

December 23, 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"

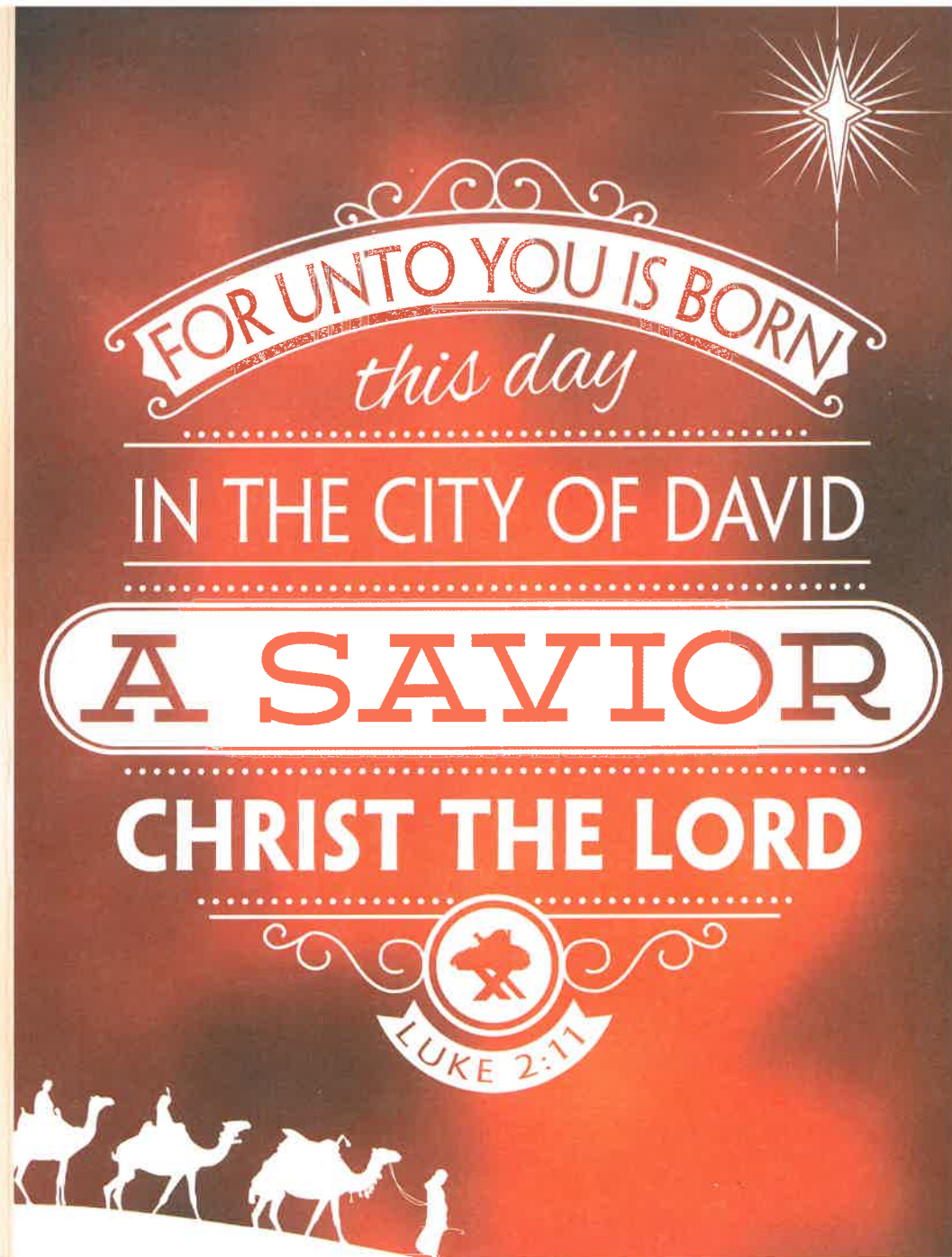
Financial Giving through December 16

General Ministry weekly giving: \$12,837 Needed to date: \$640,250
Given to date: \$607,165

Global Partners weekly giving: \$935 Needed to date: \$77,100
Given to date: \$65,055

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

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Welcome to Sunday Morning at E-Free Bemidji

Worship Service - December 23

"Peace on Earth"
Luke 2:1-14

Nursery - up to age 3

Our nursery is located at the 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.

