

Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

Sunday, September 29, 2024

Traditional Worship Service - 8:30 AM

Prelude - Lizzy Lofgren, harp

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

O Worship The King (Hymn #29)

King Of Kings Majesty

Knowing You

Offering & Prayer

Offertory: Kay Sue Eriksson, piano

Ministry Moment: Women's Ministry

Scripture Reading: Mark 5:1-20, Reed Carlson

Message: Our Discipleship Pathway, Part 4 - GO

Facing A Task Unfinished

Benediction

The Deeply Devoted Podcast - Episode 005

This week Pastor Eric visits with our 10:45 Music Director, Jason Robeck to talk about worship music and its role in discipleship. New episodes are posted every Tuesday. Visit efcbemidji.org/podcast for more information.

100th Anniversary Weekend

Please RSVP for the different events that will happen during our 100th Anniversary Celebration, October 10-13. See our website to see information and the RSVP to each event: efcbemidji.org/100/ or see Jessica in the office for a green paper to fill out. **The RSVP deadline is today, September 29th.**

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

www.efcbemidji.org/give or by scanning the QR code.

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Contemporary Worship Service - 10:45 AM

Prelude: Holy Forever

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

Rooftops

Great Are You Lord

Lord Let Your Glory Fall

Ministry Moment: Women's Ministry

Offering & Prayer

Special Music - Where You Go

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church

Scripture Reading: Mark 5:1-20, Mishel Carlson

Message: Our Discipleship Pathway, Part 4 - GO

I Will Follow

Benediction

9:45 am Adult Sunday School

We are pausing our survey of the Old Testament and are starting a new series called A Survey of Church History. This quarter we'll be learning about the history of Christianity from AD 100-600. Grab your treats in the Connection Cafe and join us in the Chapel.

Women's Overflow

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

Next Sunday, October 6, 2024

Message: Declare His Glory

Psalm 96:1-13, Pastor Jerry R A Johnson

Kids & Youth Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 29

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

9:45 am - Youth Sunday School (Guys-Youth Room, Girls-511 Room)

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

Tuesday, October 1

6:30 pm - Trail life (Gym)

Wednesday, October 2

5:00-5:45 pm - Family Meal - Spaghetti (Gym)

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

6:00-7:45 pm - Youth Group, grades 6-12 (Youth Room)

E-Free Kids Sunday School



9:45-10:30am - use secure check-in
PreK-Kindergarten (PreK Room)

1st-5th grade (5th grade class room)

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 Bible teaching, worship, snacks and games. Contact Amy with questions: agraf@efcbemidji.org

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

Community Fun Day! Candy Donations!

At our Community Fun Day Celebration on Saturday, October 12th from 11am-2pm, we are providing LOTS of games and activities for all who come to this event. We would like to give out candy as prizes. If you would like to donate candy, please drop it off at the church during the next two weeks! Thank you for your generosity.

Community Fun Day Volunteer Opportunity

We need several volunteers to help run the different games and activities that will be happening on Saturday October 12th between 11am-2:00pm. Please sign up in the Connection Café.

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@gmail.com or paddocksonsautorepair@gmail.com

Care Package

This Wednesday, October 2nd, we are gathering items to send in a care package to Pastor Douglas. If you want to bring an item for the Box or Dollar box that is going to him, please bring it this Wednesday.

Young Adults

Sunday, September 29

9:45am- Church History Survey (Chapel)
Gospel of John (room 10)

Monday, September 30

6:30 pm -Women's Overflow

Tuesday, October 1

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

Thursday, October 3

7:30 pm -CRU -Crying Wolf Room

ANCH R

Anchor is our young adult life group. We 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 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 C. or Terry H. with questions:

mhockeymd@gmail.com
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Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 29

7:45 am - Prayer (Fireside Room)

8:30 am - Traditional Worship Service

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

10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service

2:00 pm - Grief Share (Chapel)

Monday, September 30

6:30 pm - Women's Overflow (firepit)

Tuesday, October 1

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

10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)

5:45 pm - Handbell Practice (Connection Café)

6:30 pm - Anchor - Young Adults (see page 4)

6:30 pm - CRU at BSU (see page 4)

7:15 pm - Choir (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, October 2

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

6:05 pm - Oasis (Green Room)

6:15 pm - Life Group (Conference Room & Fireside Room)

Thursday, October 3

10:00 am - Life Group (Fireside Room)

10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)

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)

7:30 pm - Cru at BSU - Large Group (see page 4)

Friday, October 4

7:00 am - Men's Discipleship (Chapel)

1:00 pm - Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)

What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

Did you know...

