

## This Week's Schedule

	<u>Sunday, December 14</u>
10:30am	Intergenerational Christmas Program
11:30am	All-church lunch (Multi-purpose Room)
12:00pm	Creation Stations
1:00pm	Christmas caroling for homebound
	<u>Monday, December 15</u>
1:00pm	Sewing Circle (Room 223)
6:30pm	Church Council (Room 224)
	<u>Wednesday, December 17</u>
5:00pm	Wednesday Night Meal (Kitchen & Dinette)
6:15pm	Board Games (Lobby)
6:15pm	Confirmation (Room 224)
6:15pm	Praise Team (Sanctuary)
7:30pm	Handbell choir practice (Room 223)
	<u>Thursday, December 18</u>
9:00am	Bible Storytime (Children's Library)
1:00pm	Women's Gathering (Lobby)
7:00pm	Choir practice (Sanctuary)
	<u>Friday, December 19</u>
11:00am	Older Folders (Fireside Room)
7:00pm	Rochester Area Handbells Concert (Sanctuary)
	<u>Sunday, December 21</u>
8:15am	Prayer for Worship
8:30am	Traditional Worship
9:30am	Sunday School & Drop-In classes
10:30am	Contemporary Worship

### Upcoming events, holidays & special Sundays:

Wed., Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
Thur., Dec. 25	Christmas Day – Office closed
Fri., Dec. 26	Office closed
Wed., Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Game Night
Thurs., Jan. 1	New Year's Day – Office Closed

*\*For a complete schedule of all building/non-Evangel activities, visit  
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**December 14, 2025**

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

10:30am Intergenerational Christmas Worship

WELCOME		
*OPENING SONGS	“Joy to the World/Shout for Joy” “What a Glorious Night”	Good News Worship Team
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
*MEMORY VERSE		
GREETING & INTRODUCTION		
PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER		UMH#894
OFFERING		
YOUTH HANDBELL ANTHEM	“Good King Wencelas”	Barbara Kinyon
*DOXOLOGY	“What Child Is This?”	UMH#219 (refrain only)
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT	Jesus the Word, Light & Life	
LIGHTING OF THE FIRST CANDLE OF CHRISTMAS		
HANDBELL QUARTET	“Coventry Carol”	Joel Raney
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT	The Prophet Speaks	
LIGHTING OF THE SECOND CANDLE OF CHRISTMAS		
CONGREGATIONAL CAROL	“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”	UMH#211 (vs.1-2)
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT	Mary Chosen to Bear the Savior	
LIGHTING OF THE THIRD CANDLE OF CHRISTMAS		
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: JOY		Jo Spencer & Tim Bauer
PRAYER		
LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH CANDLE OF CHRISTMAS		
CHOIR ANTHEM	“Christmastime”	Smith & Larsen
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT	Bethlehem	
CONGREGATIONAL CAROL	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	UMH#230 (vs. 1-2)
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT	The Savior Is Born	
SPECIAL MUSIC	“What Child Is This?”	Fant & Becca Steele
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT	The Angels	
LIGHTING OF THE FIFTH CANDLE OF CHRISTMAS		

YOUTH CHOIR ANTHEM	“Light Up Our Life”	Killian & Gardner
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT	The Shepherds	
LIGHTING OF THE SIXTH CANDLE OF CHRISTMAS		
CONGREGATIONAL CAROL	“O Come, All Ye Faithful”	UMH#234 (vs. 1,4)
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT	The Village	
CONGREGATIONAL CAROL	“Go Tell It on the Mountain”	UMH#251 (vs.1-3)
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT	Sent Out	
PRAYER	“Christmas”	UMH#231
CONGREGATIONAL CAROL	“Joy to the World”	UMH#246 (vs.1-4)
*ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEMORY VERSE		
*MEAL GRACE		
*BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE		

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

<b>Pantomime Cast</b>		
Joseph: Abe Burson	Gabriel: Cambrie Evans	Shepherds/Animals: Pre. K–Grade 5
Mary: Kelly Burson	Isaiah: Dale Larsen	Villagers: The Congregation
Jesus: Cadance Burson	Innkeeper: Jerry Norman	Angels: Grades 6–12
Pantomime Director: Zoë Norman		
<b>Handbell Quartet</b>		
Anita Hermanson, Garrett Hermanson, Michelle Mogenson & Trynda Kroneman		
Handbell Quartet Accompanist: Stephanie Mettler		Handbell Director: Anita Hermanson
Youth Choir Director: Pam Wright		Youth Choir Accompanist: Stephanie Mettler
Computers: Brandon Elizalde & Jane Vaaler		Cameras: Fant Steele
Sound: Carl Drescher		
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

Everyone is invited to continue the Christmas celebration today!  
Join in for lunch downstairs in the Multi-purpose Room, followed by Creation Stations throughout the building and caroling to the homebound (gather in the lobby at 1:00pm).

