

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH of BEMIDJI

*"To promote the supremacy of Christ
by celebrating His love, obeying His truth,
and enlarging His kingdom."*

July 9, 2017

WELCOME! It's great to worship the Lord with you today. Please take a minute to fill out a **Welcome Card** located in the chair back pocket. We hope you feel right at home here.

Please stop by our Welcome Table in the main foyer with your completed Welcome Card and exchange it for a free church mug filled with chocolates and information about the ministries here.

Worship Services: 8:30 Traditional & 11:00 Contemporary

Message "Responding to the Needs around Us"

Zechariah 7:9-10

Steve and Kathy Austvold

NURSERY: For children age 3 and under

We thank God for families and children! In order to help serve your needs we provide a staffed nursery at the 8:30 and 11:00 services, and during the Sunday School hour at 9:45 when noted on schedule. The nursery is located at the far end of the Fellowship Hall and to the right. The ushers will be glad to direct you. Please be sure to sign in your child and pick up a pager each week.



KIDS OPTIONS: QUIET PACKS AND ACTIVITY CART

Children third grade and under: Quiet Packs are available at a table in the Fellowship Hall. These packs are for use during the worship services. Please sign out your packs and return them after the service so they are available for future use. Thank you.

Children fifth grade and under: An activities cart is in the Fellowship Hall. Please use these items in the Fellowship Hall and put them back on the cart when done.

Beginner's Church and Bay Point will not be offered during the 11:00 service this summer. Join us again in September.

NEED PRAYER?

A member of our Prayer Team will be happy to pray with you this morning. Please come to the Prayer Corner on the right side of the platform after the worship service. All prayers will be kept confidential.



OUR CHURCH'S WEEK

**Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
(closed Mondays)**

- TODAY** 12:15 p.m. Limarii Fundraiser – Multipurpose Room
- Tues.** 6:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting – Conference Room
6:30 p.m. Softball vs. Solway – Softball Field
- Wed.** 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study – Fireside Room
8:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study – Tea and Gifts
9:00 a.m. GriefShare – Fireside Room
6:30 p.m. Summer Youth Group – Yerbich's Home
- Thurs.** 9:00 a.m. White Cross – Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Campfire Chats – Campfire Pit
- Fri.** 10:30 a.m. Bone Builders – Chapel

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SUNDAY: Pray for the financial needs of our church and the global partners we support. Pray that all our needs will be met.

MONDAY: Continue to pray for the Associate Pastor Search Committee and the Elder Board as they consider a candidate.

TUESDAY: Pray for safety for the men's softball team as they play tonight. Pray God will be honored by their sportsmanship.

WEDNESDAY: Pray for the hungry and homeless in our community. Pray that their physical and spiritual needs will be met.

THURSDAY: Pray for the people needed to help with our upcoming Vacation Bible School. Pray also for those who will attend to be open to the gospel.

FRIDAY: Pray for our Global Partners Karl and Indigo Nelson as they serve with International Messengers.

SATURDAY: Pray for those in our church who are looking for work or better jobs. Pray that God will provide for all their needs.

NURSERY STAFF for TODAY

- 8:30 JD and Naomi Shindelar
11:00 Aaron and Sharna Johnson

NURSERY STAFF for NEXT WEEK

- 8:30 Dawn Carpenter and Sharna Johnson
11:00 Justine Guderian and Mishel and Nora Carlson

MINISTRY GIVING

General Ministry Fund

July 2 giving: **\$12,679**

Budgeted/week: **\$12,035**; 27 weeks: **\$324,945**

Received through July 2: **\$315,121**

Global Partners Fund

July 2 giving: **\$1,065**

Budgeted/week: **\$1,449**; 27 weeks: **\$39,123**

Received through July 2: **\$35,081**

CAN I DESIGNATE MY GIVING TO THE CHURCH?

Yes! For example, our church's Global Partner's Fund is kept separate from our General Ministry Fund. That means that all gifts contributed for missions go only for missions, but it also means that gifts need to be designated on your envelope or check for the Global Partners Fund. Any contributions that are not designated go to the General Ministry Fund.

Please do not overlook our General Ministry Fund. It covers all of our weekly ministries such as our youth ministries, Sunday School, worship services, and pastoral ministries.

Envelopes for your offerings are available on the counter in the church office. Listed on the envelope are the main areas for giving and a place to designate special donations. Forget your checkbook? You can give online at www.efcbemidji.org and also by texting (218) 216-8560 with the amount you would like to contribute, including the dollar sign (ex. \$25).

