

Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

Sunday, September 8, 2024

Traditional Worship Service - 8:30 AM

Prelude - Laura Engelstad, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

Holy, Holy, Holy! (Hymn #2)

Be Unto Your Name

Offering & Prayer

How Great Thou Art (Hymn#21)

Ministry Moment: Kids Ministry

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 10:23-25, Brian Eastling

Message: Our Discipleship Pathway: Part 1 - Gather

We Are God's People (Hymn #700)

Benediction

Nursery - 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM

Our nursery is available for children aged 3 and under. Please use our secure child check-in system in the main foyer to print a name label and security tag before taking your child to the nursery.

Sunday School & Connection Time - 9:45 AM

Join us in the Connection Café for refreshments and a time to connect with others. Sunday School classes are available for all ages. See the upcoming events on pages 3, 4, 5, and 9 for the current schedule.

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Contemporary Worship Service - 10:45 AM

Prelude: Lead On Good Shepherd

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

Death Was Arrested

Never Once

Way Maker

Offering & Prayer

Ministry Moment: Kids Ministry

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 10:23-25, Lea Cermak

Message: Our Discipleship Pathway: Gather

Goodness Of God

Benediction

Beginners (ages 4-5) & Kids Church (1st-5th Grade)

Kids age 4 through 5th grade are dismissed for Beginners and Kids Church during the 10:45 service. Parents and guardians can use our secure child check-in system in the foyer and escort their children down to their designated spot: Ages 4-5 at the top of the stairs by the Nursery, 1st - 5th Grades at the top of the stairs by the office.



Secure Child Check-in

To take part in our Sunday morning and other Kids Min activities, we ask that families register with our check-in system. Scan the QR code, use the Church Center App or visit www.efcbemidji.org/kids to get started.

Next Sunday, September 15, 2024

Message: Our Discipleship Pathway, Part 2 - Grow

Ephesians 4:11-16, Pastor Jerry R A Johnson

E-Free Kids

Kids Club

E-Free Kids Club welcomes all children ages 4 through 5th grade! Use our Secure Child Check-In and drop your children off in their classroom by 6:00pm. Pickup your children in their classrooms by 7:45 pm. We meet each week in small group, large group teaching, worship, snacks and games. Contact Amy with questions: agraf@efcbemidji.org

Kids Ministry Volunteers Needed

Sunday School:

Substitute teachers & helpers
Beginner's Church - Leaders/Helpers
(1 time every 2 months)

Kid's Church - Leaders/Helpers
(1 time every 2 months)

Nursery - Adult volunteers
(1 time every 2 months)

Kids Club Leaders:

Kindergarten leader
(weekly on Wednesday nights)

Please prayerfully consider **serving** in Kids Ministry. We keep adding to our number of kids, and we need more volunteers to keep kids safe, invest in their lives, teach them God's truth, and love them deeply.



Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 8

10:45 am - Kids/Beginner Church
(Lower Level)

Wednesday, September 11

Fall Kick Off

5:00-5:45 pm - Family Meal
Hot Dogs (Gym)

6:00-7:45 pm - Kids Club
PreK - 5th Grade

6:05-7:30 pm - Oasis (Green)

6:15-7:30 pm - Adult Life Group
(Conference Room)

****Children must be toilet trained or parents need to remain in the building if child needs to be changed.**

Youth Ministry

Youth Group

E-Free Bemidji Student Ministry welcomes all 6th - 12th grade students! Each Wednesday throughout the school year we meet for Youth Group for time with Jesus, Bible, fellowship, worship, and fun. Each Sunday morning we have Sunday School during the Sunday School hour to connect, and pray about our week and have class. See Shelly Mustful or Danny Paddock with questions.

shellymustful_mn@yahoo.com or
paddocksonsautorepair@gmail.com

Youth Group this week:

Fall Youth Group Kickoff this Wednesday, September 11th!
We're looking at the life of Moses and seeing how God has uniquely made us and placed each one of us here! We're looking forward to seeing you!

Sunday School:

Sunday School starts September 15th with the 6th-12th grade ladies doing a series called Wonderfully Made and the 6th-12th grade guys doing a series on relationships called You & Me. More information is at the Ministry Fair Table.



Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 8

9:45 am - Ministry Fair & Donuts
(Gym)

Wednesday, September 11

Fall Kick Off

5:00-5:45pm - Family Meal
Hot Dogs (Gym)

6:00 pm - Youth Group
6th-12th Grade

6:05-7:30 pm - Oasis (Green)

6:15-7:30 pm - Adult Life Groups

Young Adults

ANCHR

Anchor is our young adult life group. We meet on Tuesday nights from 6:30-8:30 pm for food, fellowship, worship, and time studying God's word. Our first get together is a free pizza party on Tuesday, September 10th. We will then have our first official life group on September 17th and then continue throughout the school year. Please contact Jesse Schmidt at 218-760-5852 or email pastorjerry@efcbemidji.org with any questions.



