

November 20, 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:
<https://efcbemidji.org/connectioncard>



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](tel: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 November 13, 2022

WEEKLY GIVING:
\$ 29,555

WEEKLY NEEDED:
\$ 14,778

GIVEN YTD:
\$ 625,155

NEEDED YTD: \$ 676,313

Scan the QR code above or go to
our website to find out more ways
to give at: www.efcbemidji.org/give



Church Office

(218) 751-8834
efree@paulbunyan.net
Text [EFree](tel:EFree) to 94000

Hours:

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

IN ALL THINGS

Give

THANKS

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WORSHIP SERVICE

The End of Evil
Revelation 19-20

WELCOME

To E-FREE Bemidji - November 20, 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

The choir this morning has prepared to sing for our worship the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Messiah by G. F. Handel. The "Messiah" is an oratorio in which the entire text is scripture set to music. "Hallelujah" comes from the chapter we are hearing discussed this morning. This chorus uses the word Hallelujah over 50 times. It is very triumphant and celebratory. We have nearly 15 extra people in the choir who have agreed to join us for this one time. I am grateful to all of these singers as well as those who are committed to sing and rehearse each week throughout the season. Most audiences stand in honor of this powerful statement of praise to Yahweh, the Hebrew name of God. Kenneth Wold, choir director.

Senior Connection Potluck

Adults, please join us for a special Christmas Sr. Connection potluck on Friday, December 9th. The potluck starts at 11:30am, and the program at 12:00pm. Allen Benson will read us a Christmas story, and Sonja Connell will play a mini-concert on her cello with Laura on piano. Even if you're not a "senior", feel free to come for the program! Call 218-209-8190 with questions.

Christmas Carol Sing

To help prepare for the Christmas season, we take an hour to sing Christmas Carols. The carolsing will be held on December 11 at 9:45am in the foyer of the CLC.

Fraud Alert

Please be careful NOT to respond to any email supposedly coming from one of the church staff that asks you to purchase gift cards. This is a scam. Please contact the church office with any questions or concerns.

SUNDAY MORNING ACTIVITIES

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

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.

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.

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

- Nov 21– OCC final drop off day
- Nov 23 – Bangladesh team returning
- Nov 23 – No Kids Min or Youth Group
- Nov 24 – Thanksgiving meal deliveries
- Nov 24 & 25 – Office Closed
- Nov 27 – 1st Sunday of Advent
- Nov 30– Family Worship Night
- Dec 2 – 6:00pm Christmas Tea
Ticketed event
- Dec 4 – Bangladesh Team Report
- Dec 7 – 8pm YG After Dark
- Dec 9 – Senior Connection Potluck
Cello/Piano mini concert

11/13/2022 Sunday Attendance

283 onsite attendees plus
40 screens in 7 states

11/16/2022 Wednesday Attendance

19 adults, 57 children

SERMON SNEAK PEEK

Nov 27: A New Heaven and Earth
Revelation 21-22

Dec 4: Based on Actual Events
Luke 1:26-56
Matt Graf preaching

Wednesday Night Ministries

For updates on Kids Ministries or Youth Ministries:

Text: efreekids to 94000

Text: EFCBSM to 94000

October 23: NO KIDS CLUB
NO YOUTH GROUP

Operation Christmas Child

Monday, November 21st is our final morning for collecting shoeboxes. If you have shoe box to donate please leave it at the church no later than 10:30am Monday morning. If you have any questions please call Anna Johnson, 218-444-7256, or 218-760-5264.

Baby Announcements

We want to celebrate the birth or adoption of your child! If you've recently had a new member join the family, send us the date and a picture to share with the church on Sunday! Email Jessica at OfficeManager@efcbemidji.org

Welcome Ministry

We're looking for a few more people to help with our Sunday morning Welcome Ministry. If you find a good fit to serve, please fill out the form on the back of this sheet. Questions? Contact Pastor Eric at (218) 751-8834.

Welcome Center Host

Almost every Sunday guests from our community visit E-Free Bemidji for the first time in person. We're looking for warm-hearted volunteers who will:

- Welcome first-time guests and help them to find their way around.
- Help answer questions about our facility and ministries.
- Invite guests to fill out a Welcome Card.
- Thank guests for visiting by offering them a free gift bag.
- Help direct people to available discipleship resources in the foyer.

Child Check-in Host

Our secure child check-in system helps to keep our kids safe. We're in need of a servant-hearted person who can:

- Assist with registering first-time users of our check-in system.
- Demonstrate the check-in process for new users.
- Start up and monitor check-in stations during the morning.

