

# Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

**Sunday, February 2, 2025**

## Traditional Worship Service - 8:30 AM

Prelude: Deb Graves

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

**Grace Greater Than Our Sin** (Hymn #472)

**I Will Sing Of My Redeemer** (Hymn #492)

**His Name Is Wonderful** (Hymn #87)

Ministry Moment: Life Groups

Offering & Prayer

Dismiss for Kids Church (1st-5th grade)

Scripture Reading: Luke 4:14-30, Reed Carlson

Message: The Lord's Favor

**O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing** (Hymn #130)

Benediction

## Senior Connection Potluck

Seniors, please join us at our monthly potluck on Friday, Feb. 14 at 11:30, as we Focus on Friendship. Valentines Day is a great time to learn what the Bible says about friends. And we'll throw in a little bit of bingo too! We'll meet in the Connection Cafe, to eat, laugh, and learn together. Call Laura at 218-209-8190 with any questions.

## Mere Christianity - Part 2

Join us for the second episode of the Podcast Read-Along through Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis. Pick up a copy of the book for sale in the Connection Cafe and read Book 2 before the February 11th episode. For more info, contact Pastor Eric.

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## Contemporary Worship Service - 10:45 AM

Prelude: All Sufficient Merit

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

**This Is Amazing Grace**

**Before The Throne**

**Your Glory**

Ministry Moment: Life Groups

Offering & Prayer

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church (Pre-K-5th Grade)

Scripture Reading: Luke 4:14-30, Steve Brown

Message: The Lord's Favor

**Living Hope**

Benediction

## The Deeply Devoted Podcast - Episode 023

This week on the podcast we're talking about Trail Life. In this episode, Pastor Eric chats with Allen Caster, our church's Trail Life Troopmaster about this unique discipleship opportunity for boys. Visit [efcbemidji.org/podcast](http://efcbemidji.org/podcast) or listen via your favorite podcast app.

## Join a Life Group!

Are you looking to GATHER with other believers and GROW as a follower of Jesus? Now is a great time to join a Life Group! Check out the schedule on the insert in today's bulletin and stop by the Life Groups table in the Connection Cafe to sign up. Looking for a daytime group? There's a brand new Life Group starting soon on Tuesdays at 2 pm.

## Next Sunday, February 9, 2025

Message: The Messianic Manifesto Inaugurated

Luke 4:31-44 Jerry Drebelbis, Elder

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

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

## Kids & Youth Upcoming Events

### Sunday, February 2

8:30 am - Kids Church (Lower Level, dismissed before sermon)

9:45 am - Kids Sunday School (Lower Level)

Youth Sunday School (511 Room)

10:45 am - Kids/Beginner Church (dismissed before sermon)

### Tuesday, February 4

5:30 pm - Trail Life (Gym)

### Wednesday, February 5

5:00-5:45 pm - Family Meal: Spaghetti

6:00-7:45 pm - Kids Club, PreK - 5th Grade (Lower Level)

Youth Group, grades 6-12 (Youth Room)

## E-Free Kids

### Valentine's Party

#### Don't Forget to Sign Up!

E "Free" Family Fun Night!

Everyone is welcome!

Saturday, February 8th

5:30pm - 8:00pm

Please RSVP - Sign up at the

Child Check-In table

### SAVE THE DATE!!

4th/5th Grade Shamineau Retreat!

April 4th-6th (Friday-Sunday)

Please sign up, and complete a registration form/deposit by March 2nd. The forms are on the Child Check-in table in the main foyer.

### Blessing Bags!

For 1 more week, we will be accepting supplies/donations. There is a bucket by the E-Free Kids Check In Table. If you would like to donate items, this is the list of supplies: (socks, mittens, hats, soap, washcloths, snacks, small shampoo/conditioners, combs, small brushes, etc.) If you would like give a donation towards the purchase of small Bibles to go in each bag, please specify "Blessing Bags" on your donation. Thank you! May we be church who sees those who are hungry, thirsty, cold, and in need and be able to help, and show them the love of Christ.

