

NEWSLETTER

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF BEMIDJI



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, June 28

- 9:30 am - Worship Service
- 11:00 am - All-Church Movie: David (Gym)
- 6:00 pm - Music Night (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, June 30

- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Chapel)

Wednesday, July 1

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

Thursday, July 2

- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
- 6:30 pm - Softball Game (city field 4)
- 8:30 pm - Softball Game (city field 3)

Sunday, July 5

- 9:30 am - Worship Service
- 11:00 am - Coffee & Treats - (Gym)

June 28th: Moses' Prayer (Psalm 90)

July 5th: Paul's Prayer (Ephesians 3:14-21)

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Giving Through
June 21, 2026

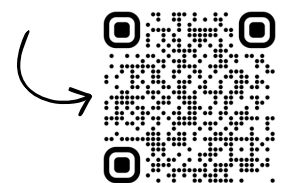
Weekly Giving:
\$14,637

Weekly Giving Need:
\$15,790

Giving YTD:
\$328,738

Needed YTD:
\$394,750

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GET CONNECTED



Elder Board Update

After meeting with representatives from the North Central District of the EFCA, it was recommended that we pursue an interim pastor. We are moving forward with this recommendation. We welcome your thoughts on this process. Please provide your feedback to an Elder, or send comments through the Elder email at elderboard@efcbemidji.org.

We've got a variety of activities planned for after service this summer. Here's what's happening this month.

June 28th, 11 am

Join us after the service in the Gym for an all-church movie day. We'll be showing the animated film, 'David,' and there will be concessions available (free will offering supporting the Global Fingerprints Sponsored Children).

June 28th, 6-7 pm

We're trying something new for the summer: Join us for Music Night, Sunday, June 28 from 6-7 PM in the sanctuary. This month we will focus on hymns and choruses. Come praise God with old favorites and learn some new ones! Give requests to Laura at 218-209-8190. Stay tuned for more Music Nights coming over the summer.

Two Ways to Pray - July 5th & July 12th

This month, our focus has been on Becoming People of Prayer. Now let's put that into practice:

Next **Sunday, July 5th**, we're planning a Downtown Prayer Walk after the service. Plan to meet up near Paul & Babe around 11:15 am. We'll have prayer guides available for you and your group to pray through as you walk around downtown Bemidji. Stay and pray as long as you like. The 4th of July parade starts at 1:00 pm.

The following **Sunday, July 12th** our Second Sunday Prayer focus will be on praying through our new Global Partner flipbooks (coming soon). We'll have various prayer stations in the CLC hosted by members of our Global Connections Team. We'll focus on our partnerships with our Adopted People Group, ReachGlobal MENA, Camp Oak Hills, Center for Indian Ministries, and our other Global Partners around the world.

JUNE 28TH ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:30 am - Worship Service

Prelude: Piano, Laura Engelstad

His Mercy is More

To God Be the Glory (Hymn #72)

Goodness of God

Offertory: "Find Us Faithful," David Dent

Scripture Reading: Psalm 90

Message, Pastor Eric Nygren

Lord, I Need You

11:00 am - All-Church Movie: David (Gym)

Lunch & concessions available

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorial Book

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Lowell "Ted" Gillet, a Memorial Gift of sanctuary projection equipment was presented by friends and family Oct 2011.

July 10th Sr. Connection Potluck

We welcome all senior adults to join us for fellowship and potluck on Friday, July 10th at 11:30 in the Connection Cafe. Bring an easy dish to share; homemade or store-bought is fine. Tracy Parthun will share her work with therapy and reading dogs, and will bring a furry friend along. And after the meeting, feel free to come tour the Engelstad gardens! Contact Laura at 218-209-8190 for our address, info, and questions

Bridal Shower

You're invited to come celebrate Leah Helweg's upcoming marriage to Josh O'Leary, and help us "shower" love, prayers, and gifts on their future life together. Join us on Sunday, July 19th at 2:00 in the connection cafe. Please bring a favorite family recipe card for the bride-to-be. Their registry is available through their website on TheKnot; <https://www.theknot.com/us/josh-o-leary-and-leah-helweg-oct-2026/registry> Password: theolearys2026! Please RSVP (by July 10) to Kristen at 1-612-360-1710.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The E-Free Cookout & Cornhole Tournament Is Back!

