

WELCOME

To E-FREE Bemidji - May 16, 2021

NEW HERE?

Check out www.efcbemidji.org for more information about our church. Feel free to reach out to us with any questions. We'd love to get to know you more!

LIVESTREAM

Both of our regular Sunday services are livestreamed at our normal times. Join us online at 8:30 am for a more traditional service or at 10:45 am for a more contemporary service.

For Your Information

Choir and Handbell Finale Concert

Today, May 16 our handbells and choir will conclude the season with a Finale Concert at 3:00 PM. Please invite friends to come celebrate our great God through this musical presentation.

Ruby's Pantry

The next Ruby's Pantry community project will be on Thursday afternoon, May 20th, from 1:30-5:30 PM. Those interested in volunteering can contact JimHodgson@oakhills.edu for more information, or apply online at rubyspantry.org/become-volunteer.

Gib Hoefakker

Help us celebrate a beloved, longtime member by showering him with cards on his 88th birthday, June 9th! You can send cards to:

N9685 Nature Rd Lot #17
Eagle, WI 53119

Senior Connection

Senior adults are invited to join us for the Senior Connection Potluck on May 28 at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Scott and Laura Engelstad will present a Garden Talk and slideshow, and Laura will bring our devotional.

NOW HIRING: Visitation Caregiver

Our church is prayerfully seeking a godly person to be our next Visitation Caregiver. This ministry position focuses on serving the elderly members of our Church Family. Anyone interested in learning more should contact PastorJerry@efcbemidji.org.

Celebration for Rubee Pederson

The family invites you to join them in commemorating her life and faith on May 30, 2021 at 2:30pm at Oak Hills Christian College Chapel. There will be a light lunch to follow the service. Please email John Pederson at johnp@converge.org to reserve your lunch. A link to a recording of the service can be sent upon request.

Open House

Evelyn Nygren, Sunday, May 30th from 2-6 PM at the Nygrens: 3720 Prairie St NE, Bemidji, MN 56601

5/9/2021 Attendance

8:30 Service – 104 onsite attendees
33 screens in 7 states

10:45 Service – 200 onsite attendees
17 screens in 4 states

WORSHIP SERVICE

May 16: Choosing a Side
Act 14:1-20

SUNDAY MORNING ACTIVITIES

We're glad to have you in person and online!

COFFEE & CONNECTIONS

It's important to stay connected with one another! Take some time to connect with others at our coffee and connection hour between services, and consider reaching out to our members still watching online.

GIVING

Check out our website for a list of your giving options including: giving over the phone with Vanco, mobile-app, text-to-give, mailing in checks, giving online, and setting up automatic giving withdrawals at www.efcbemidji.org/give.

SERMON

You can request to have sermon transcripts mailed or emailed to you in our office. Our sermons are also available online at: www.efcbemidji.org/watch-read/resources/.

Tune in on Sunday mornings during our regular service times to watch our livestream services! Find out more on our Website at www.efcbemidji.org/live.

WEEKLY EVENTS:

Sunday

8:30 AM Traditional Service Onsite or Online
10:45 AM Contemporary Service Onsite or Online
6:30 PM Hodgson Life Group via Zoom

Monday

6:30 PM McKain Life Group
6:50 PM Trustee Board Meeting

Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Prayer Meeting
6:00 PM Young Adult Life Group
6:30 PM Hewitt's Life Group
7:00 PM Carlson's Life Group
7:15 PM Choir Potluck

Wednesday

6:30 AM Men's Morning Study
9:00 AM Women's Morning Study
6:00 PM Middle School Youth Group
7:30 PM High School Youth Group

Thursday

6:30 PM Shindelar Men's Group
6:30 PM Elder board Meeting
7:00 PM Worship Team Practice

Friday

9:00 AM Primetime Study

A Note from Matt Graf

It's been an honor and privilege to serve as the Interim 10:45 Music Director. At this time I need to focus on other responsibilities and opportunities, so my time to serve in this specific position has come to an end. Thank you joining together each week to focus on giving God glory. I ask that you would please join me in praying for the next person to serve our church in leading us in worshipping of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Special Music

How Can I Keep From Singing? Arr. by Kenneth Wold, with Flute by Michelle Seibel.