Greeter

Our Greeters are some of the first friendly faces our guests and church family see on a Sunday morning. We're in need of kind-hearted volunteers who will:

- Greet guests and church family as they arrive at the main entrance.
- Assist with doors at the main entrance or the drive-up entrance.
- Direct first-time guests to our Welcome Center.

Usher

Ushers extend our Welcome Ministry into the Sanctuary as our guests and church family prepare to worship. We're looking for helping hands that can:

- Help worshipers find seating before and after the service has started.
- Direct people to find bulletins, giving options, and other resources.
- Coordinate with the Awareness Team as needs arise.

Please Contact me about serving at the

8:30 Service 10:45 Service

I would like to serve as a

Welcome Center Host

Child Check-in Host

Greeter

Usher

Name:

Phone: Cell Home

Email:

Celebrating the *Advent* season at E-Free Bemidji

Thanksgiving Week

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever. (Psa. 136:1, NIV)

- Nov 20-26** Life Groups not meeting this week
- W | Nov 23** No Wednesday Night Kids Min or Youth Group
- Th | Nov 24** No Women's Bible Study Fellowship
- Th-F | Nov 25-26** Church Office Closed

First Week of Advent

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isa. 9:6, NIV)

- Su | Nov 27** **First Sunday of Advent**
 - 8:30 AM | Traditional Worship Service
 - 9:45 AM | Final Love & Respect Marriage Class
 - Adult Bible Study: Colossians
 - 10:45 AM | Contemporary Worship Service - No Kids Church
- W | Nov 30** 6:00 PM | Kids Min Advent Family Worship Night
 - Youth Group
- F | Dec 2** 6:00 PM | Women's Christmas Tea (tickets required)

Second Week of Advent

[Christ Jesus], being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. (Phil. 2:5-6, NIV)

- Su | Dec 4** **Second Sunday of Advent**
 - 9:45 AM | Bangladesh Team Report (Youth Room)
- W | Dec 7** 6:00 PM | Wednesday Night Kids Min & Youth Group
 - 8:00 PM | Youth Group After Dark
- F | Dec 9** 11:30 AM | Senior Connection Potluck
 - 12:00 PM | Christmas Reading & Cello/Piano Concert

Third Week of Advent

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. (Gal. 4:4-5, NIV)

Fourth Week of Advent

"Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." (Matt 1:20-21, NIV)

- Dec 18-24** Life Groups not meeting this week
- Su | Dec 18** **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
8:30 AM | Christmas Cantata
9:45 AM | Adult Bible Study: Colossians
10:45 AM | Contemporary Worship Service
- T | Dec 20** 6:00 PM | Choir & Handbells Potluck Christmas Party
- W | Dec 21** No Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study
No Wednesday Night Kids Min or Youth Group
- Th | Dec 22** No Women's Bible Study Fellowship
- Sa | Dec 24** 5:00 PM | Combined Christmas Eve Service (Nursery available)

Christmas Week

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11, NIV)

- Dec 25-31** Life Groups not meeting this week
- Su | Dec 25** **Christmas Day**
No 8:30 Service or 9:45 Activities
10:45 AM | Combined Worship Service (Nursery available)
- W | Dec 28** No Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study
No Wednesday Night Kids Min or Youth Group
- Th | Dec 29** No Women's Bible Study Fellowship

New Year's Week

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! (2 Cor. 5:17, NIV)

- Jan 1-7** Life Groups resume meeting this week
- Su | Jan 1** **New Year's Day**
No 8:30 Service or 9:45 Activities
10:45 AM | Combined Worship Service (Nursery available)

YEAR-END GIVING

WE REMAIN GRATEFUL FOR THE FAITHFUL AND GENEROUS GIVING OF OUR CONGREGATION. THIS ENABLES A VARIETY OF MINISTRIES TO NURTURE OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND TO POINT OTHERS TOWARD CHRIST.

AS YOU PLAN YOUR YEAR-END GIVING

Please prayerfully consider including the Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji in your year-end giving. Donations to the church are tax-deductible. Even if you don't itemize your federal taxes, look into the options available for claiming charitable giving on your state taxes.

BE AWARE OF THE CUT-OFF DATES

For 2022 tax-deductible donations, hand-delivered gifts must be received in the main office before the close of business on Friday, December 30. Mailed gifts must be postmarked by December 31. Electronic transactions must also be initiated by the final day of the year.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements for 2022 will be mailed in January. If your address needs to be added to or updated in our database, please notify our church office with your current contact information.

Again thank you to each individual and family in our congregation for your prayerful consideration. May God be honored in the stewardship of all our personal finances, as well as that of our church.