Wednesday Night Activities

We will start back up again January 9. Merry Christmas!

Middle School Retreat

Save the Date! There will be a Middle School Retreat at Camp Oak Hills on January 18-19. The cost is \$15 per person. Contact Pastor Albin for more information at:
pastoralbin@efcbemidji.org.

Men's Ministries

Camp Shamaineau is hosting a Father/Son Retreat February 1-3, 2019 and a Men's Weekend Retreat March 1-3, 2019. If you would like more information, check out the Men's Ministries Bulletin Board!

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed Tuesday, December 25 and Wednesday, December 26 for the Christmas Holiday. And again on Tuesday, January 1 for New Years.

Christmas Eve Service

Our Christmas Eve service will be held on Monday, December 24th at 5:00 pm. All children are welcome in the service, nursery is available for birth to three.

Men's Wild Game Feed

Gentlemen! Mark your calendars for our annual Men's Wild Game Feed on Monday, January 7th at 6:00 pm. Bring meat that you've shot, caught, or bought and a side dish to share for our potluck dinner. Our special guest speaker will be Al Killian from the MN DNR. Come for food, fellowship, door prizes, and more!

SOS: Mark Your Calendars!

The Servants of Shelter ministry for the homeless will be held at our church the week of February 17 – February 24. Volunteers will be needed for 4-hour shifts, serving meals, and other tasks. If you would like to help with this ministry, please mark it down on your calendar now. More information and opportunities to sign up will be available starting in January. If you have any questions contact Pastor Eric at:
pastor.nygren@gmail.com.

Caring Tree

A big Thank You to everyone who donated gifts and money to the Caring Tree! And to those who helped supply the cookies!

Opportunities and Info

Order of Service: *Service starts at 11:00AM*

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES

WORSHIP

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

CHRISTMAS SLIDESHOW

MESSAGE

CLOSING SONG

BENEDICTION

Child Dedication, January

Our church is rejoicing in a Child Dedication Service in January for parents to publicly dedicate their children to the Lord and to prayerfully acknowledge their responsibility to raise their children for Him. Interested parents should place a note in Pastor Jerry's office mailbox or email him at: PastorJerry@efcbemidji.org no later than Sunday morning, January 6, indicating their desire to participate. Please include which service you attend and your most recent contact information.

Nursery Schedule: **TODAY, December 23**

11:00AM - Bob and Karen Carlson and Gerri Thorsgard

December 30

11:00A.M. - Tracy Parthun, Joan Ditty, and Sue Brown

Sunday, December 23
11:00AM Combined Service

Monday, December 24
5:00PM Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 25
Merry Christmas!
Office Closed.

Wednesday, December 26
Office Closed.

Thursday, December 27
6:00PM Men's Bible Study
7:00PM Worship Team Practice

Friday, December 28

Saturday, December 29

Sermon Sneak Peek

December 30, "Together", Hebrews 10:19-25
January 6, "The Lord's Supper", John 6:25-59

SAVE THESE DATES:

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

January 18-19 - Women's Craft Weekend

January 27 - Annual Meeting & Potluck

Season of Giving

Each holiday season, the church anticipates and relies on a seasonal increase in contributions. It is through the donations of every individual and family in the congregation that we are able to carry on our work now and throughout the year.

If you need a convenient way to make recurring contributions or plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to consider our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a welcome way to make contributions.

To set up a recurring giving schedule, visit us online at www.efcbemidji.org and locate the link to our online giving page. Or if it's easier, get a paper authorization form from church and return it to the main office.

You can also make a contribution to E-Free Bemidji with a quick text message!

Simply send a text to (218) 216-8560 with the amount you would like to contribute. Make sure to include the dollar sign before the amount (example: \$25). Within a few minutes, you will be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt via email.

For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically!

Thank you for your generosity and support!

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 24, Monday

5:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Service

Join us for an hour of scriptural lessons, which tell the story of redemption, singing, scripture reading, listening to our wonderful choir and handbells, and hearing a special message. Children are welcome in the service, in fact, they are singing one of our songs, but there will also be nursery care available for birth to three years old.

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 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



Peace on Earth

Luke 2:1-14

December 23, 2018 - Pastor Jerry Johnson

