

## Welcome to Sunday Morning at E-Free Bemidji

### Worship Service - August 26

Ministry Matters, Romans 12:3-8  
Pastor Albin Sterneman

#### Nursery - up to age 3

Our nursery is here for you, located at far end of the Fellowship Hall. We have great people ready to care for your babies.

#### Kids Quiet Packs

These are available in the back of the Sanctuary, behind Section 2, for any kids staying in the service.

#### Help needed in Kids Ministry!

Would you consider serving in Beginners Church, Kids Church or Nursery during the second service just one hour once a month? It is hands-on and low prep. We are looking for 8 adult leaders to join our monthly rotation. If interested please contact – Gerri Thorsgard: gthorsgard@efcbemidji.org. Sign up in the fellowship hall.

#### Save the Date

Save the date for the Youth Group and Kids Ministry Kick Off! We will be starting our groups back up on September 12 at 6:15PM.

#### Bridal Shower

Ladies, you are invited to a bridal shower for Leanne Oakes on Saturday, September 8 at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall. Leanne and Dan Frost will be married on September 29. They are registered at Target and Amazon. Call Kay Sue Eriksson with questions 766-9991.

#### Women's Bible Study

There will be a women's Bible Study starting September 11 from 10:00AM—11:30AM here at the church. Come join Jan Mauer as we learn about our Lord's Assurances of salvation and His other promises on important topics such as forgiveness.

#### Vespers

Calling all young adults! We will be starting Vespers back up Sept. 9th! We will have a potluck dinner at 5:00PM followed by a time of worship from 6:00 - 7:00PM. Vespers will take place on the first Sunday of every month from here on out! Small Groups will be created at the September Vespers that will then meet on the rest of the Sundays during the months. Some small groups may switch to a week day for scheduling purposes. If you have any questions contact Albin at pastoralbin@efcbemidji.org. Think about coming and joining a small group!

#### Baby Birth!

Congratulations to Brenden and Ashleigh on the birth of their son, Levi Stanley McEachran! He was born August 16 at 1:10 pm measuring 8lbs. 9oz. And 20 3/4" long.

#### Communion

Sunday, September 2, the Lord's Supper will be served in both 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.

#### Ralph Kaus Death

We are sorrowful yet rejoicing as we inform you that Ralph Kaus passed away 8/23/18 in Iowa. We praise God that he went home to be with his Savior, Jesus Christ.

## Announcements

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
For all ages – 9:45 a.m.

**TODAY, August 26 - More Summer Ministry Reports—Youth Room**

**September 2—Fellowship Hour—**  
Join us for a time of coffee and some breakfast treats as we fellowship together! - Fellowship Hall

**September 9 - Connection Sunday**

#### Connection Sunday

During the Sunday School hour on September 9, we will be highlighting all of the great things that God is doing through our church! Join us in the Fellowship Hall for ice-cream. Walk around to the various tables to learn more about ways to connect with others and grow in our faith together. If you would like a table to promote your ministry, please contact Pastor Eric at (218) 751-8834 or pastor.nygren@gmail.com no later than September 5.

#### Nominating Committee

The Church Officer Nominating Committee has begun the nominating process for 2019. If you have someone you would like to nominate, please send their name to Bill Oakes at bloakes@paulbunyan.net. Please also prayerfully consider serving on a board yourself.

#### All-church Bangladesh Lunch

You are invited to join us for a delicious Bengali lunch on Sunday, September 9. Come and taste traditional Bengali food, meet the team that will be heading to Bangladesh this November, and learn more about our church's adopted people group: the Bengali Muslims. We'll serve lunch at 12:30p.m. Freewill donations will be accepted to go toward our team's trip expenses.

#### Sunday, August 26

8:30AM Traditional Service  
9:45AM Sunday School  
11:00AM Contemporary Service

#### Monday, August 27

#### Tuesday, August 28

9:00AM - Staff Meeting

#### Wednesday, August 29

6:30AM Men's Bible Study

#### Thursday, August 30

6:00PM Men's Bible Study, Room 2  
6:30PM Women's Bible Study—FS  
7:00PM Worship Team Practice

#### Friday, August 31

#### Saturday, September 1

#### SAVE THESE DATES:

September 4 - Choir Practice Starts  
September 9 - Young Adult Vespers  
September 12—Kids Club & Youth Group Kick-off  
September 25 - Handbell Practice starts  
October 28 - Congregational Meeting and Potluck  
November 1 - Marriage Simulcast with Les and Leslie Parrot

#### Sermon Sneak Peek

September 2, A Sinner Named David, Psalm 51  
September 9, Parts, 1 Corinthians 12

## Connection Card

**Prayer Request. Please share with...**

Prayer chain  Pastors only

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I'd like to learn more about:

Children's Ministry  Youth Ministry  
 Young Adults  Senior Adults  
 Women's Ministry  Men's Ministry  
 Small Groups  Music Ministry  
 Global Partners Ministry (missions)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Weekly Prayers

**Sunday:** Please pray that Gerri Thorsgard and Pastor Albin will be able to find great volunteer leaders for their ministry areas.

**Monday:** Pray for the unspoken needs and hurts in our church and community.

**Tuesday:** Pray for our staff as we meet.

**Wednesday:** Pray for the colleges in our community as they start classes.

**Thursday:** Pray for the two Bible Studies that meet today.

**Friday:** Pray for our Global Partners Adam and Kara Dandar as they transition and move to a new state.

**Saturday:** Pray for our Church Officer Nominating Committee.

## Connection Card

### Are you new here?

Welcome! We are so glad that you are our guest today. Please fill out this Connection Card and bring it to our Welcome Table in the main Foyer. We have a small gift we'd like to give you and information about our ministries.

*Please Print*

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

- 1st visit     Return visitor  
 Out of town guest  
 New to the Community  
 Looking for church home

Age (check all that apply)

- < 18     18-29  
 30-39     40-49  
 50-59     60+

Gender  Male  Female

I would like more information about:

- Becoming a Christian  
 Joining a Small Group  
 Meeting with a pastor  
 Becoming a member  
 Baptism  
 Opportunities to serve  
 Child Dedication

**August 26, 2018**

## *Evangelical Free Church*

115 Carr Lake Road SW  
Bemidji, MN 56601

### Our Mission:

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

### Keep in Touch

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24/7 Emergency Pastoral Care Phone: (218) 760-7424  
Email [pray@efcbemidji.org](mailto:pray@efcbemidji.org) to share a prayer request or  
to join us in prayer. *Wi-Fi password: "efreebemidji"*

### Financial Giving through August 19

General Ministry weekly giving: \$14,901    Needed to date: \$422,565  
Given to date: \$394,101

Global Partners weekly giving: \$620    Needed to date: \$50,886  
Given to date: \$41,426

Jerry Johnson - Lead Pastor  
Eric Nygren - Associate Pastor  
Albin Sterneman - Youth & Young Adults Pastor  
Gerri Thorsgard - Kids Ministries Director  
Kay Sue Eriksson - Visitation Caregiver  
Ron Bodenheimer - Facility Supervisor  
Karisa Kosinski - Church Secretary