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Technology Committee has several projects under way such as installing a larger monitor in the Fellowship Hall, having a live feed from the sanctuary to the monitor, and upgrading our wireless Internet access (when complete there will be a public access available to all).

If you would like to designate a special onetime gift to help fund these projects and more, please mark your offering as "Technology". Your financial help would be so appreciated.

EFCB STUDENT MINISTRIES

SUMMER CAMPS AVAILABLE!!!

If you are interested in going to summer camp please talk to Pastor Albin about it.

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

If you want to give to our camp scholarship fund please mark so on your offering. We have Scholarship request forms available in the main office if you are in need.

SUMMER DATES:

July 12 at the Yerbich's house-

704 Spruce Grove LN NW Bemidji

July 26 at the Norvold's house-

51602 County RD 36, Bemidji

August 10 at the County Fair

August 23 at the Eastling's House



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL RECRUITING TABLE

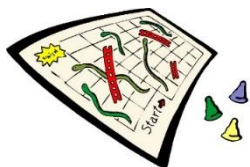
What is our summer going to look like at VBS this year? What will examining God's good gifts look like against the cross-cultural back-drop of Peru? What leadership needs do we still have?



Come by our table in the Fellowship Hall TODAY and find out!

If you are not able to stop by today, please contact Stacy Ferrin at (218) 751-8834 or sferrin@efcbemidji.org for more information on how you can jump in on the fun.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL: UPS & DOWNS



Throughtout the summer we will have a sprinkling of children's Sunday School options for kids. This year, we are looking at valuable Bible principles using the theme of classic family games. A couple of weeks ago, we looked at the story of Joseph being sold into slavery while using the game Chutes &

Ladders as our game illustration.

It really is such assurance to know that through all of life's ups and downs, God will be with us. Join us again next Sunday, July 16, as we look at choosing well because it is right in God's eyes, not just our own. Our game engagement will be a classic favorite: Candy Land! Be sure to join us then!

BACKYARD 5-DAY CLUB OPPORTUNITIES

Child Evangelism Fellowship of Minnesota is bringing a team of trained teenagers to Bemidji from July 10 – July 21 to teach 5 Day Clubs. During those 2 weeks they would like to teach 6 clubs at various times.

They currently have 4 scheduled and are looking for 2 more host families for the second week. It would include inviting your friends and neighbors over for 1 1/2 hours of Bible stories, missionary story, games, songs, and a snack.

All volunteers are required to do a background check, so paperwork needs to be completed one week prior to the club. For more information about CEF please refer to www.cefmn.org or contact Becky Eastling at (218) 407-0072.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

LIMARII FUNDRAISER TODAY

Franklin and Lorina Limarii are sharing during the Sunday School hour today. After the 11:00 service, you may join them for a freewill-offering TACO BAR. And, check out the SILENT AUCTION going on now in the Community Life Center until 1:00 p.m.

Please be praying about whether you would like to be part of the Limariis' monthly SUPPORT TEAM, giving above what you already give to the global outreach and general funds.

Pray that God will meet their needs and prepare the way for ministry in The Solomons, so that people can read about Jesus in their own language and that global workers can be sent prepared from this newer sending country.

CHURCH PICNIC AND BAPTISM SERVICE

At our annual church picnic next Sunday afternoon, July 16, we will enjoy God's creation at the north camp of Oak Hills Christian College. We will begin at 4:00 p.m. with activities such as rodeo golf, bean bag toss, croquet, water activities, and any other games you bring. Following our meal at 5:00 p.m., we will meet at the lake side for a brief service of baptism. (A map is posted in the foyer, and copies are available in the church office.)

Please bring hot dogs, buns, and beverages for your family and a picnic dish enough for your family and some to share. Ice cream will be served after the baptism. Remember to bring your own plates, silverware and cups. You might also want to bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

In preparation for the Baptism Service on July 16, a special Sunday School class on the meaning of baptism will be held TODAY in the Fireside Room and repeated next Sunday, July 16. This class is for all who are considering baptism and for all who have questions on the subject. Attendance at the class is open to all ages, and it does not obligate anyone to be baptized.

SERMON SNEAK PEEK

July 16, "The Body: a Church Physical," Karl Salscheider

July 23, "Paul's Prayer, Passion & Presentation for His People," Huron Claus

UPCOMING EVENTS

HEARTFELT THANKS!

A big thank you for all the cards, calls, and well-wishes I've received following my back surgery. The Lord is blessing me through my caring Church family! Joan Ditty

MEN'S SOFTBALL

Come support our team Tuesday, July 11 at 6:30 p.m. as they face Solway at our ball field. Call Jake Kangas at (218) 766-4122 if you want to join the team this summer or with any questions.

