

October 30, 2022 at E-FREE CHURCH OF BEMIDJI

*Becoming deeply devoted followers
of Jesus together*

E-Free Church Online

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Other Info

Looking to connect at E-Free Bemidji?
Scan the QR code below or fill out the
Welcome Connection Card located in the
sanctuary seats, or complete our online
Connection Card by following this link:
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Livestream link:

www.efcbemidji.org/live

Email efree@paulbunyan.net to share a
prayer request or to join our church
email prayer chain.

Text: efreeprayer to 94000

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.

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

GIVING

For October 23, 2022

WEEKLY GIVING:
\$ 11,015

WEEKLY NEEDED:
\$ 14,778

GIVEN YTD:
\$ 573,239

NEEDED YTD: \$ 631,979

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



Church Office

(218) 751-8834
efree@paulbunyan.net
Text EFree to 94000

Hours:

Tuesday-Friday: 8am-12pm;
1pm-5pm
Sunday: 7:30am-8:30AM;
9:30am-12:30PM

WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

WORSHIP SERVICE

Dragon War
Revelation 12-14

WELCOME

To E-FREE Bemidji - October 30, 2022

NEW HERE?

New here? Regular attender? Stay connected via text message by texting the word **EFREE** to **94000**. Or, check out our website at www.efcbemidji.org

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

🌲 Hallelujah by Handel 🌲

Calling all singers! Our choir is looking for help with singing Hallelujah on Sunday, November 20 at the end of both services. Contact Mr. Wold for more info at 218-751-2554. Or just show up at church for practice on Tuesday at 7:15 p.m.

🌲 Christmas Tea 🌲

Mark your calendars for this special evening of fun, music and food, Friday, Dec 2nd at 6pm. Tickets go on sale November 6th in the Connection Café.

Christmas Tea Hostess Meeting

Reminder to all hostesses there is a meeting on November 13th at 9:45am in the Conference Room.

Church Directories are Ready!

Church Directory round 1 is ready to be picked up in the office. Thank you for your patience! I've tried to connect with everyone and I know I may have accidentally missed a couple of folks. Please see me if you've been missed or see errors.
Jessica Westlund

Congregational Meeting

Our Congregational Meeting is today at 1:00 PM in the Sanctuary. In this meeting we will be voting on our 2023 ministry budget, membership, as well as voting on candidates for officer positions. Only members will be able to vote, but all are welcome!

Voting on our 2023 Church Leaders

Trustee nominees: LaDon Howes, Jim Ritchie, Linda Shutter, and Jessica Westlund

Elder nominees:

Scott Buchan, Paul Thomas, Karl Salscheider, and John F Williams

Church Clerk Nominee: Kate Toriseva

Church members, please prayerfully consider each of these candidates as we prepare for our vote at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 30. Each candidate needs a 75% "yes" vote in order to be elected. Pictures and bios for our nominees are displayed in the foyer.

Food Shelf for September

810 Households, 54,267 pounds of food, 117 New clients, 2,467 Individuals

SUNDAY MORNING ACTIVITIES

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

GIVING

Try out our secure giving kiosk here at the church or visit 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.

CONNECTION CAFÉ

Take some time to connect with others at our connection time between Sunday services, and consider reaching out to our church family who are watching online.

SERMON

You can request to have sermon transcripts mailed or emailed to you weekly by contacting the office. Our sermons are also available to read or watch online at: www.efcbemidji.org/sermons.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 30 – Potluck 12pm
Congregational Meeting 1pm
- Nov 1 – Trail Life 6:30pm
- Nov 2 – Youth Group After Dark
8:00-8:45pm
- Nov 6 – Commissioning Bangladesh Team
- Nov 6 – Christmas Tea Ticket Sales
- Nov 12 – Bangladesh team leaving
- Nov 13 – Christmas Tea Hostess Mtg
6pm 2SP service
- Nov 14 – OCC drop off week
- Nov 19 – Women's Overflow Event
- Nov 23 – Bangladesh team returning