2021 Graduates

College & High school grads and proud parents, send us your graduate's name, degree, school and graduation month to efree@paulbunyan.net by Thursday, May 20th to be recognized in our grad insert!

Congratulations!

Join us in congratulating parents Adam and Kristine Bommersbach on the dedication of their daughter, Aoife, last Sunday, May 9th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 28 – Senior Connections Potluck

June 6 – Communion Sunday

May 16, 2021 at E-FREE CHURCH OF BEMIDJI

BECOMING FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF
JESUS TOGETHER AS WE JOURNEY THROUGH
ACTS

E-Free Church Online

www.efcbemidji.org | Instagram & Facebook: @efcbemidji

Other Info

Looking to connect at E-Free Bemidji? Tear off and fill out the included Connection Card in the bulletin or complete our online Connection Card. Visit <https://efcbemidji.org/connectioncard> or scan the QR code with your smartphone.

Livestream link:

www.efcbemidji.org/live

Email pray@efcbemidji.org to share a prayer request or to join our church email prayer chain.



Wi-Fi password: efreebemidji

Leadership

To see a full list of our ministry staff and leaders, visit our website at www.efcbemidji.org/about-us/our-leadership or stop by the foyer bulletin board.

SERMON SNEAK PEAK

May 23: Strengthening Disciples
Acts 14:21-28

May 30th: Glorious!
Revelation 20:1-6

115 Carr Lake Rd. SW, Bemidji, MN 56601 - www.efcbemidji.org

GIVING

For May 9, 2021

WEEKLY GIVING:

\$24,770

WEEKLY NEEDED:

\$14,923

GIVEN YTD:

\$252,269

NEEDED YTD:

\$283,537

Go to our website to find out more ways to give at:
www.efcbemidji.org/give

Church Office

(218) 751-8834
efree@paulbunyan.net

Hours:

Tuesday-Friday: 8am-12pm;
1pm-5pm
Sunday: 8am-10:45AM;
12pm-12:45PM

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Sermon-based Discussion Questions

"Choosing a Side" from 5/16/2021
Acts 14:1-20

SPOILER ALERT: *You may not want to read these until
AFTER you have heard the sermon.*

1. Think back to a time in your life when you felt the pressure of choosing between two family members, or two people at work or school, or something else. What kinds of things went through your mind?
2. Acts 13:46 says, "We had to speak the word of God to you first." Why was sharing the gospel with the Jews such a priority for Paul? (See Romans 9:2-5)
Sometimes a particular group of people is a priority on our own hearts. This might be because of shared life experience, geography, economics, or something else. What group might this be for you?
3. Acts 13:51 says "they shook the dust off their feet as a warning to them." How would you explain this warning? (See Luke 10:8-12 and Acts 28:23-28) How do you think we might rightly apply this to our own witness?
4. In Acts 14:3 they stay and speak boldly for the Lord in the face of opposition. In Acts 14:6 they hear about a plot to stone them and flee. In Acts 14:19 the crowd throws stones at Paul until they think he's dead. What do you think it would be like if you had to face this kind of persecution everywhere you went? How might you determine when to stay and when to flee?
5. In Acts 14:15-17, Paul explains how God has revealed Himself to all people by providing us with rain and crops. How might you explain God's general revelation through nature vs. His special revelation through the preaching of the gospel? (See Romans 1:18-20)
6. When it comes to "choosing a side" and choosing to follow Jesus, what helps you keep following and not quit?

Choosing a Side

Acts 14:1-20
5/16/2021 – Pastor Jerry Johnson