Early in 1978 Pastor Dave Hathaway resigned to pastor a church in Northwood, North Dakota. Our church had the help of the North Central District of the EFCA to find a young pastor newly out of seminary. Pastor Fred Martin, his wife Roberta, and infant son Eric came from Indiana in October 1978.

Dress Forms

We are in need of dress forms for the 100th Anniversary Celebration. If you are able to loan a dress form or mannequin for the night of the 12th, please text Kate Trosen at 218-203-5110.

Newcomers Lunch

Have you started coming to E-Free Bemidji recently? Do you still feel new to our church family? You're invited to be our guest for our next Newcomers Lunch on Sunday, October 6th at 12:00 pm. Please let the church office know if you plan to attend.

Memorial Book Entry

Back in September of 2014 to the glory of God, in loving memory of Mildred A. Lashlee, a memorial gift of the nursery paging system was presented by her daughter, Roberta Martin.

Senior Connection Potluck on Oct. 13

Our special Senior Connection Potluck on Oct. 13 is part of our 100th Anniversary celebration. We are expecting a number of visitors, but there is room for you too! Come at 11:00 if you want more time for visiting; but we will eat lunch at 11:30 like usual. Sarah Page Friesen will bring us a devotional, and we'll hear stories of the "old days" from a Heritage Panel. Questions? Call Laura at 218-209-8190.

Why Should I Give to My Church? (Free booklet)

Please check out these booklets on giving located in the main foyer by the giving kiosk.

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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 22, 2024

Weekly Giving: \$ 13,740

Weekly Need: \$ 15,986

Giving YTD: \$ 548,257

Needed YTD: 607,468

Remaining Mortgage: \$ 97,742.83



Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, September 22, 2024

348 onsite | 34 screens / 5 states

SS: 12 kids | 81 youth & adults

Connection Café/Misc: 44

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

68 adults, 80 children, 56 youth

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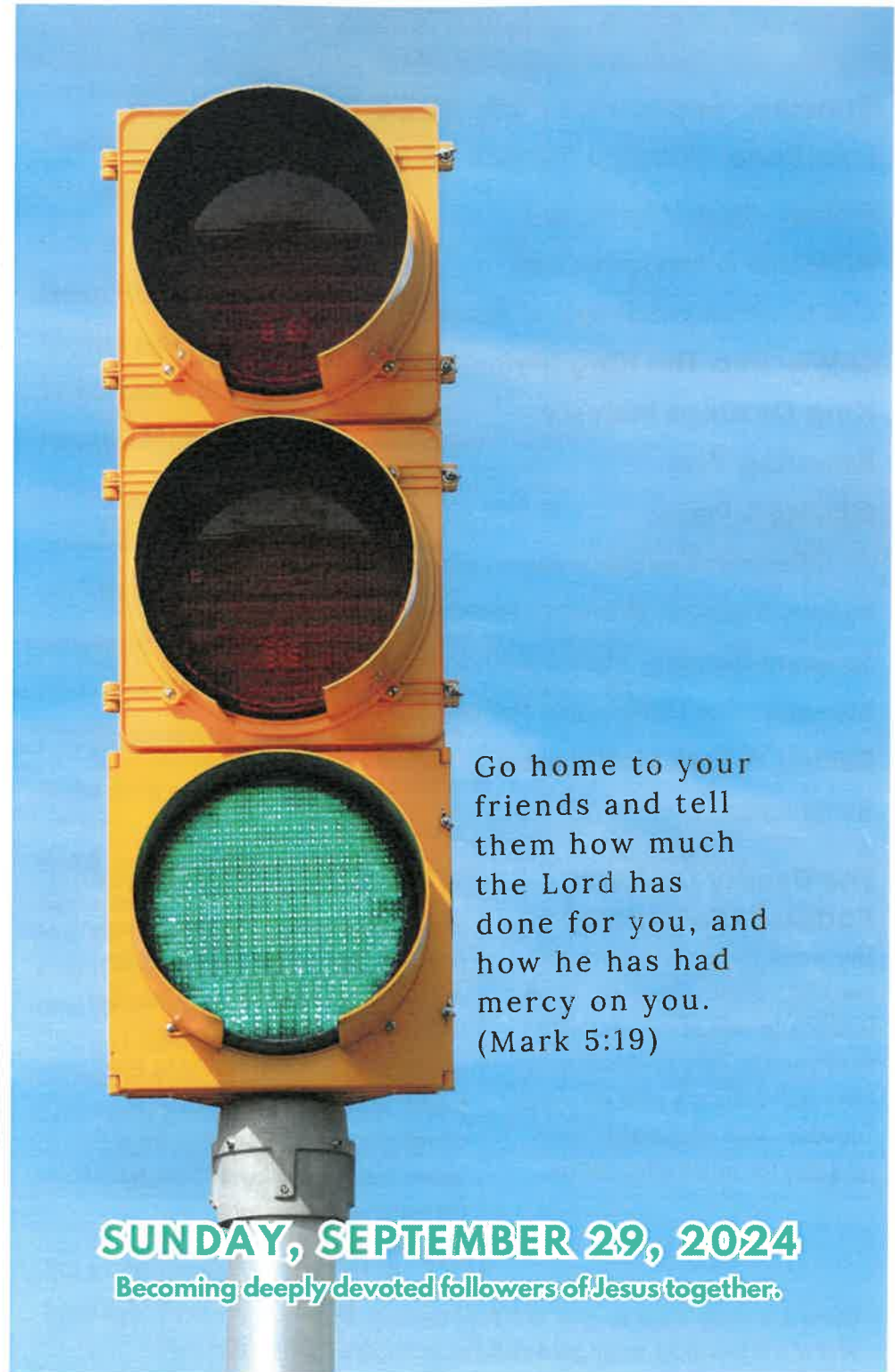
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Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.
(Mark 5:19)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