10/23/2022 Sunday Attendance

236 onsite attendees plus
35 screens in 5 states

10/26/2022 Wednesday Attendance

61 adults, 54 children, 50 youth

SERMON SNEAK PEEK

- Nov 6: Earth's Response to a Holy God
Revelation 15-16
Rick Weinert preaching
(Oak Hills Facilitator of Church & Ministry Resources)
- Nov 13: Escaping Babylon
Revelation 17-18

Wednesday Night Ministries

For Updates on Kids Ministries or Youth Ministries:

Text: efreekids to 94000

Text: EFCBSM to 94000

5:15pm Meal

6:00-7:45pm Kids Min & Youth Group

8-8:45 Youth Group After Dark

Wednesday Night Meal

November 2: MN Hotdish

Please text or email any questions to Mandi Buchan, 218-766-9106 or mjwshutterbug@gmail.com

Operation Christmas Child

Collection week is coming up November 14-21 when we will receive shoeboxes from the community and pack them for shipment to a processing center. Please consider helping during that time. We need help to greet, unload, count and pack cartons as they are dropped off by groups and individuals. Training will be provided. Sign up sheets for collection week are in the Connection Café. Questions? Contact Anna Johnson at 218-444-7256 or doug.anna.johnson@gmail.com

Dear Brother or Sister in Christ,

10/24/2022

Thank you for prioritizing prayer for our church as we draw one month closer to our 100-year anniversary in 2024.

Let's begin by praying for any spiritually lost friends, family members, or neighbors we know. As we journey through our Revelation sermon series, pray that our church will take to heart our Great Commission mandate to be witnesses for Christ. Pray that we will watch for the opportunities that God opens up for us. Pray for courage, timing, tone, and tact. May we explain the gospel clearly and with just the right amount of gentleness or firmness necessary. Pray that we will live out 2 Corinthians 5:17 in our everyday lives, "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God."

Please pray for our various Global Partners. If you have one of our flipbooks, take it out and pray for them one at a time. Pray for our adopted people group in southeast Asia. Pray that many of them will come to Jesus as their personal savior, and that they'll be able to navigate the extreme cultural challenges that can come with a decision to follow Him. Pray also for our global partners working there, as well as our short-term team as they prepare to head over in November. Praise God for this opportunity to go! Pray that it will help them to develop in their Christian worldview and that it will bring significant discipleship maturity in each team member. Pray for safety and effective ministry. Praise God for His financial provision and pray that each member will be able to raise any remaining funds needed.

Pray for our global partners who are mobilizing a new generation of global partners through recruiting, training, fund raising, and then sending. May God raise up a whole new generation of courageous workers who leave their comfort zone and do hard things for God! Pray for those involved in Bible translation. May they have the focus and mental fortitude they need to continue making steady progress toward getting God's Word into every language and tongue. Pray for the ministry of Global Fingerprints as they promote not only child sponsorships but also local pastors/churches that can sustain Christian ministry for generations to come. Pray for our camp ministries as they conduct fall ministry, work on their buildings and grounds, and also plan ahead for ministry logistics in the year 2023. Pray for effective ministry with Native Americans both onsite and over the radio. Pray for God-honoring ministry partnerships between Natives and Anglos. Pray that the sentiment of Ephesians 2:14 would be applied to these relationships, "For He himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility." Pray for our global partners who are located overseas. Pray for favor with residency paperwork, language and culture study, and favor with local residents. May God give them wisdom to be effective in this everchanging world of pandemics, politics, and inflation concerns. Pray that our global partners who are single will find great joy and contentment as they follow God with their whole hearts. Pray that our global partners who are married will experience a healthy family dynamic in every way.

Please pray for our congregational meeting on Sunday, October 30. Pray that our membership will

Pray for our nation's upcoming midterm elections. Pray that our nation will look to God. Pray for wisdom and godliness for our leaders, and for a calming down of partisan hostilities. Pray that believers in Jesus Christ will embrace and live out the priorities of 1 Timothy 2:1-4, "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 3 This is good, and pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."

