

**Prayer Concerns**

- MN Adult-Teen Challenge and all the people courageously committing to a changed life!
- Marilyn Bastian moved to Arbor Garden Place in Eyota.
- Wayne Bastian passed to the glory on Wed., Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>.
- John Bromeland, former pastor of Evangel, is having heart & lung complications.
- Randy Rieken is home from the hospital and on oxygen.
- Barb Schroeder received good test results regarding her ongoing chemotherapy treatment.
- Dorene Speer is recovering from COVID.

**Continued Prayers**

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| • Bob Craven – Stroke recovery    | • Payton Evans – College student         |
| • Karen Craven – Stroke recovery  | • Elois Fanning – Mobility issues        |
| • Emily Dunford – College student | • Dale Fiek – Memory and mobility issues |
| • Fay Drescher – Mobility issues  | • Ruth Fiek – Memory and mobility issues |
| • Gwen Elgin – College student    | • Sylvia Fishel – Multiple health issues |

**Message Notes**



Welcome to  
Evangel United Methodist Church!

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**January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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

8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Service		
MN Adult-Teen Challenge		
GATHERING	“Holy, Holy, Holy”	Reginald Helber
PRELUDE	“Love Divine”	John Stainer
WELCOME		
*MEMORY VERSE		
OPENING SONG	MN Adult-Teen Challenge Choir	
KIDS RELEASED TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH		
<i>This option is for children pre-K through 5th grade. Kids can stay in worship or go to Children’s Church.</i>		
MN ADULT-TEEN CHALLENGE SHARING		
OFFERING		
*DOXOLOGY	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	UMH#94
*OFFERTORY PRAYER		
*CLOSING SONG	“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”	UMH#57 (vs.1,3,4,5,7)
*ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEMORY VERSE		
*THE BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	“To God Be The Glory”	William Howard
*Invited to stand. Feel free to stand or sit, as you are able or prefer.		
Rev. Dr. David Werner, Pastor	Mike Aakre, Office Manager	
Jim Klepper, Christian Education Director	Tom Burson, Organist	
Clancy Craven, Associate of Christian Education	Pam Wright, Choir Director	

This Week’s Schedule

<u>Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> - Martin Luther King Jr. Day</u>	
1:00 p.m.	Sewing Circle (room 224)
6:30 p.m.	Church Council (room 224)
<u>Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup></u>	
9:00 a.m.	Bible Storytime (children’s library)
9:00 a.m.	Cut Ups at Assisi Heights
5:00 p.m.	Wed. Night Meal (dinette)
6:00 p.m.	Intergenerational Board Games (lobby)
6:15 p.m.	Praise Team (sanctuary)
6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (room 224)
<u>Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup></u>	
1:00 p.m.	Women’s Gathering (lobby)
6:30 p.m.	Finance Team (zoom)
7:30 p.m.	Choir practice (sanctuary)
<u>Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup></u>	
11:00 a.m.	Older Folders (room 221)
<u>Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup></u>	
1:00 p.m.	“The Event” Youth Rally in Plymouth, MN
<u>Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup></u>	
8:15 a.m.	Prayer for Worship
8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
10:30 a.m.	“Good News” Contemporary Service
11:45 a.m.	Unrelenting Grace Interpretation Session (sanctuary)
5:30 p.m.	Unrelenting Grace Book Study (room 221)
<b>Upcoming events, holidays &amp; special Sundays:</b>	
Sun., Jan. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Snowtubing at Steeplechase Hill
Wed., Feb. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday

**Announcements**

MN Adult-Teen Challenge

Today we welcome a choir from the Rochester campus of MN Adult-Teen Challenge to lead worship today with music and testimonies! These brave people are boldly pursuing sobriety by putting their hope and trust in Jesus. Today we worship with them together as part of God’s family, surround them with support and cheer them on! Parents: Some of the testimonies shared today may not be appropriate for younger kids; Children’s Church is available. Our church is providing a lunch for MN Adult-Teen Challenge Choir members after the second service. Although this meal is for choir members only, we invite everyone to connect with choir members in the lobby immediately following the services.

Offering

A special offering for MN Adult-Teen Challenge will be taken during worship. Please make all contributions out to Evangel Church with the designation “MN Adult-Teen Challenge.” (We will forward them to MN Adult-Teen Challenge.) Offerings can also be given electronically by designating MN Adult-Teen Challenge. Contributions can be made directly to MN Adult-Teen Challenge directly through their website at any time.

Winter Message Series (Jan. 21 - Feb. 11)

Next week Pastor David will start a new message series, “Difficult Conversations: How to LOVE someone when you don’t agree.” We will delve into the hard work of how Christians treat those who think differently, and even those who believe differently about faith issues. How do we behave? How can we get along? Hint: It’s about what it looks like to really love someone!

Church-Wide Book Study

Starting this week our church is going to read together, *Unrelenting Grace: A United Methodist Way of Life* by Bishop Kenneth H. Carter Jr. Books are available to pick up at the Welcome Center and in the church office. People are asked to start reading the book by Jan. 14, reading a chapter a week through Feb. 11. (A \$15 donation helps cover the cost of each book.)

Interpretation Sessions

Sundays Jan. 21 - Feb. 11 at 11:45 a.m. Pastor David will host “interpretation sessions” on the *Unrelenting Grace* book. As the book takes an inclusive position, Pastor David will try to widen the conversation to include insights for how a more conservative perspective would respond to the book and talk about the issues. These sessions will be held in-person after the 2<sup>nd</sup> service (from 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.) but also offered as livestream and recording.

Connect Groups

In addition to our regular and ongoing groups, our special Winter Connect Groups focusing on *Unrelenting Grace* will offer a place for respectful discussion on the messages, book and interpretation sessions. A variety of Connect Groups are being offered (see the Connect Brochure and online listing) - Sign up for one! The focus of these Groups will be HOW we can grow in having grace-filled and respectful discussions. Groups will meet for 4 weeks starting Jan. 21

2023 Contribution Statements Available

For those who requested, your 2023 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. 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>). These will be mailed out after Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Brian Nass at [bdnass@icloud.com](mailto:bdnass@icloud.com) or at 507-923-8542.

“The Event” Youth Gathering on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

“The Event” is a UMC Conference sponsored youth rally in Plymouth, MN on Sat., Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. There will be worship, service and learning opportunities and a great experience for youth to hang out together on a road trip. Dinner is provided (other meals are not). For more details and to sign up, go to [evangelum.org](http://evangelum.org) > Ministries > Youth.

Kids Club Sponsored Activity: Snow Tubing at Steeplechase Hill

Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
59468 423rd Ave Suite C, Mazeppa, MN 55956  
Join in for some winter fun snowtubing down the 750-foot runs at Steeplechase Hill. Cost is \$10 per tuber. Scholarships are available. Meet at Evangel at 1:30 p.m. to caravan or meet us there. Go to [evangelum.org](http://evangelum.org) to sign up!

**Memory Verse**

*“The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.” -Isaiah 40:29*

Our online giving page makes it easy for you to donate from your smart phone. Scan the image below using your phone’s Quick Response (QR) code reader.

