

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

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Carl & Sylvia Rolfs

PRAISE SINGING & PRAYER

“Good News” Worship Team

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

“The First Noel”

Time of Prayer

“Glory” (Let There Be Peace)

GREETING & MEMORY VERSE

OFFERING

“Christmas Offering”

“Good News” Worship Team

KIDS RELEASED TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH

This option is for children pre-K through 5th grade. Kids can stay in worship or go to Children’s Church.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:14, 34-35, Romans 5:1, 6-8

Michelle Wermers

MESSAGE

Christmas through Mary’s Eyes: “Not a ‘Mary’ Christmas” (or “The Piercing of Mary’s Soul”)

PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Mystery”

Bob & Beth Kanzelman

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEMORY VERSE

BLESSING & CLOSING MUSIC

Memory Verse

“Mary will give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.” -Matt. 1:21

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Welcome to
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December 17th, 2023

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

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

GATHERING	“Lo He Comes in Clouds Descending”	Thomas Chesterson
PRELUDE	“Watchmen Tell Us of the Night”	Robert S. Powell
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE		Carl & Sylvia Rolfs
WELCOME		
OPENING HYMN	“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”	UMH#213 (vs.1-3)
*MEMORY VERSE		
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HANDBELL ANTHEM	“Twass in the Moon of Wintertime”	Cathy Mocklebust
SCRIPTURE	Luke 2:41-51	Brian Nass
MESSAGE	Christmas through Mary’s Eyes: “Not a ‘Mary’ Christmas” (or “The Piercing of Mary’s Soul”)	
MESSAGE HYMN	“Once in Royal David’s City”	UMH#216 (vs.1-4)
PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER		
OFFERING		
ANTHEM	“Mary, Did You Know”	Jack Schrader
*DOXOLOGY	“Angels We Have Heard on High”	UMH#238 (refrain)
*OFFERTORY PRAYER		
*THE APOSTLES’ CREED		UMH#882
*CLOSING HYMN	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	UMH#230 (vs.1-4)
*ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEMORY VERSE		
*THE BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”	Gordon Young
*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, December 17th</u>
11:30 a.m.	Hospitality Group (room 221)
2:30 p.m.	Mayowood Christmas Tour
	<u>Monday, December 18th</u>
1:00 p.m.	Sewing Circle (room 224)
	<u>Wednesday, December 20th</u>
9:00 a.m.	Bible Storytime (children’s library)
9:00 a.m.	Cut Ups at Bethel Lutheran Church
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, December 21st</u>
1:00 p.m.	Women’s Christmas Gathering (lobby)
7:30 p.m.	Choir practice (sanctuary)
	<u>Friday, December 22nd</u>
11:00 a.m.	Older Folders (room 221)
	<u>Sunday, December 24th</u>
	Christmas Eve
9:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Worship with Praise Team
2:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
5:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
11:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service <i>a capella</i>
Upcoming events, holidays & special Sundays:	
Mon., Dec. 25 th	Christmas Day (office closed)
Sun., Dec. 31 st	New Year’s Eve
Mon., Jan. 1 st	New Year’s Day (office closed)
Sun., Jan. 14 th	MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir
Mon., Jan. 15 th	Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Announcements

Message Next Sunday

We again look at Christmas through Mary’s eyes. Because of Christmas, we see Jesus, at the age of 12, completely at home in the temple, which He calls, “My Father’s House.” We see Jesus is truly God’s Son, and that makes Him our God, our Lord and our Savior! At Christmas, we commit to worship our “new-born King!”

Sign Up to Light the Advent Candle On Christmas Eve

Individuals and families are encouraged to participate next Sunday, December 24th to light the Advent candle during one of the Christmas Eve services. Join in to celebrate the birth of our Savior! Sign up online or email the church office.

Pick Up Your 2024 Giving Envelopes Today!

Offering envelope boxes are now available in the lobby for you to pick up. If you don’t find a box with your name on it AND would like one, there are unassigned envelope boxes for your use. Simply write down your name and the box number that you took. Boxes will be available to pick up for 3-4 weeks. After that time, they will be mailed out. 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.

Spread Cheer with Holiday Cookies

Help celebrate the season by providing cookies to serve during fellowship hour in-between Sunday morning services. No nuts or almond flour please. Cookies can be dropped off Fri. or Sun. mornings.

Eve Worship Schedule for Sunday, December 24th

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship with Praise Team and choir
- 2:30 p.m. Candlelight Service with carols and choir
- 5:00 p.m. Candlelight Service with carols and choir
- 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service with carols and choir
- 11:30 p.m. Candlelight Service (1/2 hour) with acapella carols

Special Children’s Moment & Gift During Christmas Eve Services

We will be offering a special Children’s Moment at our 2:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve services. Spread the word and invite friends! A special Christmas gift will be included for the children!

Christmas Offering Will Go to the Good Samaritan Community Benevolence Fund

100% of your gift will go directly to fund qualified emergency needs in the Rochester area.

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 Closed on Christmas & New Year’s Day

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

Celebrations & Thank Yous

- Wayne & Marilyn Bastian would like to thank the Evangel staff for their hard work and to the Youth Group for raking their lawn.

Prayer Concerns

- Hazel Curtiss was in the hospital over Thanksgiving for a UTI. She is still recovering.
- Lane Hermanson’s mother, Carol, passed to the glory on Fri., Dec. 8th.
- Jacque Heidebrink will be at Mayo Healthcare Center, Waseca for a few weeks.
- Maurine Johnson, Linda Manthei’s mother, fell and is at rehab at Homestead.
- Stan Johnson was moved to Samaritan Bethany for rehabilitation.
- Robert Lee’s granddaughter, Annie Hart, suffered a severe concussion.
- Amy Neveau continues to heal from breast cancer surgery.
- Michael Stelck moved to Madonna Meadows in Rochester this past week.
- 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.

Continued Prayers

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| • Ruth Fiek – Memory and mobility issues | • Stan Johnson – Pulmonary fibrosis |
| • Sylvia Fishel – Multiple health issues | • Jeva Kennedy – Autoimmune Disorder |
| • Janet Hoar – Mobility issues | • Jean Koebke – Respiratory issues |
| • Jim Huslebus – Memory and mobility issues | • David Laechel – Stroke recovery |
| • Paula Jackson – Mobility issues | • Shirley Larson – Mobility issues |

Message Notes