

December 9, 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

Church Office: (218) 751-8834
Email: efree@paulbunyan.net
Web: www.efcbemidji.org

Visit us:

www.facebook.com/EFCBemidji/

24/7 Emergency Pastoral Care Phone: (218) 760-7424

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

Wi-Fi password: "efreebemidji"

Financial Giving through December 2

General Ministry weekly giving: \$17,596	Needed to date: \$614,640
	Given to date: \$581,903
Global Partners weekly giving: \$2,507	Needed to date: \$74,016
	Given to date: \$63,370

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

And he will be called
***Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.***

Isaiah 9:6

Welcome to Sunday Morning at E-Free Bemidji

Worship Service - December 9

"Incarnation"
John 1:14-18, Pastor Jerry

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.

Thank You White Cross Ladies!

A BIG Thank You to all the White Cross Ladies who sewed the angel robes for our Angel Choir today! You all did a wonderful job!

Baby Birth!

Congratulations to Chas and Lexi Wall on the birth of their daughter, Ambria Clair Wall! She was born on October 28.

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 Eve Service Invites!

Looking for an easy way to invite your friends, neighbors, or co-workers to Christmas Eve service? Grab a few Christmas invitation cards on your way out of the service today. Then take some time to prayerfully consider who you could invite as your guest on Christmas Eve. Our Christmas Eve service will be held on Monday, December 24th at 5:00 pm.

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!

Keep in Touch! Website:

Visit our website at www.efcbemidji.org to keep up to date with what is going on in the church as well as getting the bulletin, sermons, calendar, and staff emails.

Prayer Chain:

Email or call the Church Office, (218) 751-8834 with your requests. Join our prayer team by emailing pray@efcbemidji.org and typing "Subscribe" in the subject line.

Opportunities and Info

Christmas Caring Tree

It's up! We have listed the needs on cards (no names) of families and individuals who are facing financial and material needs this Christmas 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 9

8:30 - Gene and Joni Lund

11:00 - Jake and Beth Kangas and Sharna Johnson

Next Week, December 16

8:30 - To be announced.

11:00 - To be announced.

Sunday, December 9

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

Monday, December 10

Tuesday, December 11

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

Wednesday, December 12

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

Thursday, December 13

9:00AM White Cross
5:30PM Griefshare Meeting
6:00PM Men's Bible Study
7:00PM Worship Team Practice

Friday, December 14

Saturday, December 15

SAVE THESE DATES:

December 16 - Christmas Cantata

December 24 - Christmas Eve Service at 5:00PM

January 7 - Men's Wild Game Feed

January 10 - Adult Weekly Volleyball starts at 6:30PM

January 27 - Annual Meeting

Celebrate the Birth of Our Lord!

*Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji
Christmas 2018*

Please note the changes to our regular Sunday morning schedule on December 23 and 30.

This year instead of a traditional Kids Christmas Program we are spreading out ~"Kids in Christmas"~ and including them in each of the Sunday morning Services during December.

December 9, Sunday

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. – Worship service including our "Kids in Christmas" series.

December 16, Sunday

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. – Morning Worship featuring the Cantata by our Church Choir and instrument ensemble.
Final Sunday School and Small Groups for 2018

December 19, Wednesday

6:15 p.m. - Final 2018 Kids Club and Youth Group

December 23, Sunday

11:00 a.m. only – Worship Service, NO Sunday School or Small Groups

December 24, Monday

5:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Service

December 30, Sunday

11:00 a.m. only – Worship Service, NO Sunday School or Small Groups

January 6, Sunday

Regular Sunday and weekly schedules resume.

January 9, Wednesday

6:15 p.m. – Kids Club and Youth Group resume

COME CELEBRATE HIS BIRTH

AT THE 39th ANNUAL COMMUNITY HOLIDAY MEAL

This is a FREE ham dinner with all the trimmings, and everyone is welcome!

12pm (noon) - 1:30pm Tuesday, December 25

Doors open at 11:45AM

Bethel Lutheran Church—5232 Irvine Ave. NW

Please join us for a meal and fellowship. Dinners will be delivered only to those who are homebound.

If you would like to...

- ◆ Have a meal delivered
- ◆ Volunteer to deliver meals

Call 218-308-5365 by Saturday, Dec 22 at noon

If you can volunteer for the following...

Monday, Dec 24 (Prep) 9am-12pm

Tuesday, Dec 25 (Kitchen/Dining Room/Final Cleanup)

- ◆ Various shifts between 8AM—4 PM

Call 218-214-6671 to volunteer

Monetary donations are welcome.

Checks may be made to Bemidji

Community Meals

Mail to: Kathy Luepke

24050 County Road 9

Bemidji MN 56601



Incarnation

John 1:14-18

12/9/18, Pastor Jerry Johnson

