

10:30am “Good News” Worship Service

WELCOME

PRAISE SINGING

“Joy to the World” (Shout for Joy)
“Go Tell It on the Mountain”
Time of Prayer
“Christmas Offering”

Good News Team

GREETING & MEMORY VERSE

HOLY COMMUNION

KIDS RELEASED TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH

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OFFERING

SCRIPTURE Matthew 2:1-23, Philippians 2:1-8

MESSAGE Who Is Jesus? “Mary’s Son!” Pastor David

PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC* “Mary Did You Know”

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEMORY VERSE

BLESSING

CLOSING MUSIC

*Special Music performed by Tom Burson, Helen Duff & Jim Klepper



Welcome to
Evangel United Methodist Church!

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Memory Verse

“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.” -Philippians 2:5a

January 4, 2026

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

8:30am Traditional Worship Service

GATHERING	“O Morning Star Thou Fair and Bright”	Phillip Nicolai
PRELUDE	“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”	John Newton
WELCOME		
*OPENING HYMN	“We Three Kings”	UMH#254 (vs. 1,5)
*MEMORY VERSE		
HOLY COMMUNION		
THE LORD’S PRAYER (“using sins”)		UMH#894
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MESSAGE	Who Is Jesus? “Mary’s Son!”	Pastor David
PRAYERS		
OFFERING		
*DOXOLOGY	“Glory Be to the Father”	UMH#70
*OFFERTORY PRAYER		
*CLOSING HYMN	“What Child Is This”	UMH#219 (vs. 1-3)
*ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEMORY VERSE		
*THE BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	“I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light”	Kathleen Thomerson

***Invited to stand. Feel free to stand or sit, as you are able or prefer.**

Rev. Dr. David Werner, Pastor
 Jim Klepper, Director of Connections & Growth
 Clancy Craven, Assoc. Director of Connections & Growth
 Fant Steele, Media Technology Coordinator

Mike Aakre, Office Administrator
 Stephanie Mettler, Youth Director
 Pam Wright, Choir Director
 Tom Burson, Organist

This Week's Schedule

9:30am	<u>Sunday, January 4</u> Sunday School & Drop In classes “Good News” Contemporary Service
10:30am	
1:00pm	<u>Monday, January 5</u> Sewing Circle (Room 223)
5:00pm	<u>Wednesday, January 7</u> Wednesday Night Meal (Kitchen & Dinette)
6:15pm	Board Games (Lobby)
6:15pm	Confirmation (Room 224)
6:30pm	Faith & Works (Fireside Room)
7:30pm	Handbell practice (Room 223)
9:00am	<u>Thursday, January 8</u> Bible Storytime (Children’s Library)
7:00pm	Choir practice (Sanctuary)
11:00am	<u>Friday, January 9</u> Older Folders (Fireside Room)
7:00pm	Youth Group
8:15am	<u>Sunday, January 11</u> MN Adult & Teen Challenge
8:30am	Prayer for Worship
9:30am	Traditional Worship Service
10:30am	Sunday School & Drop In classes
11:45am	Contemporary Worship Service
11:45am	Youth Leadership Team (Fireside Room)
	All-Church Lunch (Multi-purpose Room)

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*

Message Notes

Announcements

Communion this Morning at Both Services

We are honored to have Pastor Dave Laechel assisting with the celebration of Holy Communion at both services this morning.

2025 Christmas Offering: Good Samaritan Community Benevolence Fund

Today is the last day that 100% of your gift will go directly to fund qualified emergency needs in the Rochester area. The funds are administered by Pastor David & Jim Klepper.

Connect Groups Begin this Week

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.

MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir Next Sunday

Next Sunday, Evangel will host the MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir at both services. Following the second service EVERYONE is invited for lunch in the Multi-purpose Room.

MN Adult & Teen Challenge shares powerful testimonies of lives being transformed through sobriety and faith in Jesus. **Parents: Some testimonies may not be appropriate for younger children; Children's Church is available.**

Evangel's Culture of Hospitality: It's Up to YOU!

We all play a part in making Evangel a welcoming and loving place. Here's how you can help create a culture of hospitality each Sunday:

- Wear a name tag (available at the Welcome Center).
- Sit by someone new — change it up!
- After worship, spend 3 minutes greeting those nearby.
- Take 10 minutes to connect with someone you don't know well.
- Mingle in the lobby before/after service — engage those who are alone.
- Introduce people to others before you walk away.
- "Practice hospitality." — Romans 12:13b

The Power of Prayer!

Evangel has three Prayer Teams:

- Phone prayer chain: Praying for immediate needs when called.
- Email prayer chain: Praying for shared needs when email is received.
- Intercessory Prayer Partners: Praying with people after worship on Sundays.

If you are willing to be a part of a prayer chain, please contact the office to be added. If you are willing to serve as an intercessory prayer partner, please contact Jeff Lansdowne or Pastor David.

"Pray continually." — 1 Thess. 5:17

Expressions of Appreciation

- "Thank you, Evangel Family, for the calls, cards and prayers. I anticipate a prolonged recovery." — Sandra Hart
- "Thank you for the visits from Pastor David, Pastor Susie & Bill O'Connell, and the Christmas Carolers. We also appreciate the delicious cookies and Christmas cards. It meant so much to us. God's blessings to you." — Stan & Betty Johnson

Prayer Concerns

- Roy Albrecht is recovering at home from a stroke on Dec. 16.
- Barb Fritsche is recovering from two back surgeries this past week.
- Sandy Hart continues a long recovery from bowel surgery.
- Paul Johnson is recovering from leg surgery at Samaritan Bethany.
- Kristie Kassel had surgery to remove an ovarian cyst on Dec. 17.
- Shirley Larson passed to glory on Dec. 28 in Plymouth, MN. Her funeral was yesterday at Ranfranz & Vine Funeral home.
- Deanna Schmudlach is recovering from arm surgery on Dec. 22.

Continued Prayers

- Jean Koebke — Respiratory issues
- David Laechel — for continuing good health
- Griffin Langer — College student
- Gene Long — Parkinson's disease and back pain
- Sean McDonough — College student
- Charles Schneider — Leukemia and mobility issues
- Lane McDonough — College student
- Joyce Mehring — Heart concerns
- Ruth Ann Miles — Parkinson's disease
- Alyssa Neveau — Grad student
- Isaac Neveau — College student
- Nancy Paine — Heart issues

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