## Youth Ministry



### District Blitz

April 11-13 is District Blitz in Duluth. This youth conference is for 6-12th grade students wanting to go deeper in their faith. Cost is \$175 with a \$75 non-refundable deposit due February 26th. Information packets and forms are found on the Parent Table just outside the gym. Students can sign up on the Youth bulletin board. Scholarships are available! Contact Shelly with questions: shellymustful@gmail.com

### Small Group Night Out

Small Group Night Out is Feb. 19th. Groups will be planning the next two weeks what they will be doing that night.

### E-Free Prom

"Amongst the Stars," is March 8th from 7pm-11pm for 9th-12th grade students at the Nary School/Helga Town Hall. Tickets are \$30 each and can be purchased in the church office. Tickets will not be sold at the event.

## Young Adults

### Sunday, February 2

8:30 am - Traditional Service

9:45 am - Church History Survey (CH)  
Gospel of John (Room 10)

10:45 am - Contemporary Service

7:00 pm - CRU Women  
(BSU library, 3rd floor)

### Tuesday, February 4

6:30 pm - Anchor Life Group

### Wednesday, February 5

7:15 pm - CRU Men (BSU, south  
Conference Room of lower union)

### Thursday, February 6

6:30 pm - Volleyball (gym)

7:30 pm - CRU Large Group (BSU  
Crying Wolf room)

### ANCHOR

Anchor is our young adult life group. We will meet on Tuesday nights from 6:30-8:30 pm. Contact Jesse Schmidt at 218-760-5852 or email pastorjerry@efcbemidji.org with any questions.

### CRU

Cru is on BSU campus for the spring semester. Open to all BSU, Oak Hills, NW Tech, Leech Lake, & Red Lake Nation students.

See Mark C. or Terry H. with questions: mhockeymd@gmail.com  
Terryleehewitt@gmail.com

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Text **efcbasm** to **94000** join our Student Ministries notification system.

## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, February 2

- 8:30 am - Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am - Adult Sunday School: Church History Survey (Chapel)  
Gospel of John ( Room 10)  
-Women's Ministry Meeting (Conference Room)
- 10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service
- 2:00 pm - Grief Share (Chapel)

### Tuesday, February 4

- 10:00 am - Women's Bible Study (Fireside Room)
- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
- 5:45 pm - Handbells (Connection Café)
- 7:15 pm - Choir (Sanctuary)

### Wednesday, February 5

- 7:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Chapel)
- 6:05 pm - Oasis (Green Room)
- 6:15 pm - Life Groups (Conference Room & Fireside Room)

### Thursday, February 6

- 10:00 am - Halverson Life Group (Fireside Room)
- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
- 2:00 pm - Pickleball (Gym)
- 6:30 pm - Worship Team (Sanctuary)  
Women's Bible Study Fellowship BSF (Chapel)  
Volleyball (gym)
- 7:00 pm - Shindelar Life Group (Fireside Room)

### Friday, February 7

- 7:00 am - Men's Discipleship (Chapel)
- 1:00 pm - Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)

### Saturday, February 8

- 5:30 pm - Family Valentine's Party (Gym)  
(please RSVP by the child check in)

## What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

### Did you know...

In 1997-98 our church building ended with the small kitchen at the back of the Fellowship Hall, as it was known then. We did not have the gym, the large kitchen, numerous classrooms, or the connecting hallway. The sanctuary was half its current size. Every ministry in the church was impacted by lack of space. So once again, a Building Committee was prayerfully formed to look ahead, and see what God had in store for us.

### Bemidji Community Food Shelf

We can really use canned fruit, cake mixes and bar soap. There are baskets by the church office for you to leave your donations in. Call Linda with questions (218) 766-7171.

### New Baby

Congratulations to Karissa & Dan Evans on the birth of their son, Lincoln Daniel. He was born January 29th. He weighed 9 lbs 7 oz, and was 21.75" long.

### Memorial Book Entry

Back in April of 2011 to the glory of God, in loving memory of Mabel Bahr, a memorial gift toward Sanctuary Projection equipment was presented by her family and friends.

