

Expressions of Appreciation

- Jean Vrieze extends her sincere thanks to everyone who sent cards and kind notes in celebration of her 80th birthday. She is grateful for the love and support of her Evangel church family.

Prayer Concerns

- Roy Albrecht continues to recover from a stroke and will seek treatment for coronary issues.
- Bobbi Broadwater is recovering at Charter House from a fall and pelvis surgery.
- Jerry Copeman is in ICU at St. Mary's for influenza.
- Barb Fritsche is home recovering from two back surgeries.
- Sandy Hart will need further abdominal surgery.
- Paul Johnson is recovering from leg surgery at Samaritan Bethany.
- Carol Kirkham has been diagnosed with chronic leukemia & continues to struggle with ALS.
- Marsha Woolums transitioned to Samaritan Bethany.

Continued Prayers

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| • Jessie Shanklin – Memory and mobility issues | • Jerry Steinke – Memory issues |
| • Michael Stelck – Mobility issues & cancer treatment | • Janet Strom – Mobility issues |
| • Rockelle Warner – Mobility issues | • Owen Schmitz – College student |
| • Marsha Woolums – in-home hospice | • Irelynn Smith – College student |
| • Sarah Ahern – College student | • Julia Walters – College student |
| • Dianne Andersen – Mobility issues | • Ruth Walters – College student |

Message Notes

Memory Verse

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”
-2 Corinthians 5:17*

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Welcome to
Evangel United Methodist Church!

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January 11, 2026

Wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here!

8:30am & 10:30am Worship Services
MN Adult & Teen Challenge

GATHERING	“Amazing Grace”	John Newton
PRELUDE	“Through It All”	Andrae Crouch
WELCOME		
*MEMORY VERSE		
OPENING SONG		MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir
KIDS RELEASED TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH		
This option is for children Pre-K through Grade 5. Kids can stay in worship or go to Children’s Church.		
MN ADULT & TEEN CHALLENGE SHARING		
OFFERING		
*DOXOLOGY	“Glory Be to the Father”	UMH#70
*OFFERTORY PRAYER		
*CLOSING SONG		MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir
*ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEMORY VERSE		
*THE BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	“Soon and Very Soon”	Andrae Crouch
*Invited to stand. Feel free to stand or sit, as you are able or prefer.		

Rev. Dr. David Werner, Pastor	Mike Aakre, Office Administrator
Jim Klepper, Director of Connections & Growth	Stephanie Mettler, Youth Director
Clancy Craven, Assoc. Director of Connections & Growth	Pam Wright, Choir Director
Fant Steele, Media Technology Coordinator	Tom Burson, Organist

This Week’s Schedule

	<u>Sunday, January 11</u> MN Adult & Teen Challenge
9:30am	Sunday School & Drop In classes
10:30am	Worship Service
11:45am	Youth Leadership Team (Fireside Room)
11:45am	All-Church Lunch (Multi-purpose Room)
	<u>Monday, January 12</u> Sewing Circle (Room 223)
	<u>Tuesday, January 13</u> Connections & Growth Team (Room 223)
6:30pm	Trustees (Fireside Room)
7:00pm	
	<u>Wednesday, January 14</u> Missions Team (Fireside Room)
4:00pm	Connect Group Design Team (Room 128)
5:00pm	The Wesley Challenge (Room 223)
5:00pm	Wednesday Night Meal (Kitchen & Dinette)
6:15pm	Board Games (Lobby)
6:15pm	Confirmation (Room 224)
6:15pm	Praise Team practice (Sanctuary)
6:30pm	Faith & Works (Fireside Room)
7:30pm	Finance Team (Zoom)
7:30pm	Handbell practice (Room 223)
	<u>Thursday, January 15</u> Bible Storytime (Children’s Library)
9:00am	Women’s Gathering (Lobby)
1:00pm	Experience Jesus. Really (Fireside Room)
5:30pm	Choir practice (Sanctuary)
7:00pm	
	<u>Friday, January 16</u> Older Folders (Fireside Room)
	<u>Sunday, January 18</u> Prayer for Worship
8:15am	Traditional Worship Service
8:30am	Sunday School & Drop In classes
9:30am	Contemporary Worship Service
10:30am	Hospitality Team (Fireside Room)
11:45am	

Upcoming events, holidays & special Sundays:

Mon., Jan. 19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Sun., Jan. 25	Ice skating at the Rec Center

*For a complete schedule of all building/non-Evangel activities, visit www.evangelum.org > About > Calendar

Announcements

MN Adult & Teen Challenge Today

This morning we welcome the MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir from the Rochester campus to lead us in worship through music and testimonies. These men are courageously pursuing sobriety by placing their hope & trust in Jesus. Let’s worship together as God’s family and encourage them in their journey. **Parents:** Some testimonies may not be suitable for younger children. Children’s Church is available. A **special offering** will be received for MN Adult & Teen Challenge. Please make checks payable to **Evangel Church** with the designation “*MN Adult-Teen Challenge.*” Electronic giving is also available with the same designation. Donations can also be made directly through their website (www.mntc.org). Following the service, everyone is invited to stay for a chili lunch provided by our church and enjoy time connecting with the choir members.

2025 Contribution Statements Available

For those who requested, your 2025 contribution statement has been emailed to you. For all others, your printed contributions statements are available on a table near the sanctuary entrance for two Sundays (Jan. 11 and 18.). These will be mailed out after Jan. 18. Help us save postage and pick yours up today. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Financial Secretary Brian Nass at bdnass@icloud.com; 507-923-8542.

Sign Up for a Connect Group Today!

In addition to our regular and ongoing groups, our special Winter Connect Groups will offer a place for respectful discussion on the messages, book and interpretation sessions. Check out the brochure in this bulletin! The focus of these Groups will be HOW we can grow in having grace-filled and respectful discussions. Sign up online, on the bulletin board (next to Room 223) or call the church office.

Winter Message Series: “Who Is Jesus?” (Continued!)

Baby Jesus grew up into a man, who then gave Himself to restore our relationships with God. Over the next few months, we’ll continue to follow Jesus’ life and ministry and keep asking the question, “Who is He?” Along the way we’ll find out that He is much more than we ever realized. Get ready for a thrilling journey of discovery: a journey that will transform not just your understanding of Jesus, but the way that you follow Him as a disciple. In short, it’ll transform you!

New Membership Class

Thursday, January 22 and 29 from 5:30-7:00pm in room 224
Interested in joining Evangel as a Professing Member? All those who become involved at Evangel are a part of the Evangel church family. Those who are willing to make the commitment to own and sustain the work and ministry of the church are invited to become Professing Members. Professing Members are those who have professed publicly their faith in Jesus Christ and make 5 commitments to the local church: to uphold the church by their prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. The New Membership Class will have two sessions: the first session explores the Christian faith and the second session explores Evangel United Methodist Church. If you are interested in becoming a Professing Member of Evangel, please talk to Pastor David or simply show up at the first New Membership Class on Thurs., Jan. 22.

Unite @ the Rec Center for Ice Skating

Sunday, January 25 | 3:00–4:30pm | Rochester Recreation Center (21 Elton Hills Drive NW)
This is a free event!
January’s intergenerational Unite@ activity will take us to the Rochester Recreation Center to twirl and glide across the ice as we skate to our hearts’ content! Skates and balance bars (for our little ones) will be available to rent. Don’t want to skate? Come simply for fellowship and enjoy time with your church family and friends. Sign up online or call the church office.

Handbell Choir Is Ringing Again—Come Be a Part of It!

We are so grateful to once again have a handbell choir here at Evangel! It would truly be a joy to see this meaningful ministry continue and grow, but we need a few more ringers to make that possible. There are several open spots, and your participation could make all the difference. Now is the perfect time to join—no experience is necessary! We welcome all ages, from 11 years old (6th grade) all the way to 111. If you’re interested or have any questions, please contact Anita Hermanson at 507-254-5724 or ahrmnsn@msn.com. We would love to have you join us!

2025 Evangel Christmas Offering

Evangel Church cares for our community! This past Christmas \$4,253.40 was donated to Evangel's Good Samaritan (Community Benevolence) fund. Thank you for this generous support! This money is offered to assist people in temporary need in our local community and is administered by Pastor David and Jim. We also use these funds to partner with The Salvation Army, The Landing and the Zumbro Ridge Food Shelf - community partners to whom we often refer people with requests. Know that donations can be made to Evangel's Good Samaritan Fund all year long, as assistance is needed all year long. Together we continue to shine God's light in the darkness!

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