

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH of BEMIDJI

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

August 6, 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 Fields: Forty Years Ago and Today”
Paul Thomas

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** 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting – Fireside Room
7:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School Mtg. – Conference Rm.
- Tues.** 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting – Conference Room
10:30 a.m. Bone Builders – Chapel
- Wed.** 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study – Fireside Room
9:00 a.m. GriefShare – Fireside Room
- Fri.** 10:30 a.m. Bone Builders – Chapel
- Thur. and Fri.** Global Leadership Summit – Worship Center

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SUNDAY: Pray as we prepare and recruit for our fall ministries.

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY: Pray for our Global Partners Jason and Spring Kane as they serve with Forest Springs Camp and Conference Center.

SATURDAY: Pray for opportunities to witness to our community.

NURSERY STAFF for TODAY

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

NURSERY STAFF for NEXT WEEK

- 8:30 CJ and Tammy McCray
11:00 Kandi Paddock and t.b.d.

MINISTRY GIVING

General Ministry Fund

July 30 giving: **\$10,185**

Budgeted/week: **\$12,035**; 31 weeks: **\$373,085**

Received through July 30: **\$359,682**

Global Partners Fund

July 30 giving: **\$425**

Budgeted/week: **\$1,449**; 31 weeks: **\$44,919**

Received through July 30: **\$39,041**

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.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

HELP US WELCOME OUR NEW FACILITY SUPERVISOR!

Ron Bodenheimer has accepted the Trustee Board's invitation to be our new Facility Supervisor. Ron started Monday, July 31.



THE LORD'S SUPPER

TODAY, August 6, the Lord's Supper will be served in both morning worship services. All who trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior are invited to participate.

Please take some time to reflect upon your walk with the Lord and your relationships with other Christians. 1 Corinthians 11:28 says, "We ought to examine ourselves before we eat of the bread and drink of the cup." The Lord's Supper represents the Christian's union with Jesus and his or her unity with other believers.

The Bible gives no age limits for the Lord's Supper, but children should be trusting in Christ for salvation and have some understanding of what the Lord's Supper signifies.

Following the service a special offering for our church's **Benevolence Fund** will be received. This fund is primarily for helping individuals and families who regularly attend our church. But, we can't help if we don't know the needs. Please contact one of our Elders today if you know of a benevolence need in our church family. Our current Elders are: Ron Bouchie, Mark Carlson, Jerome Decker, Peter Eriksson, Terry Hewitt, Jerry Johnson, Bill Oakes, Karl Salscheider, and Terry Smith. The Elder Board carefully and confidentially reviews each request for help.

LET'S PRAY

1 Peter 5:6-7 says "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." Come to the Fireside Room TODAY, August 6, at 6:00 p.m. to join with other believers in praying for one another and for the needs of our church.

SERMON SNEAK PEEK

August 13, "Jealously & Betrayal", Genesis 37

August 20, "Choosing Sexual Purity", Genesis 39:6b-20a

August 27, "Trusting Our Sovereign God"

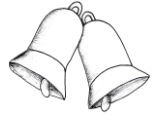
UPCOMING EVENTS

SUMMER RECITAL SERIES

The Bemidji Area Church Musicians welcome everyone to a recital featuring Melanie Hanson on violin and Michael Hanson on saxophone, Wednesday, August 9, at 12:00 noon at New Salem Lutheran Church. A freewill offering will be received to support BACM music scholarships. Lunch is served following the concert. Costs will vary.

WEDDING RECEPTION INVITATION

Becca Shindelar and Kyle Herbstritt will be married in Myrtle Beach, SC on August 4. However, they would love to invite the church to celebrate with them when they return.



They will be holding a secondary reception at Eckles Town Hall on August 20 from 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. Eckles Town Hall is located at: 51977 Wildflower Drive.

Kyle and Becca are registered at Target, Ikea, and Zola.com.

CAMPFIRE CHATS

Ladies, you are invited to come and sit by the camp fire at the church fire pit at 7:00 p.m. on 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!

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

Wi-Fi Information: Username: EFCB-Public Password: efreebemidji

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.

TODAY, 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.

August 13 – Jose and Laura de Dios - Hear from our global partners working with Wycliffe Bible Translators. We will also hear stories of those who have gone on short term mission trips this summer, including **Peter, Kay Sue, Anna, and Matthew Eriksson**, regarding their trip to Uganda with *Hands of Action*. We will also hear reports from local camp ministries.

August 20 – J.S. Bach: the Glory of God and Human Vocation (Tentative) - A short documentary about the life and music of composer J.S. Bach, who enscribed “Glory to God Alone” on all of his music. Micah Carpenter will lead in a short time of reflection on how Bach offers us a powerful example of Christian vocation—viewing all our work and other activities as a means of glorifying God.

