

Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji

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Giving through December 28 2025

Weekly Giving: \$11,408

Weekly Need: \$15,986

Giving YTD: \$748,909

Needed YTD: \$831,272

Roof Funds Received: \$77,874



Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, December 28 2025

151 onsite | 45 screens / 6 states

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Sunday, January 4, 2026

Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

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Traditional Worship Service - 8:30 AM

Prelude: Kay Sue Eriksson, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

God of the Ages (Hymn #363)

O God Our Help In Ages Past (Hymn #78)

Step By Step

Offering & Prayer

Offertory: Kay Sue Eriksson, piano

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church

Scripture Reading: Scott Engelstad, Psalm 119:33-40

Message: A Psalm for the New Year , Pastor Eric Nygren

Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord (Hymn #586)

Benediction

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

Congregational Meeting

The elders have called a special Congregational Meeting today following the 10:45 Service. We will provide and update on the situation with Pastor Jerry. please plan to attend if you can

What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

Memorial Book Entry

To the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Raymond A. Brown and Menter Borass, a Memorial Gift toward shrubbery and landscaping was presented by their children Charles and Lois Brown, June 1993.

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.).

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

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!



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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Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 4

- 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

Tuesday, January 6

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

Wednesday, January 7

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

Thursday, January 8

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

Sunday, January 11

- 8:30 am - Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am - Second Sunday Prayer (Easy Chapel)
- 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: Praise You Anywhere
- Welcome & Announcements
- Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

Strong God

I Speak Jesus

It is Well With My Soul

- Child Dedication - Lincoln Evans
- Offering & Prayer

Offertory: Word of God Speak

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church

Scripture Reading: Josie Fultz, Psalm 119:33-40

Message: A Psalm for the New Year, Pastor Eric Nygren

Open The Eyes of My Heart

Benediction

The Deeply Devoted Podcast

Our church podcast will be taking a break. We are working on new episode ideas and are contacting future guests. Send your episode and guest ideas to podcast@efcbemidji.org

Jan. Senior Potluck Cancelled

Our Senior Connection Potluck for January is cancelled, so we may attend Ken Wold’s funeral service. We will see you again on February 13th. Stay tuned for further details of contact Laura at 218-209-8190

Next Sunday, January 11, 2026

Proclaiming the Kingdom of God (Luke 9:1-9) - Pastor Eric Nygren

Kids & Youth Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 4

- 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 7

- 5:00-5:45 pm - Family Meal: MN Hot Dish
- 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

Volunteers Needed!

We are in need of volunteers for Beginners Church and Kids Church. Please consider serving once per quarter. We are also looking for substitute leaders for Sunday School and Kids Club

Kids Club

We are excited to be back for Kids Club on Wednesday January 7th! 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!

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.



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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

Youth Group is back this week on Wednesday January 7th. Join us for our family meal at 5:00pm in the gym and head down for Youth Group at 6:00pm.



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Young Adults Sunday, January 4

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

Tuesday, January 6

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

Thursday, January 8

- No CRU this week - New Year Break

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)

CRU

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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