Cru is back on BSU campus for the Fall Semester! Open to all BSU, Oak Hills, NW Tech, Leech Lake, and Red Lake Nation students. See Mark Carlson (mhockeymd@gmail.com) or Terry Hewitt (Terryleehewitt@gmail.com) for more information.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 8

8:30am- Traditional Service
9:45am- Ministry Fair & Donuts (Gym)
10:45am -Contemporary Service
12:00pm - All Church Cookout
6:30pm - Second Sunday Prayer (Chapel)

Tuesday, September 10

6:30 pm - Anchor Pizza Party
7:00 pm - CRU Small Groups
women: South Conference Room
men: Ozawindib Room
7:15 pm - Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, September 11

7:00 pm - CRU
Crying Wolf Room

Tuesday, September 17

6:30 pm - Anchor Life Group

What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

Did you know...

In January 1976 our church was officially known for the first time as the Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji! A Women's Missionary Society was formed, and the church bought land off Washington Ave. on the southern edge of Bemidji, looking to start a new building soon.

100th Anniversary Weekend

Be watching for the RSVP for these different events! This weekend is quickly approaching!

Thurs, Oct 10 - Global Partner Night
Fri, Oct 11 - Senior Connection

Potluck

Fri, Oct 11 - Through the Decades
Variety Night

Sat, Oct 12 - Community Fun Day

Sat, Oct 12 - Dessert Night With
Friends

Sun, Oct 13 - One Combined 9:30
Worship Service

Sun, Oct 13 - 100th Anniversary
Catered Lunch

(RSVP required)

Sun, Oct 13 - A Night of Worship
and Prayer (Communion)

Memorial Book Entry

Back in November of 2003 to the glory of God, in loving memory of Thelma Russell, a memorial gift was presented by her husband, Frank A. Russell.

Extra Help

With the 100th anniversary weekend coming up October 10-13th, we recognize the need for additional help each day with the cleaning and resetting the church for each new event and then for church on Sunday & Sunday evening. It is a HUGE job for Corbin and it would be really nice to have extra hands this wonderful weekend.

Would you pray about whether pitching in this weekend will work and let me know? See Jessica in the office with questions.

Take 60 Seconds to Pray

Watch for a weekly text message with daily prayer prompts for our church and its ministries. Then take 60 seconds every day to pray. If you're not subscribed to our text notifications, send a message with the word efree to 94000 to sign up. (Note: This is not the Prayer Chain list).

Looking for a way to use your gifts to serve others? Visit www.efcbemidji.org/serve to discover opportunities for you to serve.

What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

Senior Connection Potluck

All senior adults are invited to our next potluck on Sept. 13 at 11:30 in the Connection Cafe. Come enjoy time visiting, eating, and learning together. Bring a simple dish to share; store-bought is just fine. Allen Benson will share a story and talk with us about prayer. Hearing from Allen is always a treat, so we hope you can join us! For more info contact Laura at 218-209-8190.

Women's Overflow

The women of E-Free are invited to our first Overflow women's event on **Monday**, September 30 from 6:30-8:00pm. Join with us for campfire and s'mores down by the firepit and bring a friend!

Oasis

Welcome to the Oasis!
We are offering a space for you to relax, regroup and connect while your children are in Wednesday night Kids Club or Youth Group. Where: the Green Room
Dates: Wednesdays that Kids Club and Youth Group is meeting.
Time: 6:05-7:30 p.m.
If you don't feel like going home, come to the Oasis!

E-Free Choir

Tayler Borders and Ian Trosen are looking for new members for our EFC Bemidji Choir. Join us if you want to:

- Praise the Lord through music,
- Make new connections, and
- Work hard and learn together.

All people and skill levels are welcome! Come make music with us from 7:15-8:30PM each Tuesday. Questions? Contact Ian, 952-607-9095 or Tayler, 218-851-9627.

Men's Breakfast

Guys! Join us this Saturday, September 14th from 8:30-10:00am in the gym for lots of bacon and food, fresh coffee, and a great morning of fellowship and spiritual encouragement.

Building Access

If you need a room reserved or access to the building please contact Jessica in the Church Office at least 2 weeks in advance. It is helpful as we continue to serve God together. officemanager@efcbemidji.org

What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

Now Hiring: Youth and Young Adults Pastor

Please pray for our Search Team as we begin look for our next Youth and Young Adults Pastor.

