

**November 18, 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 November 11**

General Ministry weekly giving: \$15,909	Needed to date: \$576,225
	Given to date: \$541,784
Global Partners weekly giving: \$1,242	Needed to date: \$69,390
	Given to date: \$59,807

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  
Steven Miller - Audio/Visual Supervisor  
Karisa Kosinski - Church Secretary

**P E A C E**  
*be with you*

JOHN 20:21

## Welcome to Sunday Morning at E-Free Bemidji

### Worship Service - November 18

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

#### 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: There is NO Kid's Club or Youth Group this Wednesday, November 21.

#### Thanksgiving Potluck

TODAY, 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 are on sale TODAY, while tickets last. 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).

#### Bulletin Announcement

Please get any bulletin info that you have into Karisa by Tuesday, November 20th at 10AM.

#### Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed November 22-23 for Thanksgiving. If you have an emergency, please call the 24/7 Emergency Pastoral Care Phone at: (218) 760-7424.

#### Bemidji Community Thanksgiving Meal

The correct telephone number for those wishing to have a meal delivered or for delivery driver call Karen at 218-308-5365. For more information look at the community bulletin board flyer.

## Opportunities and Info

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

A two hour DivorceCare support group will be held on Tuesday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the Calvary Lutheran Church  
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 Tuesday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m.

#### Operation Christmas Child

O.C.C. shoeboxes are due today. Did you forget your box? We will be open Monday, November 19, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

#### New Growth Press Minibooks

Are you looking for a good resource on some tough topics? We now have a variety of gospel-centered booklets available in the foyer. Topics include: Conflict, Grief, Forgiveness, Marriage Resources, Parenting Resources, and many more! These booklets are free, but we would ask that you only take 1 or 2 at a time so that others might have access as well. If you find a particular booklet helpful, please let Pastor Eric know so that more can be reordered.

#### Sermon Sneak Peek

November 25, "Won't You Be My Neighbor?", Luke 10:25-37, Pastor Eric Nygren  
December 2, "Who is Worthy", Revelation 4 & 5, Pastor Emeritus Fred Martin

#### Nursery Schedule:

**TODAY, November 18**

**8:30** - McCray Family

**11:00** - Megan Schultz & Gerri Thorsgard

**Next Week, November 25**

**8:30** - To be announced.

**11:00** - To be announced.

#### *Sunday, November 18*

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

#### *Monday, November 19*

4:30PM Grief Share Support Group

#### *Tuesday, November 20*

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

#### *Wednesday, November 21*

6:30AM Men's Bible Study  
8:30AM Women's Bible Study

#### *Thursday, November 22*

Happy Thanksgiving!  
*Church Office is Closed*

#### *Friday, November 23*

*Church Office is Closed*

#### *Saturday, November 24*

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

*November 11-25* - Pray for our Team in Bangladesh

*December 16* - Christmas Cantata

*December 24* - Christmas Eve Service at 5:00PM

## Pray to the Lord of the Harvest

Matthew 9:35-38

11/18/18, Guest Speaker Jose de Dios  
(One of our Global Partners)

## Paradise Wildfire Response

In what has amounted to the deadliest wildfire in California history, 90 percent of Paradise, California, has been destroyed. More than 7,600 single-family homes and 260 commercial structures burnt to the ground. Forty-eight lives lost and hundreds more missing.

Eighty homes of EFCA congregants were destroyed by the fire, leaving just two families from Paradise EFC with homes to which to return. Still, by the grace of God, all the congregants' lives were spared.

We're responding, but we need your help. Along with the physical restoration, the Crisis Response team is focusing on trauma care – providing support and counseling to those who experienced this disaster firsthand.

### Pray

For God's peace, comfort, hope and restoration to cover Pastor Art Worthington, Paradise EFC and all those affected by the fire in the Paradise community.

For God's wisdom, guidance and strength for those on the ground responding from Crisis Response and the EFCA Western District.

For unity, both in Northern California and across our EFCA movement, as we seek to help our neighbors recover from this disaster.

For God to be glorified and the gospel to be spread in the face of this devastating fire.

### Give

After Hurricane Harvey hit, we raised over \$1.6 million in relief funds, by the grace of God. The devastation in Paradise has been even more catastrophic on our EFCA family, so we are in great need of your financial support.

**By check:** EFCA, 901 E 78th St., Minneapolis, MN 55420  
Indicate *Paradise CA Fire Response 21709-39286*

**Online:** Give at [efca.org/california-wildfire-response](https://efca.org/california-wildfire-response)

## 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).

## *CHRISTMAS 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. However, you do not have to be a member to be eligible.



If you are facing financial difficulties this year, we need to hear from you! Maybe there just isn't enough money to buy the kids presents this year; maybe there's not enough food in the house or heating fuel in the tank; maybe you lack winter clothing or boots; maybe you have a car repair problem; or maybe you have a medical bill you just can't pay. Whatever problem you are facing, we would like to help. Please be assured that your privacy will be protected and your identity will be kept in strict confidence.

If you are facing a need, please contact Pastor Eric or Karisa at (218) 751-8834. Or, if you prefer, you can make your request in writing by using the request cards on the counter in the church office. Just follow the directions on the decorated box and drop the card in the box when you finish.

Starting Sunday, November 25, The Christmas Caring Tree will be set up in the Fellowship Hall and decorated with cards that describe the needs of each family/individual. (No names will be on the cards.) Others will have an opportunity to look at the cards and choose how they would like to help. **But . . . we can't help if we don't know the needs. So let us hear from you as soon as possible!**