

December 2, 2018

Evangelical Free Church

115 Carr Lake Road SW
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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 25

General Ministry weekly giving: \$14,421	Needed to date: \$601,835
	Given to date: \$564,307

Global Partners weekly giving: \$515	Needed to date: \$72,474
	Given to date: \$60,863

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



Welcome to Sunday Morning at E-Free Bemidji

Worship Service - December 2

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

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.

Welcoming Church Workshop

Are we as welcoming as we think we are? Join us TODAY, 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.

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.

Christmas Tea Hostess Meeting:

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

Young Adults - Vespers

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

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.

Cookie Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for some families to make a batch of cookies to send out with our Caring Tree gifts on December 15. If you are interested in helping with this, please get in contact with Sharna Johnson at 213-308-5066 to see if she is still in need of helpers.

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. Thank you!

Opportunities and Info

Sunday, December 2

8:30AM Traditional Service
9:45AM Sunday School
9:45AM Christmas Tea Hostess Meeting
11:00AM Contemporary Service
12:15PM Welcoming Church Workshop
6:00PM Vespers—Young Adults

Monday, December 3

4:30PM Griefshare Meeting

Tuesday, December 4

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

Wednesday, December 5

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

Thursday, December 6

5:30PM Griefshare Meeting
6:00PM Men's Bible Study
7:00PM Worship Team Practice

Friday, December 7

5:15PM Christmas Tea

Saturday, December 8

SAVE THESE DATES:

December 16 - Christmas Cantata
December 24 - Christmas Eve Service at 5:00PM

Christmas Caring Tree

It's up! We have listed the needs (no names) of families and individuals who are facing financial and material needs this Christmas on cards, and placed them on the tree in the Fellowship Hall. We invite you to come to the Caring Tree TODAY! You may also stop by the church office during the week to look at the cards. Any gift, large or small, will be greatly appreciated.

There are labels inside the cards. As you take a label, be sure to detach it with the backing left on, and then attach the label to your gift or envelope. All donations need to be returned by Sunday, December 16. If you are writing a check, please make it out to the EFC - designate it for the Caring Tree and return it to the Caring Tree table or the church office. (Please do not put it in the offering plate.) Thank you!

It's not too late to sign up for help if you have a need. If you are facing a need, or know of someone from our church family who could benefit from the Caring Tree, 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 are done.

Nursery Schedule:

TODAY, December 2

8:30 - Caroline Story and Tanya Adams
11:00 - Aaron and Sharna Johnson

Next Week, December 9

8:30 - To be announced.
11:00 - Jake and Beth Kangas and Sharna Johnson

“Who is Worthy?”

Revelation 4 & 5

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The issue: Can we understand Revelation? What is its message for us today?

- The Christians of the 1st century understood Revelation because:
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- The Message of Revelation
- Revelation 4 & 5
- The Message of Revelation 4 & 5 for Us Today