

Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji

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Giving through Sept. 21st, 2025

Weekly Giving: \$12,745

Weekly Need: \$15,986

Giving YTD: \$553,115

Needed YTD: \$607,468

Roof Funds Received: \$41,456



Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, September 21, 2025

458 onsite | 35 screens / 7 states

SS: 22 kids | 8 youth | 34 adults

Connection Café/Misc: 71

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

adults, children, youth

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

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

Youth Ministry: text **efcbesm** to **94000**

Prayer chain: text **efreeprayer** to **94000**

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Sunday, September 28, 2025

Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

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Traditional Worship Service - 8:30 AM

Prelude: Laura Engelstad, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

Praise To The Lord The Almighty (Hymn #77)

Great Is The Lord (Hymn #44)

Offering & Prayer

Offertory: **Praise the Lord, Alleluia!**, Choir

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church

Ministry Moment: Men's Ministry

Scripture Reading: Terry Thoreson, Matthew 6:25-34

Message: Seeking the Kingdom of God, Jerry Drebelbis

Seek Ye First (Hymn #447)

Benediction

Ruth Eastling

Our sister in the Lord, Ruth Eastling, passed away the morning of Thursday, September 25th.

A Memorial Service will be held at E-Free Bemidji on Friday, October 3rd at 11 am. There will be a Visitation at 10 am.

The Deeply Devoted Podcast: Episode 050

On this special episode of The Deeply Devoted Podcast, we'll learn more about Grace Marriage, a new marriage discipleship opportunity launching this fall at E-Free Bemidji.

Episode available 9/30/25

What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

Book Signing by Greg Giles

Greg Giles, former E-Free Bemidji member, and former professor at Oak Hills Christian College, will be having an informal gathering in our Fireside Room today, at around noon. There will be a brief reading from his new book, "Wisdom About Wisdom," as well as an opportunity to buy a signed copy.

October Senior Connection

All senior adults are welcome to come for our Senior Connection Potluck on Friday, Oct. 10 at 11:30 in the Connection Cafe. Bring a friend or two, and a dish to share (store-bought or homemade is fine). This month Len and Sandi Carlson will share their life story and their walk with God. Come enjoy a refreshing time of fellowship! Call or text Laura at 218-209-8190 with any questions.

Memorial Book Entry

To the glory of God and in loving memory of 2 children already in Heaven, a memorial gift toward Sanctuary platform furniture was presented by their parents, Earl and Janet Felt in October 1989.

Now Hiring: Church Custodian

Please pray for our Search Team as we look for a Church Custodian (formerly Facility Supervisor). The job description is available online, including our church website, and in the church office. If you or someone you know may be a good fit, please connect with us in the main office or email: efree@paulbunyan.net.

Now Hiring: Office Manager

Please pray for our Search Team as we look for an Office Manager. The job description is available by stopping by the church office or on our website (www.efcbemidji.org/jobs). Applicants can email efree@paulbunyan.net with a letter of inquiry and resume.

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

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

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

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 28

- 8:30 am - Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am - Adult Bible Study: Gospel of John (Room 10)
- 9:45 am - Adult SS: Survey of Church History (West Chapel)
- 9:45 am - Adult SS: Old Testament Survey (East Chapel)
- 10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service
- 2:00 pm - Grief Share (Chapel)
- 2:00 pm - Scramble for Missions Golf Tourney (Greenwood)

Tuesday, September 30

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

Wednesday, October 1

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

Thursday, October 2

- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
- 6:30 pm - Women's Bible Study Fellowship (Youth Room, East Chapel, and West Chapel)

Friday, October 3

- 7:00 am - Heart of a Man: Men's Discipleship (Green Room)
- 11:00 am - Memorial Service for Ruth Eastling
- 7:00 pm - Grace Marriage

Sunday, October 5

- 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)
- 9:45 am - Old Testament Survey (East Chapel)
- 10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service
- 2:00 pm - Grief Share (Chapel)

Contemporary Worship Service - 10:45 AM

Prelude: Beautiful One

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Your Great Name

Lord, I Need You

Seek Ye First

Offering & Prayer

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Faithfulness

Benediction

Grief Share

A GriefShare support group is meeting on Sundays, 2-4 pm, in the Chapel, through December 14. Everyone is welcome to join at any time. For more information contact Jenny Hodgson, 218-556-4250.

Giving to our Roof Fund

Our church roof suffered significant damage in the June 21 storm. If you would like to give a financial gift, above and beyond your regular giving, to help toward these repairs, please designate it as "Roof Fund."

Next Sunday, October 5th, 2025

Responding to Jesus (Luke 7:18-35)

Pastor Eric Nygren

Kids & Youth Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 28

8:30 am - Kids/Beginners Church (Lower Level, dismissed before sermon)
9:45 am - Kids Sunday School (Lower Level)
9:45 am - Youth Sunday School (5:11 Room)
10:45 am - Kids/Beginners Church (Lower, dismissed before sermon)

Wednesday, October 1

5:00-5:45 pm - Family Meal: MN Hotdish
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.

Kids Sunday School

Our Kids Sunday School has begun.
9:45 am - 10:35 am on the lower level. PreK - 1st will be held in the PreK classroom. 2nd - 5th will be held in the 2/3rd grade classroom. Come join us to learn more about Jesus!



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

Youth Sunday School is in the 5:11 room at 9:45 am. Don't miss out as we go through the series, "Faker or Follower."



Fall Fling

Camp Shamineau time is here! It's happening the weekend of October 31st- November 2nd. See Pastor Shane for registration and more information.



Young Adults

Sunday, September 28

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

Tuesday, September 30

6:30 pm - Anchor (5:11 Room)

ANCHOR

We're diving into the Gospel of Mark. Join us on Tuesday nights in the 5:11 Room from 6:30-8:00pm.



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. We meet Thursday nights from 7:30-8:30 pm in Memorial 240. As well as having Monday Night Men's and Women's Bible Studies. See Mark C. or Terry H. with questions:
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