Pray for the upcoming deer hunting season. Pray for safety and a productive harvest of meat for area households. Praise God for His beautiful creation and the way He provides through our local habitat of deer, fish, gamebirds, and so on. Pray that friends and family will enjoy their time together out in the woods as well as at deer camp and in their homes. Pray for God's leading in opportunities to share the Good News about Jesus in these settings.

Please continue to pray that our various ongoing ministries (kids, youth, and adult) will have enough volunteers, and that those volunteers will be well-equipped for effective discipleship ministry. Pray that genuine Christian fellowship will happen. Pray that God's Word will be honored by all and rightly taught and understood. Pray that our various church leaders will know which ministries to prioritize and which ones to hold back on. Pray for our Trustees and Elders in particular, as they make various ministry decisions about our church's current needs and future direction. May we all have great wisdom and insight as we humbly seek God's will in all things.

Brothers or Sister in Christ, thanks for praying! "Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen." (Hebrews 13:20-21)

Together for Christ,

Pastor Jerry

P.S. - I hope to see you at Second Sunday Prayer on November 13 at 6 p.m.!

Meet the Bangladesh Team



This November, our team is going to Bangladesh to provide a VBS for kids as their parents attend their SIM conference. We want the parents to be fully engaged while they are in their conference and training and provide an opportunity for discipleship for their children. We will also be learning more about the work in Bangladesh and the spiritual needs of the Bengali people.

Pastor Douglas Daube

Pastor Douglas is the Youth and Young Adults Pastor at E-Free. He is married to Emily and they have two daughters, Alice and Liliana. He is going on the trip to learn more about our Global Partners, their ministry, and our adopted people group.



Evy Buchan

I am a junior in high school. I have been homeschooled for a large part of my life. Just a couple things I enjoy are music, long walks in foggy weather, diving into the word, dogs and good food. March 2020 was a turning point for me when I decided to take my relationship with Christ more seriously.

Ever since then, I thought it would be an amazing opportunity to go and serve those further outside my church and community. I never really inquired about it until I found out about the upcoming trip in November. Not ever thinking my mom would let me go, I just mentioned it to her and afterwards I did almost nothing but prayed that the Lord would make a way for me to be on the trip if I was meant to go. Other than that, I really don't have a specific reason for going other than to stretch my comfort zone and to bless those we will be serving. I am very excited to see how the Lord has been working and how he will continue to do so.



Leah Helweg

I'm a junior in high school and am 16 years old. I've attended E-Free all my life, so I've known about the Bengali people as our "Unreached people group." Last year, our Global Partners came and spoke to the youth group about an upcoming trip to Bangladesh, and what that would entail.

I talked to them more about it afterwards, and remember thinking how exciting it sounded. When I heard about the trip this November, I prayed about it and God has made a way for me to go! I'm so excited to see what He has in store, and can't wait to see the amazing things He's going to do through us. Thank you!! :)

Jordan Schlador

I live in Duluth, though my family is very involved in ministry in Bemidji. I am very excited to go on this trip with E-Free. The reason I am going is so I can be a part of caring for the SIM conference families, something I am very passionate about. I am also going to learn more about the work being done in Bangladesh and to experience a new country, culture, and way of life.



Justin Burpo

I graduated from Oak Hills with a degree in Intercultural Studies in 2015 and since then I've been a student at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Illinois studying Biblical Archaeology. I've been a member of our church for about a decade now, and for a number of those years I've been involved with the Global Connections Team.

I'm very familiar with our church's connection to the Bengali people and I've wanted to visit in person for a long time. I hope that through going I can help strengthen our congregation's connection to our ministries there.

Our team is **70%** funded with about **\$3,000** yet to be raised. If you would like to support the team, please indicate **Bangladesh Trip** on your check memo or with your online gift. Thank you!

LADIES AGE 14 AND OLDER ARE
INVITED TO OUR

Christmas Tea

DECEMBER 2ND
6:00 PM
\$20

TICKETS GO
ON SALE
NOVEMBER 6TH