August 27 – Summer Ministry Reports - Hear stories of those who have taken part in summer ministries, including Stacy Ferrin and others regarding Vacation Bible School. We will also hear reports from local camp ministries.

September 3 – Fellowship Hour - Come and connect with one another over a cup of coffee and a breakfast treat. Please bring coffeecake/muffins/ donuts to share. Coffee and juice will be provided. (Multipurpose Room)

September 10 – Ministry Fair - This a time to celebrate ministries in our church. Visit tables to learn more about our different ministries and how you can be involved, while enjoying snacks, coffee, and fellowship. (Fellowship Hall).

COMMUNITY NEWS

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 this 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".

HELP NEEDED – FOOD SHELF

The Bemidji Area Food Shelf is in need of people to do food rescue from area stores on Mondays from 8:00-11:30 a.m. You can do this alone or with a friend/spouse. Choose a schedule that works for you – do all Mondays or two a month using your own vehicle or the Food Shelf van. You must be able to lift 35 pounds. Some training will be provided. Call Mary Mitchell at (218) 444-6580 or (218) 556-3249.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

NOW is a great time to purchase school supplies for OCC Shoeboxes! Did you know that in many areas of the world children are not allowed to attend school if they don't provide their own school supplies? You can help children receive an education (something we often take for granted). With school just around the corner, deals on school supplies are easy to find. Some of the items I like to include in my shoeboxes are: spiral notebook or notebook paper, pencils and pencil sharpeners, erasers, pens, compass, protractor, colors, color pencils, etc.

I also like to include an item of clothing, bar of soap, washcloth, toothbrush, and a WOW item – stuffed animal, toy, sports item, homemade item, flip flops/shoes, musical instrument. If you want to find out more, go to www.samaritanspurse.org or call Anna Johnson, (218) 444-7256. Also, don't forget that a donation of \$9.00 for each shoebox helps defray shipping costs.

EFCB STUDENT MINISTRIES

There is still time to join us this summer!!!

- We have a few more times we are meeting this summer! Please join us as we finish our series on 5 Faith Skills we should all know. Our last summer meeting is the 23rd of August!

Summer dates:

August 10th At the County Fair

- Many students are entering the 4H judging at the fair this year, we are going to show them some support Thursday night! We will be meeting at the church and driving together at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to meet us at the fair at 6:30 you can do so. Please bring money for entry as well as food or games! (\$5+)

August 23rd At the Eastlings House



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

IMPORTANT VBS LEADERSHIP MEETING

Are you signed up on our Vacation Bible School leadership team? Wondering what that week will look like or what needs we still have?

We have another important leadership meeting on the calendar. Please come! We will be meeting tonight, August 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will see you there!



VBS REGISTRATION INFORMATION



VBS pre-registration is now open for kids Pre-K through Grade 5! Registration is available in-person at the table in the Fellowship Hall or online, at: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/efree2017>.

Please fill out the form completely, including any allergy or medical information that will be helpful for us as we prepare for your child's attendance.

VBS SNACK DONATION CARDS

One of our favorite stops every night at VBS is our snack station. With our cross-cultural theme, kids will get a chance to sample some Peru-inspired snacks.



If you are interested in donating needed items, you will find snack need cards on the VBS table in the Fellowship Hall. Food may be dropped off beginning August 6 in the kitchen off the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

GET THE WORD OUT



Help us continue to get the word out about our upcoming VBS! We have a Facebook ad that is running. Please feel free to share on your own profile page.

We also have bright yellow flyers on the VBS table in the Fellowship Hall. You are more than welcome to use them to post around town and to hand out as personal invites. Thank you for helping us reach our community!

Wanted: Choir Members



POSITIONS OPEN: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass. No others need apply.

PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS: Must be able to carry light musical notes part way across the sanctuary. Must have sufficient vision to see director fifteen feet away.

EXPERIENCE: No application accepted from a person who has not sung, hummed, or whistled in the shower or with the radio.

WAGES: Satisfaction and joy in God's service.

FRINGE BENEFITS: Social Security – we promise you the security of social fellowship with other members of the choir.

HOURS: 8:00 Sunday morning, twice a month with occasional overtime (at above stated wages).

VACATION: Missed rehearsals and worship services are primarily a matter of conscience and ability to return the glares and pointed remarks of the director.

RETIREMENT: No particular age, but it is generally determined by prayer, printed notes getting too small, notes too high, sanctuary too hot (or cold), or the pianist unable to play the notes you sing.

REHEARSAL: Every Tuesday evening at 7:15.

IN-SERVICE TRAINING: A start-up rehearsal to be held Friday evening, September 8.

FURTHER INFORMATION: Call Kenneth Wold, 751-2554

APPLY: Fill out the form below; drop it in the church office.

Name _____

Voice part (circle one): Soprano Alto Tenor Bass

Address _____

Phone _____

email _____