight from work. We'll be taking a collection of shampoo & conditioner and women's clothing to donate to Northwoods Battered Women's Shelter. Stop by the Women's Ministry table and let us know you're coming.

Grief Share

A GriefShare support group is meeting on Sundays, 2-4 pm, in the Chapel, through April 19th. Everyone is welcome to join at any time. For more information contact Jenny Hodgson, 218-556-4250.

Special Guest

On Sunday, February 1st, join us in between services at 9:45 am in the East Chapel for a chance to meet with some special guests serving among our Adopted People Group in South Asia. They will be sharing briefly in both services, but come during the Sunday School hour to learn more about their ministry.

KIDS MINISTRY SERVICE PROJECT "BLESSING BAGS"

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If you choose to make a donation, please specify "Blessing Bags" in the note. Thank you!

Here is a list of items you can donate.

- Personal notes
- Socks
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Chapstick
- Mini lotions
- Combs
- Gold fish
- Granola bars
- shampoo/conditioner
- Wash clothes
- Scarves
- Mittens
- Hats



CELEBRATE MARRIAGE

We are celebrating marriage during the month of February. We would like to post wedding photos in the connection cafe. Please contact Mandi Buchan to let her know to include your photo. (218)766-9106



ALL CHURCH BOARD GAME NIGHT

February 6th 6pm-8pm

All are welcome!

Snacks and Water provided

