

**November 11, 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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to join us in prayer.

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### **Financial Giving through November 4**

General Ministry weekly giving: \$19,207	Needed to date: \$563,420
	Given to date: \$525,874
Global Partners weekly giving: \$3,589	Needed to date: \$67,848
	Given to date: \$58,565

Jerry Johnson - Lead Pastor  
Eric Nygren - Associate Pastor  
Albin Sterneman - Youth & Young Adults Pastor  
Gerri Thorsgard - Kids Ministries Director  
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Karisa Kosinski - Church Secretary

*Free Will Contribution*

## Welcome to Sunday Morning at E-Free Bemidji

### Worship Service - November 11

Hope for Troubled Hearts, John 14:1-6  
Guest Speaker Kevin Kompelien, EFCA President

#### Nursery - up to age 3

Our nursery is located at far end of the Fellowship Hall. We have great people ready to serve.

#### Kids Quiet Packs

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

#### Kids Church—11:30 a.m.

Age Pre-School to 3rd grade, join us in the lower level during the sermon.

#### Kid's Club and Youth Group

REMINDER: Kids and youth are filling shoeboxes November 14. Bring your Operation Christmas Child Box items so we can fill them together!

#### Thanksgiving Potluck

Sunday, November 18, you will have the opportunity during the morning worship services to express thanks to God for his goodness. Please come prepared to share briefly with others how God has shown his love to you. Immediately after the 11:00 worship service on November 18, we will gather in the Multipurpose Room for a potluck meal. We will also enjoy a short program with prayer, thanksgiving songs, and sharing from Joel Salscheider, a member of our church.

#### Christmas Sing-Along

Prepare your heart to celebrate our Lord's birth by joining in a special Christmas sing-a-long Sunday, November 25 At 9:45 a.m. Ken Wold will lead us in a special Sunday School hour. We will meet in the Foyer of the Community Life Center. (There will be no regular Sunday School classes held that Sunday.)

#### Christmas Tea Tickets on Sale Next Sunday

Tickets for the Christmas Tea go on sale TODAY, Sunday, Nov. 11, through Sunday, Nov. 25. Get your tickets in the Fellowship Hall early as they sell out quickly.

The cost is \$15 per person. The Tea is on December 7th at 6:00PM. All ladies 14 and older are invited.

#### Welcoming Church Workshop

Are we as welcoming as we think we are? Join us on Sunday, December 2nd at 12:15 pm for a workshop discussion on Becoming a Welcoming Church. Those serving with our Greeter and Welcome Table ministries are encourage to attend, but all who are interested in the topic are invited.

Soup will be provided. Please bring a side dish/dessert to share. See Pastor Eric for details or to RSVP email Pastor Eric at: [pastor.nygren@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.nygren@gmail.com).

#### De Dios Dessert Night

Come Friday, November 16, at 6:45 p.m. to hear a few exciting stories about what God is doing around the world! Global Partner Jose De Dios has a lot to share about his ministry and about his wife Laura and their family.

Brownies and ice cream will be served! We will be meeting at: 2310 South Lake Irving Drive, Bemidji. Call Dwight & Josie Fultz for more information: 218-751-1811.

## Opportunities and Info

#### Operation Christmas Child

Please bring your packed OCC Shoeboxes to church this week! Our Relay Station is open to the public Monday-Friday, November 12-16 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. and we still need a few helpers to receive and pack the shoeboxes in cartons. Please contact Anna Johnson, 218-444-7256, if you would like to help in this way. If you have extra items from packing your shoeboxes, they may be dropped off also.

#### Griefshare and Divorcecare: Surviving the Holidays Sessions

A two hour DivorceCare support group will be held on Thursday, November 15 at 6:00 p.m. at the Calvary Lutheran Church and then repeated on Thursday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m.

A two hour GriefShare support group will be held on Tuesday, November 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church and then repeated on Sunday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m.

#### Sermon Sneak Peek

*November 18*, "Pray to the Lord of the Harvest", Matthew 9:35-38, Guest Speaker Jose De Dios (one of our Global Partners)

*November 25*, "'Won't You Be My Neighbor?", Luke 10:25-37, Pastor Eric Nygren

#### Nursery Schedule:

**TODAY, November 11**

**8:30** - Andrea Beckstrand & Bill Hubbell  
**11:00** - Carlson Family & Justine Guderian

**Next Week, November 18**

**8:30** - McCray Family  
**11:00** - Megan Schultz & Gerri Thorsgard

#### *Sunday, November 11*

8:30AM Traditional Service  
9:45AM Sunday School  
11:00AM Contemporary Service  
6:00PM Married Young Adult Small Group

#### *Monday, November 12*

7:00PM Global Connection Team Meeting

#### *Tuesday, November 13*

5:45PM Handbell Practice  
6:00PM Men's Bible Study  
6:00PM Young Adult Small Group  
7:15PM Choir Practice

#### *Wednesday, November 14*

6:30AM Men's Bible Study  
8:30AM Women's Bible Study  
6:15PM Kids Club & Youth Group

#### *Thursday, November 15*

5:45PM Grief Share Support Group  
6:00PM Men's Bible Study  
6:30PM Elder Meeting  
7:00PM Worship Team Practice

#### *Friday, November 16*

#### *Saturday, November 17*

#### ***SAVE THESE DATES:***

*November 11-25* - Pray for our Team in Bangladesh  
*December 16* - Christmas Cantata  
*December 24* - Christmas Eve Service at 5:00PM

## **Hope for Troubled Hearts**

John 14:1-6,  
11/11/18, Guest Speaker Kevin Kompelien  
EFCA President

## **Christmas Volunteers Needed!!!**

If you are interested in helping out with either of the opportunities below, please contact Karisa in the church office at 218-751-8834 or [secretary@efcbemidji.org](mailto:secretary@efcbemidji.org).

### **Advent Wreath**

Beginning Sunday, December 2, we will light our Advent Wreath during worship services. If you have not had the opportunity to participate in lighting the wreath and would like to help on a Sunday during Advent, please contact Karisa at (218) 751-8834 or [secretary@efcbemidji.org](mailto:secretary@efcbemidji.org). Be sure to tell us which service you attend.

### **Caring Tree**

For the past several years we have assisted many families and individuals from our church family who have had financial needs during the holiday season through the Christmas Caring Tree. This program is designed to assist people in our own church.

We need some volunteers to help stand by the tree before and after both services. The recruits answer questions and receive donations. Please sign up to help out by emailing Sharna Johnson at [sharna\\_johnson@live.com](mailto:sharna_johnson@live.com).