SUMMER RECITAL SERIES

The Bemidji Area Church Musicians welcome everyone to an organ recital featuring Dr. Joseph Henry, Wednesday, July 11, at 12:00 noon at St. Philip's Church. A freewill offering will be received to support BACM music scholarships. Lunch is served following the concert. Costs vary.



WHITE CROSS

Ladies, join us for White Cross Thursday, July 13, 9:00-11:00 a.m. We meet in the Fellowship Hall and work on projects for various missions.

This month we will be making blankets and totes to give to various missions in the Bemidji area.

If you have questions please contact Ellen Ward, (970) 373-6548 or Bonnie Munz, (218) 333-3749.

CAMPFIRE CHATS

Ladies, you are invited to come and sit by the fire a few nights this summer. Join us at the church fire pit 7:00 p.m. on July 13 and August 24 for some fellowship, guitar music, marshmallow roasting and to hear from some ladies what God has been doing in their lives. Bring a chair and a friend!

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR NORMA TIMMONS

Norma Timmons age 90, went to be with her Lord Saturday, May 27. Her memorial service will be at the Olson Schwartz Funeral Home on Saturday, July 22 at 10:30 a.m. Family will greet friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

SUMMER CHOIR

Singers are invited to be part of a "Summer Choir" for just one Sunday, July 23, at the 8:30 service. Rehearsal will be Tuesday, July 18 at 7:00 p.m. All choir members are urged to sing, and anyone who is here just for the summer, only has time for a one-time choir, or you wish to "check us out," please put this on your calendar and come to rehearsal on July 18. Questions? Call Ken Wold (218) 751-2554.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, July 23, we will hold our congregational business meeting in the Youth Room at 9:45 a.m. The congregation will receive various reports from the elders, trustees, treasurer and the Global Connections Committee.

Please put this business meeting on your calendar. It is open to anyone who would like to attend, but only church members may vote.

ABUNDANCE CONFERENCE

Ladies, you can still register for the Abundance Conference on September 29-30. Please contact Robin Hewitt at (218) 556-4847 to do so. We still have a few seats left on the bus....is one of them yours?!

KEEP IN TOUCH

Pastoral Emergency Care Phone: (218) 760-7424

www.efcbemidji.org: Visit our website to keep up to date with what is going on in the church as well as getting the bulletin, sermons, calendar, and staff emails.

pray@efcbemidji.org: Email or call the Church Office, (218) 751-8834 with your requests. Join our prayer team by emailing pray@efcbemidji.org and typing "Subscribe" in the subject line.

Hearing Assistance: Church hearing assistance system receivers are available in the church office.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45-10:45 a.m.

All sessions will be held in the Youth Room unless otherwise noted. Please note that events may be subject to change. Follow the bulletin for updates.

* Nursery for children ages birth through 3 and a class for children ages 4 through fifth grade will be offered during these events. Otherwise, nursery care is not provided.

July 9 – Lorina and Franklin Limarii - Franklin and Lorina are in the process of transitioning to the Solomon Islands. Come learn more about their ministry plans and how we can partner with them.

July 16 – Fred Martin: Israel and Palestine - Pastor Fred Martin will give an update about recent developments regarding Israel and Palestine, examining the challenges faced by Palestinians living in the West Bank and how the conflict is interpreted by Israeli authorities.

COMMUNITY NEWS

NATIVE CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE – “UNITED”

This conference is co-hosted by Oak Hills Center for Indian Ministries and CHIEF, Inc. Speakers will include Ryan O’Leary, Vern Charette, Daron Butler, and Dr. Winfred Neely. We are excited to have “United in Christ” in our church building. This national conference is for anyone interested in Native First Nations ministry. Join us Thursday through Saturday, July 20-22. Registration materials are available on the Foyer bulletin board or by visiting www.centerforindianministries.org.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Improve your leadership influence with world-class leadership training and encouragement available right here in Bemidji via simulcast. Speakers include Facebook CEO Sheryl Sandberg, Andy Stanley, Professor Angela Duckworth, Bill Hybels, Immaculee Ilibagiza, Gary Haugen, comedian Michael Jr. and many more. Register now at www.willowcreek.com/summit.

This event is being hosted at our church Thursday and Friday, August 10-11. Gain vision, inspiration, and practical skills to lead in your home, business, church, and community.

If you are part of our church, enter the Priority Code “PHS17TEAM” to get the best price of \$89 until July 11. After that, the price increases by \$30.