Plans are in the works for our July 26th Cookout & Cornhole Tournament, and we need your help! We need a team of volunteers to help plan and run the cookout and tournament. Please contact Pastor Eric or Jessica in the church office if you would like to help with this special all-church event. Tournament registration will begin in early July.

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.



E-Free Softball

Come on out and support our E-Free softball team Thursday nights! This week, July 2nd, our team plays at 6:30pm in City field 4 against Calvary Chapel and at 8:30pm in City field 1 against Covenant. There is a schedule posted on all the bulletin boards if you'd like to see it. Go E-Free!! THE TEAMS ARE LOOKING FOR MORE PLAYERS SO IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IN CONTACT MATT MYRICK AT 218-242-0822

Men's Bible Study

Join us in the Chapel on Wednesday mornings at 7:30am for good coffee, great conversation, and an opportunity to grow in your walk with Christ along with other men.

Scam & Fraud

Please beware of emails or texts that come to you asking for you to provide information or purchase something. Staff will never ask you for this information in this way. Please connect with the church office if you have questions.

YOUNG ADULTS

Sunday, June 28

9:30 am - Worship Service

11:00 am - All-Church Movie: David (Gym)



We will resume CRU in the fall.

See Mark C. or Terry H. with questions:

mhockeymd@gmail.com

Terryleehewitt@gmail.com



We will resume ANCHOR in the fall. Please talk to Pastor Shane if you have questions.

E-FREE KIDS



Sunday, June 28

9:30 am - Kids/Beginners Church Combined
(Lower Level, dismissed during service)

11:00 am - All Church Movie "David" (Gym)
Concessions/treats available. *All donations go to Global Fingerprints Sponsored Children.

**Please bring a camping chair if you don't want to sit in a folding chair.

VBS - Kingdom Quest

SAVE THE DATE - Aug. 9th-12th 6:00pm - 8:15pm
4 years old - 6th grade



SCAN HERE TO
REGISTER YOUR
CHILD FOR VBS



Volunteers needed

We are still in need of volunteers for beginners/kids church.

Kids ministry looks a bit different in the summer, but there are plenty of opportunities for kids/families to learn about Jesus, deepen their faith, and be discipled.

Kids can attend Beginners/Kids church each Sunday (they will be dismissed halfway through the service, and grade levels will be combined in the Assembly Room on the lower level - Please check in your children).

Kids can attend VBS at different churches in town (and at E-Free - Aug. 9-12)

Kids can go to Camp Oak Hills or Shamineau (there are scholarships available)

Kids can serve at an outreach opportunity, or attend our monthly Sunday Kids Ministry Events following the 9:30am service.

ALL of our outreach events/Sunday events are for kids and families. These are NOT "drop off" events. Parents/caregivers need to stay with their children.

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Text **efreekids** to **94000** join our E-Free Kids notification system.

STUDENT MINISTRIES



Sunday, June 28

9:30 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:00 am - All-Church Movie: David (Gym)

Youth Sunday School

We have officially wrapped up Sunday School for the Youth this season. We would encourage our congregation to continue daily in the Book of Proverbs. We collectively can grow in the abundant knowledge, wisdom, and love for our God through this time in His Word.

Youth Group

We have officially wrapped up the Youth Group for the year! Stay tuned to Newsletter and announcements for events/outreach opportunities for the Youth and Families this summer. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Shane or Amy Graf.

Youth Adult Ministry

Our Young Adult (Anchor) group has officially wrapped up for the year. If you want to know more about this ministry or are interested in joining, please reach out to Pastor Shane.

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