

November 25, 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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Email pray@efcbemidji.org to share a prayer request or
to join us in prayer.

Wi-Fi password: "efreebemidji"

Financial Giving through November 11

(Offering count for November 18 will be posted next Sunday)

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

THERE IS A
time
FOR
everything,
AND A
season
FOR EVERY
activity
UNDER THE
heavens

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Welcome to Sunday Morning at E-Free Bemidji

Worship Service - November 25

“Won't You Be My Neighbor?”
Luke 10:25-37, Pastor Eric Nygren

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.

Young Adults - Vespers

Calling all Young Adults! Please join us next Sunday, December 2 for a free meal at 5:30PM followed by a time of worship from 6:00 - 7:00PM.

Christmas Sing-Along

Prepare your heart to celebrate our Lord's birth by joining in a special Christmas sing-a-long TODAY, 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.)

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.

Christmas Tea Hostess Meeting:

There will be a hostess meeting on December 2 at 9:45AM in the conference room which is in the office complex.

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.

55+ Holiday Potluck

55+ will meet on Friday, November 30 for our Holiday Potluck at 11:30AM in the Fellowship Hall. The program is pending. Please come and bring a friend to enjoy the fellowship! *Also, notice that the date has changed.*

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, December 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church.

Heartland Community Event:

Heartland Christian Academy presents:

*A Christmas Musical: It All Happened
In the Country*

Friday, November 30th at 6:30pm
Saturday, December 1st at 10:30am
\$5 per ticket at Q107.

Opportunities and Info

Candid Christmas Photos Wanted!

Candid family Christmas photos wanted for an E Free Family Christmas Video. Pictures can be emailed to gthorsgard@efcbemidji.org or brought to the office to be scanned. All pictures will be returned. Please bring your pictures by December 16th. Thanks you!

Operation Christmas Child

A big thank you to everyone who helped with Operation Christmas Child this year. Our church collected 214 shoeboxes, and our relay station collected and sent out 3,200 shoeboxes - a record for us!

You can still participate in OCC. Go on line at samaritanspurse.org and "Build a Box".

Please continue to pray for the distribution and for the receivers that many will hear the gospel and respond.

Game Night

Come and enjoy a night of fun during our monthly game night on Tuesday, December 4! Feel free to bring your favorite board game and head to the Fireside Room at 6:00PM Tuesday night.

Sermon Sneak Peek

*December 2, "Who is Worthy?",
Revelation 4 & 5, Pastor Emeritus Fred Martin*

Nursery Schedule:

TODAY, November 25

8:30 - Bob and Karen Carlson

11:00 - Aaron and Sharna Johnson and Rachel Eastling

Next Week, December 2

8:30 - To be announced.

11:00 - To be announced.

Sunday, November 25

8:30AM Traditional Service
9:45AM Christmas Sing-Along
11:00AM Contemporary Service
2:30PM Griefshare Meeting
6:00PM Married Young Adult Small Group

Monday, November 26

6:30PM Trustee Meeting

Tuesday, November 27

9:00AM Staff Meeting
5:45PM Handbell Practice
6:00PM Men's Bible Study
6:00PM Young Adult Small Group
7:15PM Choir Practice

Wednesday, November 28

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

Thursday, November 29

5:30PM Griefshare Meeting
7:00PM Worship Team Practice

Friday, November 30

11:30AM 55+ Holiday Potluck

Saturday, December 1

SAVE THESE DATES:

December 16 - Christmas Cantata

December 24 - Christmas Eve Service at 5:00PM

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!**

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.

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. 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.

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



Won't You Be My Neighbor?

Luke 10:25-37

11/25/18, Pastor Eric Nygren