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Dear Brother or Sister in Christ,

September 24, 2024

This is the last Vision 2024 prayer letter before we celebrate our church's 100th anniversary on October 10-13. Please be in prayer for all 8 of these events! *(And please RSVP ASAP!)* May God be honored as we REMEMBER His faithfulness over these past 100 years. Pray that all of us will be blessed to RECONNECT with church family from days gone by, even as we also recall our many memories of those who've now gone home to heaven. And please pray, especially, that each one of us who is still active at E-Free Bemidji will prayerfully and fully RECOMMIT ourselves to ongoing service together in Christ's name.

Praise God for an incredible fall kickoff of so many different ministries! Pray that each one will embrace our Discipleship Pathway and provide quality opportunities to GATHER, GROW, GIVE, and GO for the Gospel. Pray for continued good attendance and for all of our hundreds of servant volunteers to remain healthy and well-equipped for their various discipleship roles. Also, please pray for our current budget shortfall, for provision of needed funds, and needed wisdom for our elders, trustees, and staff as decisions are made for our 2025 Ministry Budget.

Please continue praying for our Youth and Young Adults Pastor Search Team. Pray for energy, wisdom, and discernment as we consider multiple applicants, resumes, and references. Pray for whomever our next pastor is, that he'll begin feeling God's prompting toward our church and our community. Also please keep our youth and young adults ministries in your prayers as they have officially launched this fall without the benefit of a Youth and Young Adults Pastor. Praise God for the godly lay leaders who have stepped forward. Please pray for God to sustain them as they lead through this interim period.

Pray for our church's current roll out of our Strategic Ministry Plan. Pray for the sermon series as well as the ongoing discussions and feedback that are happening. Pray that each one of us will understand this plan well, and that we'll be ready to corporately commit to it as a church family at the end of October. May God be pleased by our unity and alignment around our shared Mission, Vision, Core Values, and Discipleship Pathway.

Please pray for our Nominating Committee who is currently inviting people to serve in church leadership in 2025. Pray for these future 2-3 new trustees, 3-4 new elders, and a new church clerk. Pray for God-honoring leadership and careful stewardship of our funding, facilities, and our ministries.

