

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, December 10th
11:30 a.m. Brunch (multi-purpose room)
12:30 p.m. Creation Stations (throughout church)
1:30 p.m. Caroling for the homebound (meet in lobby)

Monday, December 11th
1:00 p.m. Sewing Circle (room 224)
6:30 p.m. Mom's Oval (room 221)

Tuesday, December 12th
7:00 p.m. Trustees (room 221)

Wednesday, December 13th
9:00 a.m. Bible Storytime (children's library)
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)

Thursday, December 14th
6:30 p.m. Finance Team (zoom)
7:30 p.m. Choir practice (sanctuary)

Friday, December 15th
11:00 a.m. Older Folders (room 221)
7:00 p.m. Youth Christmas Party

Sunday, December 17th
8:15 a.m. Prayer for Worship
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:15 a.m. Prayer for Worship
10:30 a.m. "Good News" Contemporary Service
11:30 a.m. Hospitality Group (room 221)
2:30 p.m. Mayowood Christmas Tour

Upcoming events, holidays & special Sundays:

Sun., Dec. 24th Christmas Eve
Mon., Dec. 25th Christmas Day (office closed)
Sun., Dec. 31st New Year's Eve
Mon., Jan. 1st New Year's Day (office closed)



Welcome to
Evangel United Methodist Church!

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December 10th, 2023

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

**10:30 a.m. Worship Service &
Intergenerational Christmas Program**

*OPENING WORSHIP SONGS “Joy to the World/Shout for Joy” “Good News” Worship Team
“What a Glorious Night”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

***MEMORY VERSE**

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

YOUTH HAND BELLS “Good King Wenceslas” Neil & Helmore

*DOXOLOGY “Angels We Have Heard on High” *UMH#238* (refrain)

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT Jesus the Word, Light & Life

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Randy & Laura Albrecht

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT Mary Chosen to Bear the Savior

ANTHEM “Keep Your Lamps” Andre Thomas

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT Bethlehem

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL “O Little Town of Bethlehem” *UMH#230 (VS. 1-2)*

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT The Savior Is Born

SPECIAL MUSIC “O What a King” Sophie Craven

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT The Angels

SPECIAL MUSIC “Born Is the King” Youth Choir & Worship Team

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT The Shepherds

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL “O Come, All Ye Faithful” *UMH#234* (vs. 1,4)

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL “Do You Hear What I Hear?”

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT The Village

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” *UMH#251* (vs.1-3)

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT Sent Out

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL “Joy to the World” *UMH#246 (vs.1-4)*

*ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEMORY VERSE

*MEAL GRACE “Be Present at Our Table, Lord” *UMH#621*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE	“People Look East”	French Carol
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***Invited to stand. Feel free to stand or sit, as you are able or prefer.**

Pantomime Cast

Joseph & Mary: Nathan & Desiree Morrison	Shepherds: Grades 2 – 5
Gabriel: Cambrie Evans	Animals: Pre. K – Grade 1
Villagers: The Congregation	Angels: Grades 6 – 12
Zoë Norman, Pantomime Director	

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
Anita Hermanson, Bell Choir Director	Andy McCright, Youth Choir Director

Everyone is invited to continue the Christmas celebration today!

Join in for brunch downstairs in the multi-purpose room, followed by Creation Stations throughout the building and caroling to the homebound (gather in the lobby at 1:30 p.m.).

Announcements

The Giving Tree

Please return remaining gifts by tomorrow (Monday) so we can get these gifts to families in time for Christmas!

Message Next Sunday

Merry Christmas! That’s what we wish everyone. Yet this year we’re looking at Mary’s Christmas, and we’re discovering that Christmas is not so merry. It was certainly not a silent night! Mary was the one who knew best that Jesus came to suffer and die for our salvation. We’ll discover that Christmas becomes truly joyful when we receive God’s gift of salvation through Jesus.

Sign Up to Light the Advent Candle This Season

The Season of Advent is here! Individuals and families are encouraged to participate in a Sunday morning service through Dec. 24th to light the Advent candle. Join in to celebrate the birth of our Savior! Sign up online or email the church office.

Evangel Kids Club Sponsored Mayowood Mansion Christmas Tour on Dec. 17th

Join in a private 90-minute tour of the Mayowood mansion one week before Christmas. Immerse yourself in the lives and legacy of the famous Mayo Clinic doctors who helped change the world of medicine while celebrating the season of Christmas. The tour is limited to 40 people. You may reserve your ticket by calling the church office at 507-289-4817 or go to www.evangelum.org.

2023 Christmas Offering

100% of your gift will go to the Good Samaritan Community Benevolence Fund (formerly “The Needy Fund”) that staff access throughout the year to extend personal help to those in need.

Christmas Eve Worship Schedule for Sunday, December 24th

- 9:30 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship with Praise Team (one service only; no Sunday School)
- 2:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- 11:30 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service *a capella*

No Sunday School or Children’s Church on December 24th and 31st

Now is the time for our faithful teachers and students to be home with their families during the Christmas holiday. Sunday School will resume on Jan. 7.

Office Will Closed on Christmas & New Year’s Day

The Evangel office will be closed on Mon., Dec. 25th & Mon., Jan. 1st

Prayer Concerns

- Hazel Curtiss was in the hospital over Thanksgiving for a UTI. She is still recovering.
- Elois Fanning is moving to Arbor Terrace.
- Jacque Heidebrink is at Mayo Healthcare Waseca for a wound on her heel.
- Elaine Held in struggles for healing.
- Karyn Henrichs, Gladys Jamison’s daughter, recuperating from double pneumonia.
- Lane Hermanson’s mother, Carol, has been placed on in-home/end-of-life hospice.
- Maurine Johnson, Linda Manthei’s mother, fell and is at rehab at Homestead.
- Stan Johnson is at Homestead for a recovery from a flare up of his pulmonary fibrosis.
- Robert Lee’s granddaughter, Annie Hart, suffered a severe concussion.
- Amy Neveau had successful surgery for breast cancer on Nov. 27th.
- Becky Pierce had successful colon surgery on Nov. 27th.
- Chuck Schneider is recovering from RSV and pneumonia at Charter House.
- Barb Schroeder continues cancer treatment.
- Jo Spencer is recovering from bronchitis and abdomen muscle tear.
- Rev. Phil Strom began treatment on Fri., Dec. 8th for lymphoma skin cancer. He is also struggling with shortness of breath.
- Dr. Nadine Su, founder of the Chinese Church with her husband Dr. Daniel Su, passed away on Nov. 25. Her funeral was on Dec. 2 at Ranfranz & Vine funeral Home.
- Cyndy Tischer’s brother-in-law had a massive stroke.

Continued Prayers

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| • Jean Beltz – Mobility issues | • Fay Drescher – Mobility issues |
| • Elsa Craven – College student | • Gwen Elgin – College student |
| • 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 |

Memory Verse

“The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us.” -John 1:14

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