

10:30 a.m. “Good News” Worship Service

WELCOME

PRAISE SINGING & PRAYER      “A New Hallelujah”      “Good News” Worship Team  
   “Go Tell It on the Mountain”  
   Time of Prayer  
   “Glory” (Let There Be Peace)

GREETING & MEMORY VERSE

OFFERING & COMMUNION      “Christmas Offering”      “Good News” Worship Team

KIDS RELEASED TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH  
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SCRIPTURE      Matthew 2:1-12      Kelly Burson

MESSAGE      Christmas through Mary’s Eyes: “Mary & the Magi”

PRAYERS

SPECIAL MUSIC      “Light of the World”      Helen Duff & Kahn & Holly Evans

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEMORY VERSE

BLESSING & CLOSING MUSIC

**Memory Verse**

*“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” -John 3:16*

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**January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

GATHERING	“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”	Franz Joseph Haydn
PRELUDE	“This Little Light/All You Need Is Love”	Spiritual/The Beatles
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE		
WELCOME		
OPENING HYMN	“The First Noel”	UMH#245 (vs.1-5)
*MEMORY VERSE		
HOLY COMMUNION		Rev. Dave Laechel
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MESSAGE	Christmas through Mary’s Eyes: “Mary & the Magi”	
PRAYER	“Epiphany”	UMH#255
OFFERING		
CHOIR ANTHEM	“Hope Has Arrived”	Rebecca J. Peck
*DOXOLOGY	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	UMH#94
*OFFERTORY PRAYER		
*CLOSING HYMN	“We Three Kings”	UMH#254
*ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEMORY VERSE		
*THE BENEDICTION		Rev. Dave Laechel
*POSTLUDE	“Shine Jesus Shine”	Graham Kendrick

\*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>Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> - Epiphany</u>	
11:30 a.m.	Youth Leadership Team (room 224)
11:30 a.m.	Hospitality Group (room 221)
7:00 p.m.	Connect Group Host Orientation (room 224)
<u>Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup></u>	
1:00 p.m.	Sewing Circle (room 224)
6:30 p.m.	Mom’s Oval (room 221)
<u>Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup></u>	
9:00 a.m.	Bible Storytime (children’s library)
4:00 p.m.	Missions Team (room 221)
5:00 p.m.	Lay Leadership (room 132)
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)
6:30 p.m.	Prayer Circle (room 221)
<u>Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup></u>	
7:30 p.m.	Choir practice (sanctuary)
<u>Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup></u>	
11:00 a.m.	Older Folders (room 221)
7:00 p.m.	Youth Group
<u>Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> – MN Adult &amp; Teen Challenge</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

Upcoming events, holidays & special Sundays:

Mon., Jan. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Sat., Jan. 20 <sup>th</sup>	The Event Youth Rally in Plymouth, MN
Sun., Jan. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Snowtubing at Steeplechase Hill

Announcements

Pick Up Your 2024 Giving Envelopes Today!

Today is the last day you can pick up your offering envelope box next to the sanctuary entrance. If you don’t, they will be mailed out. If you don’t find a box with your name on it and would like one, there are unassigned envelope boxes for your use. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the work of our ministries! If you have questions, please contact Financial Secretary Brian Nass at 507-923-8542.

Next Sunday: MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir

The MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir will lead both worship services on Sun., Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> and share stories of God’s transforming power in their lives. This faith-based long-term recovery and outpatient program located right here in Rochester has been restoring hope to people struggling with drug and alcohol addiction of SE Minnesota since 1983. The Sunday special offering will go towards this important, life changing program. Parents, please be advised that some of the testimonials that will be shared may be too sensitive for younger worshipers. As an alternative, Children’s Church will be available during service. You are also invited to listen to MN Adult & Teen Challenge Chaplain Paula share about this ministry at the 9:30 a.m. Drop-In class located in the lobby.

Winter Connect Groups

Starting Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> we will have a church-wide book study on *Unrelenting Grace: A United Methodist Way of Life* by Bishop Kenneth H. Carter, Jr. He argues that United Methodists are people of God’s unrelenting grace, powered and led by the Holy Spirit. This will help us learn how to relate to others in grace and respect, even when we disagree. Pastor David will lead Interpretation Sessions after the 2<sup>nd</sup> service on Sundays and we will offer weekly connect groups for discussion. Watch for the schedule and sign-ups. Books are available at the Welcome Center and office. (\$15 donation helps cover the cost of the books.)

“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 > 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 to sign up!

Prayer Concerns

- Wayne Bastian is on Respite Care at Methodist Hospital.
- Wayne & Marilyn Bastian will be moving to Eyota Arbor Gardens next week for more care.
- Becky Book is having testing for a mass in her abdomen and will need it surgically removed.
- Randy Rieken was hospitalized for side effects from his immunotherapy cancer treatment.
- Barb Schroeder received good test results regarding her ongoing chemotherapy treatment.
- Dorene Speer has been diagnosed with COVID.
- Janet Strom is back home after a short stay in the hospital.

Continued Prayers

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| • Dianne Andersen – Mobility issues | • Marian Blagsvedt – Mobility issues        |
| • Marilyn Bastian – Mobility issues | • Wayne Blagsvedt – Mobility issues         |
| • Wayne Bastian – Heart condition   | • June Boettcher – Mobility issues          |
| • Jean Beltz – Mobility issues      | • Ronnie Broadwater - Lewy-Body Parkinson’s |
| • Rudy Biaggio – Mobility issues    | • Elsa Craven – College student             |

Message Notes