Foster The Family Support Group

Interested in or already involved in foster care or adoption? E-Free has a support group that meets monthly in the Connection Café. Please join us tomorrow, September 9th at 6:00 pm. Childcare is provided for kids birth to age 12. Please contact Mandi Buchan 218-766-9106

Trail Life Open House

Our Trail Life Troop will be hosting an Open House on Tuesday, September 17th from 6:30-8:30 pm. This will be a great opportunity to learn about the program and the events planned for this school year.

Grief Share

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way. Join us Sundays at 2:00pm in the Chapel for the session that runs through December. See Jenny Hodgson with questions, jennyhodgson@oakhills.edu

Fraud Alert

Please be careful NOT to respond to any email or text messages supposedly coming from one of the church staff that asks you to purchase gift cards or give contact information. This is a scam. Please contact the church office with any questions or concerns. Staff will never ask for things this way.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 8

7:45 am - Prayer (Fireside Room)
8:30 am - Traditional Worship Service
9:45 am - Ministry Fair & Donuts (Gym)
10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service
12:00 pm - All Church Cookout (Gym)
6:30 pm - Second Sunday Prayer (Chapel)

Monday, September 9

6:00 pm - Foster Moms Support (Connection Café)

Tuesday, September 10

10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
6:00 pm - Trustee Meeting (Conference Room)
7:15 pm - Choir (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, September 11

7:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Chapel)
6:00 pm - Kids and Youth Ministry kickoff
6:05 pm - Oasis (Green Room)
6:15 pm - Life Group (Conference Room)

Thursday, September 12

10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
6:15 pm - Search Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
6:30 pm - Women's Bible Study Fellowship (Chapel)
6:30 pm - Worship Team Practice (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm - Shindelar Men's Life Group (Fireside Room)

Friday, September 13

7:00 am - Men's Discipleship (Chapel)
1:00 pm - Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
6:00 pm - Choir Potluck and Rehearsal

Saturday, September 14

8:30 am - Men's Breakfast (Gym)

There are many ways to connect and grow at E-Free Bemidji. Visit
9 www.efcbemidji.org/events for a complete calendar of events.

We're glad
you're here!



Welcome! If you're our guest this morning, we would invite you to fill out a Connection Card online at efcbemidji.org/connectioncard or by scanning the QR Code with your mobile device and letting us know that you joined us for worship today. Be sure to stop by the Welcome Center in the foyer to pick up a free gift. Watch our calendar for an upcoming Newcomer's Lunch—a special event just for you!

Watch our services online

Every Sunday, we offer a live stream of both of our services on our website. Visit www.efcbemidji.org/live on your computer or mobile device. Our live stream is also available on Roku, Apple TV, and Amazon Fire TV. Connect to the BoxCast through your streaming device and search for E-Free Bemidji.

Sermon and Worship Service Archive

Check out our Worship Service Archive at www.efcbemidji.org/archive to watch any of our worship services from the past 90 days. Past sermons are also available online at www.efcbemidji.org/sermons or on our YouTube page (@efc_bemidji). Sermons are available on our website in video, audio, and transcript format. Please contact the church office if you would like to request a sermon transcript be sent to you via mail or email.

Ways to give

We invite you to prayerfully consider worshiping God and supporting the ministries of E-Free Bemidji through regular financial giving. A portion of every gift goes to support the ministry of our Global Partners. You can find out more about the various ways to give by visiting our website at www.efcbemidji.org/give or by scanning the QR code with your mobile device.



Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji

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Church Office

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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

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Jason Robeck, 10:45 Music Director

