

Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji

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Giving through February 1, 2026

Weekly Giving: \$8,314

Weekly Need: \$15,986

Giving YTD: \$47,485

Needed YTD: \$79,930



Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, February 1, 2026

261 onsite

Sunday School Hour: 109

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Becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus together.



BECOMING DEEPLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF JESUS TOGETHER E-FREE BEMIDJI

February 8, 2026

Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

Sunday, February 8, 2026

Traditional Worship Service - 8:30 AM

Prelude: Laura Engelstad, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

Jesus, What A Friend for Sinners (#89)

What A Friend We Have in Jesus (#622)

You are My All in All

Communion

Offering & Prayer

Offertory: Nate & Taumi Wilson, "I'd Rather Have Jesus"

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church

Scripture Reading: Dan Frost, Luke 9:37-50

Message: A Great Failure, Pastor Eric Nygren

'Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus (#520)

Benediction

Returning to One Service - March 1st

On Sunday, March 1st, we will return to one 9:30 am Worship Service. During this time of transition at E-Free Bemidji, we believe that worshipping as one church family will help us to build unity as we move forward together. Our services will continue to feature both traditional and contemporary styles of music, much like what we enjoy at our Summer Combined Worship Services. As always, we will have coffee and goodies after the service during the 11:00 am Sunday School hour. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

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

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

What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

February Senior

Connection Potluck

Seniors adults, please join us on Feb. 13 at 11:30 in the Connection Cafe for our monthly potluck and program. We'll warm up with pictures of sunny Africa as Rod Kastner shares about his recent trip and his 43 years as a missionary. Bring some food, bring a friend, bring a story, and bring a heart ready to worship as we fellowship together. Contact Laura at 218-209-8190 for questions.

GriefShare - Postponed

Griefshare is cancelled for the Spring. It will pick back up this Fall.

February Overflow

Ladies: "GAME ON" Monday, February 23rd @ 6:30 PM in the Gym! Come learn how to play pickleball OR choose a board game to challenge others in OR bring a project to work on if you're not the gaming type but still enjoy the fellowship. Questions? Stop by the Women's Ministry table to let us know you're coming - we'd love to talk with you!

Memorial Book Entry

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Doris Edwards, a memorial gift of hymnals, was presented by family and friends in June of 2006.

Membership Class

Join us on Monday, March 9th, 6:30-8:00 pm for a group discussion on what it means to become a member of a local church and why it's important. This membership class is the first step in the membership process at E-Free Bemidji. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend. Copies of the Membership Handbook are available in the office or on our website at efcbemidji.org/believe.

Welcome New Members!

Our church family would like to welcome Jim & Hazel Anderson, and Hudson & Lea Cermak as new members of E-Free Bemidji. They were voted into membership at last Sunday's Congregational Meeting. If you would like to learn more about church membership, please contact Pastor Eric.

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

Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 8

- 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

Tuesday, February 10

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

Wednesday, February 11

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

Thursday, February 12

- 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)

Friday, February 13

- 11:30 am - Senior Connection Potluck (Connection Cafe)

Sunday, February 15

- 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: Worthy

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

Blessed Be Your Name

Communion

Mighty to Save

Offering & Prayer

Offertory: Seth Neill, guitar

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church

Scripture Reading: Lea Cermak, Luke 9:37-50

Message: A Great Failure, Pastor Eric Nygren

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

Benediction

Child Dedication

Parents and guardians, if you are interested in dedicating your child at an upcoming Sunday Worship Service, please contact Pastor Eric to learn more. We are looking at Sunday, March 22nd, and/or Sunday, April 19th as tentative dates.

Baptism Class

If you are interested in being baptized or you would like to learn more about it, please join us on Sunday, March 15th at 11:00 am for a Baptism Class. Children interested in baptism should have a parent join them for the class. For more info, please contact Pastor Eric.

Next Sunday, February 15, 2026

The Path of Discipleship, Pastor Eric Nygren
Luke 9:51-62

Kids & Youth Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 8

- 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, February 11

- 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 Blessing Bags

E-free 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!



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

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, February 8

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

Tuesday, February 10

- 6:00 pm - Anchor (Youth Room)

Thursday, February 12

- 7:30 pm - CRU (BSU, Hobson Memorial - Crying Wolf Room)



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
Terryleeheewitt@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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