Please pray for a final push of energy and diligence for our 100th Anniversary Team as they make final plans and preparations for the weekend of October 10-13. Please pray specifically for all of the volunteer help that's needed, and that the gospel purposes behind these events will be achieved. Please pray for...

Thursday, October 10 – Global Partners Night: Pray for the onsite visits from some of our partners, as well as the updates we'll receive from those who can't join us in person. Pray for our church's recommitment to our adopted people group as we sign a renewed adoption certificate together.

Friday, October 11 – Senior Connection Potluck: Pray for a special time of Christian fellowship with our out-of-town guests. Pray for the devotional being presented by Sarah (Page) Friesen as well as the Heritage Panel with her sister Ruth Eastling and Allen Benson and some others.

Friday, October 11 – Through the Decades Variety Night: Pray for this fun and creative night of remembering God's faithfulness through the past 10 decades of history. Pray for the video presentation as well as the audience participation. Pray for the broad range of special guests who will be sharing fond memories and testimonies of praise for God's faithfulness through our church's various seasons of highs and lows.

Saturday, October 12 – Community Day: Pray for a powerful outreach and connection with our surrounding community. Pray that the mailed invites that we sent out to the immediately surrounding addresses within 1.5 miles of our church will be well-received. Pray that we'll have enough help to run all of the various stations including our free pulled pork lunch, classic vintage cars from the past 10 decades, bouncy houses, petting zoo, corn hole, face painting, balloon animals, church tour, cotton candy, cake walk, and even a brief greeting from Mayor Jorge Prince.

Saturday, October 12 – Dessert Night with Friends: Pray for a blessed time of good old gospel fellowship with friends who share a history at E-Free. Pray that we'll reconnect as we enjoy sampling desserts made from recipes out of our historical church cookbooks. Pray for a relaxing, unprogrammed time of building one another up in the faith.

Sunday, October 13 – 9:30-11:00 a.m. Combined Worship Service: Pray for a wonderful morning of worshipping God through music, prayer, testimonials, and time in His Word. We'll worship God together as we REMEMBER our shared past, RECONNECT as brothers and sisters in Christ, and RECOMMIT ourselves and our church to God's gospel purposes. Please pray for the preparations of each of our preachers including Oak Hills President Marty Giese, Pastor Emeritus Fred Martin, and Pastor Jerry, as well as a greeting from our EFCA North Central District representative, Paul Anderson. Pray also for the various music being prepared by our kids, our adult choir, our handbells, and our worship team.

Sunday, October 13 – 11:30 a.m. Catered Lunch (RSVP required): Pray that everyone who wants to attend this catered lunch will fill out their RSVP no later than Sunday, September 29. Pray for a delicious meal enjoyed by our church family together, and that our tables will overflow with thanksgiving and praise to God for all He's done and is yet to do.

Sunday, October 13 – A Night of Worship and Prayer: Pray that we'll cap off our 100th anniversary weekend together in a fitting way, in a spirit of worship and prayerful recommitment of ourselves and our church to God's service. Pray that our communion with one another and our Lord will be celebrated well as we partake in the Lord's Table together.

As always, let's continue to pray sincerely that God will help our church become more and more the church He would have us be.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, thank you for praying! Pastor Jerry

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Our Discipleship Pathway, Part 4 - GO

Mark 5:1-20 on September 29, 2024

Pastor Eric Nygren



1. Where is the best place in the Bemidji area to go for a hike or to take a walk? In Minnesota? In the U.S.?
2. Reread the story found in Mark 5:1-20. Are you surprised that Jesus wouldn't let the formerly demon-oppressed man go with him and his disciples?
3. In our church's Discipleship Pathway we want everyone to GATHER, GROW, GIVE, and GO. Is it fair to expect everyone to GO? Is every disciple really expected to be a disciple maker?
4. Pastor Eric mentioned three ways we can have a global impact even if God doesn't call us to be a Global Partner: giving, joining a Barnabas Team, and prayer for our Global Partners. What is one next step you would like to take to have a greater global impact?
5. On a scale of 1 to 10, how competent and confident do you feel about sharing with others about what the Lord has done for you? What would help you to feel more prepared to share your faith? Who could you talk to say, "Show me how!"
6. Jesus said, "Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you" (Mark 5:19). Who are "your...people"? Who is someone you would like to share this with? Invite your Life Group to pray for you and for that person.

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