

# EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH of BEMIDJI

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

**July 16, 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** “The Body: a Church Physical” Karl Salscheider  
1 Corinthians 12:12-18

## **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** 9:45 a.m. Baptism Class – Fireside Room  
4:00 p.m. Church Picnic – Oak Hills
- Mon.** 6:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting – Conference Room
- Tues.** 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting – Conference Room  
10:30 a.m. Bone Builders – Chapel  
6:30 p.m. Softball vs. House of Prayer – Softball Field  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice – Sanctuary
- 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
- Thurs. – Sat.** United Conference – EFC Bemidji

## **FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

**SUNDAY:** Pray for all who attend the Church Picnic today and for those being baptized.

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

**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 our Global Partners Dave and Cindy Nelson as they serve with Frontiers.

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

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

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

## **NURSERY STAFF for TODAY**

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

## **NURSERY STAFF for NEXT WEEK**

- 8:30 Jan Mauer and Jan Conway  
11:00 Aaron and Sharna Johnson

## **MINISTRY GIVING**

### **General Ministry Fund**

July 9 giving: **\$16,252**

Budgeted/week: **\$12,035**; 28 weeks: **\$336,980**

Received through July 9: **\$331,373**

### **Global Partners Fund**

July 9 giving: **\$2,285**

Budgeted/week: **\$1,449**; 28 weeks: **\$40,572**

Received through July 9: **\$37,366**

## **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](http://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 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

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL: NOTHING BUT TROUBLE

Throughtout the summer we have a sprinkling of children's Sunday School options for kids. This summer we are looking at valuable Bible principles using the theme of classic family games.



**TODAY**, we are looking at Old and New Testament verses about the importance of making wise choices that please God and

playing Candy Land as our objective illustration.

Join us again next Sunday, July 23, as we look at how God gives us second chances to start over. Moses will be our biblical guide in our endeavor. Our game engagement will be a classic favorite: Trouble! Be sure to join us then!

## VBS SMALL GROUP LEADERS

We are in need of folks willing to offer 2 hours of their evening August 14-17 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. to serve as a grade level small group leaders.



These leaders do not need to prepare lessons or materials. They only need to come prepared to pour into relationships with kids, and

move throughtout our stations with their crew.

If interested please ontact Stacy at (218) 751-8834 or [sferrin@efcbemdiji.org](mailto:sferrin@efcbemdiji.org).

## VBS REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Vaction Bible School registration will open for kids (Pre-K through Grade 5) next Sunday, July 23. Registration will be available online and in-person at the table in the Fellowship Hall.

## IMPORTANT VBS LEADERSHIP MEETINGS

Signed up on our VBS leadership team? Thinking about it? Wondering what that week will look like or what needs we still have? We have two important leadership meetings on the calendar. Please plan to come!



We will be meeting on Sunday, July 23 and Sunday, August 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the office conference room. We will see you there!

# CHURCH HAPPENINGS

## **CHURCH PICNIC AND BAPTISM SERVICE**

At our annual church picnic TODAY, 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 and copies is posted in the foyer.)

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, a special Sunday School class on the meaning of baptism will be held TODAY at 9:45 a.m. in the Fireside Room. 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 23, "Paul's Prayer, Passion & Presentation for His People," Huron Claus

July 30, T.B.D.

August 6, Paul Thomas preaching

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **MEN'S SOFTBALL**

Come support our team Tuesday, July 18 at 6:30 p.m. as they face House of Prayer at our ball field. Call Jake Kangas at (218) 766-4122 with any questions.

### **SUMMER RECITAL SERIES**

The Bemidji Area Church Musicians welcome everyone to a recital featuring Lois Simonson on piano, Kari Miller on flute, Sanna Gustafson on saxophone, and Katelyn Tingelstad on violin, Wednesday, July 19, at 12:00 noon at Evangelical Covenant Church. A freewill offering will be received to support

BACM music scholarships. Lunch is served following the concert. Costs vary.

### **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.

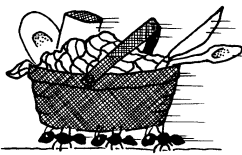
### **SUMMER CHOIR**

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**

Next Sunday, July 23, we will hold our quarterly congregational business meeting in the Youth Room at 9:45 a.m. The congregation will receive various reports, we will also be voting on new Members and the Nominating 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.



### **55+ PICNIC**

The 55+ Club will meet Friday, July 28, at 12:00 noon for a picnic lunch. Join us in the Pavilion at the lakefront by the Paul and Babe statues. Bring a bag lunch, beverage and a lawn chair. After lunch we will drive over to Scott and Laura Engelstad's home, 406 Meadow Court NE, to view their beautiful flower garden. Call Caroline Story at (218) 333-3774 with any questions. Please come and bring a friend.

### **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?!

# 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 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.

\***July 23 – Congregational Meeting** - Join us for our quarterly Congregational Business Meeting. Although only members may vote, all are welcome to attend!

**July 30 – Ask the Experts** - Come prepared with your puzzling questions about the bible and theology! Our panel will include Dr. Gale Struthers and Dr. Fred Martin. You are welcome to submit questions in advance—contact Micah Carpenter ((218) 751-8834, [mcarpenter@efcbemidji.org](mailto:mcarpenter@efcbemidji.org)) if you would like to do this.

**August 6 – Hymns of Our Heritage** - Kenneth Wold, our choir director and retired music instructor at Oak Hills Christian College, will lead us in singing a selection of hymns, accompanied by Laura Engelstad and guest vocalist Dan Utter.

## 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](mailto:pray@efcbemidji.org) and typing “Subscribe” in the subject line.

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



# 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](http://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](http://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”.

## **RED LAKE ADVENTURE CAMP AT CAMP OAK HILLS**

The Red Lake Adventure Camp will be held at Camp Oak Hills, Sunday, July 30 to Friday, August 4. This important ministry gives children of the Red Lake Indian Reservation an opportunity to hear the Gospel, build relationships with caring adults, and experience fun activities in a safe environment.

We are planning to reach 55 campers and teen volunteers. Your prayer, financial support and volunteer service is needed for the Red Lake Adventure Camp to be fruitful. The cost for each camper is \$125. If you would like to sponsor a child, commit to praying, and volunteer, please sign up at the table in the fellowship hall.

For more information, please contact Scott Buchan, (218) 444-4085 or Corey & Ellie St. Peter at (218) 760-9086 and (218) 760-9532.

# The Body: A Church Physical

1 Corinthians 12:12-18

- 1 How important are you in the Body of Christ?
  - a. I Corinthians 12:12-18+
  
- 2 Have you ever had a physical examination?
  - a. Did you seek out a quality physician?
  - b. Were you willing to go through with the physical exam?
  - c. Were assessments performed?
    - i. Personal questions?
    - ii. Blood work from the lab?
    - iii. Other specialists examining the blood work?
  - d. What was the diagnosis?
  - e. Was there a prescription?
  - f. Did you comply with the prescription?
  - g. Were you restored to optimal health?
  
- 3 What about a spiritual examination?
  - a. Luke 4:18
  - b. Psalm 139:23-24
  - c. Psalm 26:2, II Corinthians 11:28, Matthew 7:5
  - d. Hebrews 4:12
  - e. Lamentations 3:40, II Timothy 3:16
  - f. II Chronicles 7:14
  - g. Acts 2:42-47
  
- 4 What's next?