Giving for September 1, 2024

Weekly Giving: \$ 10,073

Weekly Need: \$ 15,986

Giving YTD: \$ 507,526

Needed YTD: 559,510

Remaining Mortgage: \$ 97,742.83



Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, September 1, 2024

320 onsite | 22 screens / 5 states

SS: 93 adults

Connection Café/Misc: 78

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 **efcbesm** to **94000**

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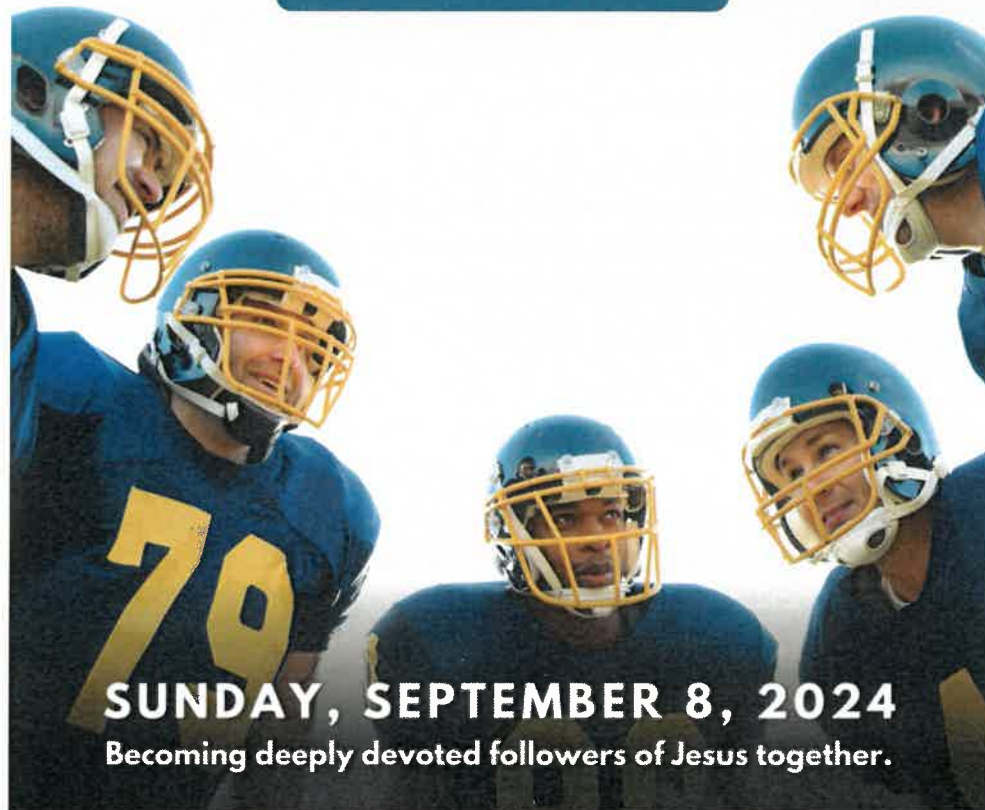
Becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus together.



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Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

HEBREWS 10:23-25



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

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STRATEGIC PLAN

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF BEMIDJI



MISSION

*What we are
supposed to be
doing as a church.*



VISION

*A picture of
what the mission
will look like when
it is realized.*

**BECOMING
DEEPLY DEVOTED
FOLLOWERS OF
JESUS TOGETHER.**

WE WILL BE A CHURCH WHO

- GLORIFIES GOD IN ALL OF LIFE
- IS TRANSFORMED BY GOD'S WORD
- SERVES AND CARES FOR EACH OTHER IN LOVE
- WELCOMES ALL PEOPLE AND CARES FOR OUR NEIGHBORS
- PERSONALLY SHARES THE GOSPEL LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY



CORE VALUES

*The biblical beliefs that empower
and guide our ministries.*

GOD'S GLORY

BIBLICAL FOUNDATION

CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP

CARING FOR THE BODY OF BELIEVERS

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

EVANGELIZING THE LOST

DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY



*A plan to guide
disciples toward
maturity in Christ.*



lifegroups

LEARNING TOGETHER • LOVING ONE ANOTHER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
Matt & Amy Graf 4-5:30 pm	Randy & Mishele McKain 6:30-8 pm	Midge Lake Salscheider 5:30-7:30 pm	Dan Evans 6:15-7:45 pm (at church)	NEW GROUP Tom Halverson 10-11 am (at church)
	Taylor & Rissa Borders 7-8:30 pm	Anchor Young Adults 6:30-8:30 pm	NEW GROUP Neil & Serena Hall 6:15-7:45 pm	John S. Men's Group 7-8:30 pm (at church)
		NEW GROUP Mark & Mishel Carlson 6:30-8:30 pm		
		NEW GROUP Hudson & Lea Cermak 7-8:30 pm		

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 or by scanning the QR code with your smart phone.

QUESTIONS?

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



Contact Information Update FALL 2024

Do you attend E-Free? Please fill out the form below, or scan the QR code to access the form on your smartphone. If you already filled in the form last year & nothing has changed, please just put your name on it & return to the office with the words "the same". **If you have never filled it out**, please do so & return to the office. I'd like to meet you!! Jessica Westlund, Office Manager



Name: _____
(Last, First) (cell phone number)

email: _____

Spouse: _____
(Last, First) (cell phone number)

email: _____

Address: _____

(city) (zip)

Landline phone: _____

Childrens Names (kids at home)	Grade	birthday mm/dd/yy	allergies, health concerns, special needs

I am presently a college student enrolled at: _____

Please circle which service you typically attend:
8:30am 10:45am in person Livestream

Would you like:

- to receive occasional **text notifications**: weather-related & event reminders? Yes No
- to receive the **weekly bulletin** by email? Yes No