Announcements

A BIG THANK YOU to all who worked so hard to make this program a wonderful Christmas worship experience for everyone!

Giving Tree Gifts Due Back Tomorrow

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

Rochester Area Handbells Concert on December 19

RAH will be performing their Winter Concert at Evangel on Fri., Dec. 19 at 7pm in the sanctuary. This year’s program will feature a delightful mix of folk songs, carols and hymns.

Message Next Sunday – Who Is Jesus? “The Eternal King!”

At Christmas we proclaim Jesus as the baby King born in Bethlehem. But what does it mean that Jesus is your King? We usually act as though we are kings of our own destinies. Yet Christmas calls us to place Jesus as our King, as the Lord of our lives. Christmas is a jarring clash, a de-throning of our own rule. But when we make Jesus our King, our lives finally become rightly oriented, and wonder-full! Merry Christmas!

The Season of Advent: Sign Up to Light the Advent Candle!

Individuals and families are encouraged to participate in a Sunday morning service through Dec. 24 to light the Advent candle and read scripture. Join in to celebrate the birth of our Savior! Sign up on the board in the lobby.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services on Wednesday, December 24

- 2:30pm Candlelight Service with carols, choir & Children’s Message (live-streamed)
- 4:30pm Candlelight Service with carols, choir & Children’s Message
- 6:30pm Candlelight Service with carols, choir & Children’s Message
- 11:30pm Candlelight Service, acapella carols

New Year’s Eve Game Night

Ring in the New Year at Evangel on Wed., Dec. 31! Bring friends, enjoy fellowship, and share snacks. Stay as long as you like—we will pray in the New Year at midnight in the lobby.

Giving Envelopes for 2026 Are Now Available

Stop by the Welcome Center to pick up your box of 2026 Giving Envelopes. For those of you who don’t normally receive/use envelope boxes but would like to start doing so, please contact Brian Nass at 507-923-8542; [bdnass@icloud.com](mailto:bdnass@icloud.com) to be added to the list of envelope box recipients.

Final Contributions for 2025

The final deposit of financial contributions for 2025 will be made at noon on Tues., Dec. 30. To ensure your final 2025 contribution is recorded this year, please submit it to the church office before that time.

2025 Christmas Offering: Good Samaritan Community Benevolence Fund

Through Sun., Jan. 4, 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.

Thank Yous and Celebrations

- Lynda Laechel would like to thank her church family for the cards, good wishes and prayers during her recent hospitalizations and shoulder repairs (which felt like forever). And congratulations to Dave & Lynda as they celebrate their 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary this week.

Prayer Concerns

- Nancy Becker-Peterson has been diagnosed with lymphoma.
- Sharon Copeman's funeral was yesterday at Evangel.
- Sandra Hart is recovering from recent bowel surgery.
- Akeelah Kamarah Warner was hospitalized again for severe vomiting & dizziness.
- Kristie Kassel will have surgery to remove an ovarian cyst on Wed., Dec. 17.
- Lynda Laechel had her shoulder brace removed last week.

Continued Prayers

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| • Janet Strom – Mobility issues   | • Rockelle Warner – Mobility issues                   |
| • Owen Schmitz – College student  | • Marsha Woolums – in-home hospice                    |
| • Irelynn Smith – College student | • Dianne Andersen – Mobility issues                   |
| • Julia Walters – College student | • Marilyn Bastian – Mobility issues                   |
| • Ruth Walters – College student  | • Marian Blagsvedt – Mobility issues                  |
| • Sarah Ahern – College student   | • Michael Stelck – Mobility issues & cancer treatment |

Memory Verse:

*“The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”*  
*- John 1:5*

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Message Notes