### Facility Supervisor Hired!

Our elders and trustees are pleased to announce that we've hired Justin Nicholson as our Facility Supervisor. Justin and his wife Kara and their family have been attending E-Free since about January 2023. Justin loves the Lord and is eager to serve Him in this way. Please join us in welcoming him! If you have questions for him, please email him at [facilitysupervisor@efcbemidji.org](mailto:facilitysupervisor@efcbemidji.org)





## Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji

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### Church Office

Email: [efree@paulbunyan.net](mailto:efree@paulbunyan.net) | Phone: (218) 751-8834

Office hours: Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm; 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am - 8:30 am; 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

### Ministry Staff

Jerry Johnson, Lead Pastor ..... [pastorjerry@efcbemidji.org](mailto:pastorjerry@efcbemidji.org)

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Laura Engelstad, 8:30 Music Director

Jason Robeck, 10:45 Music Director

**Giving** for January 26, 2025

Weekly Giving: \$ 13,134

Weekly Need: \$ 15,986

Giving YTD: \$ 55,639

Needed YTD: \$ 63,944



**Remaining Mortgage:** \$ 37,753.18

### Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, January 26, 2025

281 onsite | 56 screens / 8 states

SS: 13 kids | 6 youth | 29 adults

Connection Café/Misc: 77

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

62 adults, 78 children, 59 youth

### Sign up for text notifications

Stay connected by signing up to receive our text notifications.

**General notifications:** text **efree** to **94000**

**E-Free Kids Ministry:** text **efreekids** to **94000**

**Youth Ministry:** text **efcbsm** to **94000**

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**Becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus together.**



The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim **good news** to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

Luke 4:18-19 (NIV)



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025**

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### WHAT IS A LIFE GROUP?

A Life Group is a small group of 8 to 12 adults who are committed to meeting regularly for the purpose of becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus together.

Life Groups are designed to be a place where people can learn together and can love one another.



### WHERE AND WHEN DO LIFE GROUPS MEET?

Most will gather in a group member's home. Life Groups often come together around a kitchen table or in a living room setting that provides a good space for fellowship, discussion, and prayer. We encourage your group to meet weekly. Life Groups meet from September through May, with breaks for holidays and other special occasions.

### WHAT DOES A TYPICAL LIFE GROUP GATHERING LOOK LIKE?

Life Groups meet for around 90 minutes. This allows enough time for visiting as a group, spending time in sermon-based discussion, and sharing life and a time of prayer. Often, groups will enjoy treats or a meal together.

### IS CHILDCARE AVAILABLE?

There are some Life Groups available for families with kids, however, not all of our groups are able to accommodate children or provide childcare. Individuals may need to arrange their own childcare in order to participate in a Life Group.

### HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR A LIFE GROUP?

Sign up in the Connection Café, register online at [efcbemidji.org/lifegroups](http://efcbemidji.org/lifegroups) or by scanning the QR code with your smart phone.

### QUESTIONS?

Contact Pastor Eric at (218) 751-8834 or [pastoreric@efcbemidji.org](mailto:pastoreric@efcbemidji.org)



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<b>OPEN</b> Matt & Amy Graf 4-5:30 pm	<b>OPEN</b> Randy & Mishele McKain 6:30-8 pm	<b>OPEN</b> Len & Sandi Carlson 2:00-3:30 pm	Dan Evans 6:15-7:45 pm (at church)	<b>OPEN</b> Tom Halverson 10-11 am (at church)
	Tayler & Rissa Borders 7-8:30 pm	<b>OPEN</b> Anchor Young Adults 6:30-8:30 pm	<b>OPEN</b> Neil & Serena Hall 6:15-7:45 pm (at church)	<b>OPEN</b> John S. Men's Group 7-8:30 pm (at church)
		<b>OPEN</b> Mark & Mishel Carlson 6:30-8:30 pm	<b>OPEN</b> Terry & Liz Smith 6:00-7:30 pm	
		<b>OPEN</b> Hudson & Lea Cermak 7-8:30 pm		