

10:30am “Good News” Worship Service

WELCOME

THE ADVENT WREATH “Light Coming Into the Darkness” Nora D. & Gavin H.

PRAISE SINGING “Angels We Have Heard on High” Good News Team
“He Has Come for Us” (God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)
Time of Prayer
“O Come All Ye Faithful”

GREETING & MEMORY VERSE

OFFERING “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”*

KIDS RELEASED TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH
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SCRIPTURE Isaiah 11:1-11

MESSAGE Who Is Jesus? “The Eternal King!” Pastor David

SONG “Come Now Is the Time to Worship” (Christmas Edition)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEMORY VERSE

BLESSING & CLOSING MUSIC

*Tessa Hull, Viola; Cambrie Evans, Cello; Cooper Hull, Cello

Memory Verse:

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” -Isaiah 9:6

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Welcome to
Evangel United Methodist Church!

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December 21, 2025

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

8:30am Traditional Worship Service		
GATHERING	“Savior of the Nations Come”	
**PRELUDE	“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”	
THE ADVENT WREATH	“Light Coming into the Darkness”	The Norman Family
WELCOME		
*OPENING HYMN	“Hail to the Lord’s Anoointed”	UMH#203 (vs. 1,3,4)
*MEMORY VERSE		
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MESSAGE	Who Is Jesus? “The Eternal King!”	Pastor David
MESSAGE SONG	“Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”	
PRAYERS	Psalms 24 (KJV)	UMH#212 (read responsively)
THE LORD’S PRAYER (“using sins”)		UMH#894
OFFERING		
CHOIR ANTHEM	“Somebody Build a Manger”	Joel Raney
*DOXOLOGY	“What Child Is This”	UMH#219 (refrain only)
*OFFERTORY PRAYER		
*CLOSING HYMN	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	UMH#230 (vs.1-3)
*ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEMORY VERSE		
*THE BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	“Coventry Carol”	

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

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

This Week’s Schedule	
	<u>Sunday, December 21</u>
9:30am	Sunday School and Drop-In classes
10:30am	“Good News” Contemporary Service
	<u>Wednesday, December 24</u>
11:00 am	Older Folders (Fireside Room)
2:30pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Children’s Moment
4:30pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Children’s Moment
6:30pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Children’s Moment
11:30pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, acapella carols
	<u>Thursday, December 25 – Christmas Day</u>
	Office Closed
	<u>Friday, December 26</u>
	Office Closed
	<u>Sunday, December 28</u>
	No Sunday School or Drop-In classes
8:15am	Prayer for Worship
8:30am	Traditional Worship
10:30am	“Good News” Contemporary Service
Upcoming events, holidays & special Sundays:	
Wed., Dec. 31	New Year’s Eve Game Night
Thurs., Jan. 1	New Year’s Day – Office Closed
Tues., Jan. 6	Epiphany
Wed., Jan. 7	Connect Groups begin
Sun., Jan. 11	MN Adult & Teen Challenge
Mon., Jan. 19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
*For a complete schedule of all building/non-Evangel activities, visit www.evangelum.org > About > Calendar	

Message Notes

Announcements

Pick Up Your Christmas Card in the Lobby!

Stop by the lobby to pick up your Christmas card from your Evangel staff. We hope it adds a little sparkle, joy, and warmth to your holiday season!

Traditional “Lessons and Carols” Christmas Eve Services this Wednesday

Come to sing beloved carols, engage the prophecies of the coming Messiah, be enveloped by the Light who is Jesus & radiate this indwelling light into our dark world. We will enact how God pushes back the darkness by concluding with a candlelight celebration. Come, Light of the World, Light of Christmas!

For service times, see the calendar in this bulletin.

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.

Message Next Sunday - “Emmanuel!”

Amid all the Christmas cheer, are you feeling heavy? Sad? Despondent? Melancholy? Hopeless? Like, why bother? Come hear the message of Christmas: the message of real hope, of true joy, of actual peace, of salvation through Jesus is for you! Immanuel!

Missions Speaker Next Sunday: Lori Braatz - Missionary in Honduras

Join in next Sunday to welcome Lori Braatz, a full-time missionary supported financially by Evangel, who will be deploying to Honduras in Jan. 2026. She will speak at both services and share her story/answer questions at the Drop-In class in-between services. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear about her journey and learn more about the work God has called her to do.

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.

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.

What Does the Church Mean to You?

Our youth are exploring the meaning of church and would love to hear from you. If you have a thought or story you’d like to share, email Youth Director Stephanie Mettler.

Connect Groups Begin in January

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.

Giving Envelopes for 2026 Are Now Available

Pick up your envelopes today in the Lobby. If you would like to start using Giving Envelopes, contact Brian Nass at 507-923-8542; bdnass@icloud.com to be added to the list of envelope box recipients.

“Say It with Flowers”

- Flowers today are in honor of Jean Vrieze who celebrated her 80th birthday yesterday.

Thank Yous & Celebrations

- “We would like to thank the Evangel carolers, cookie makers and the youth assemblers. What a delight! We are so blessed to be a part of the Evangel family. Many thanks and blessings to all of you.” -Jim & Pat Cooper

Prayer Concerns

- Nancy Becker-Peterson has been diagnosed with lymphoma.
- Sandra Hart is recovering at home from recent bowel surgery.
- Akeelah Kamarah Warner was hospitalized for severe vomiting & dizziness.
- Kristie Kassel had surgery to remove an ovarian cyst on Wed., Dec. 17.
- Carl & Sylvia Rolfs are both struggling with mobility issues.
- Deanna Schmudlach will have surgery on her arm on Dec. 22.

Continued Prayers

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| • Wayne Blagsvedt – Mobility issues | • Cody Evans - College student |
| • Jeff Copeman – Memory issues | • Payton Evans – College student |
| • Bob Craven – Stroke recovery | • Elois Fanning – Mobility issues |
| • Karen Craven – Stroke recovery | • Dale Fiek – Memory and mobility issues |
| • Carson Eide – College student | • Josh Elgin – College student |

Poinsettias – In Honor & Memory

- Gary Hebrink, in memory of Fay Drescher.
- Evangel Senior Choir, in memory of Harold Wright, Deanne Kisrow, Tom Tempero, Loyce Brown, Neill Heusinkveld & Sue McRoberts.
- David & Reese Werner, in honor of Jesus' birth - Hallelujah!
- Jim & Pat Cooper, in honor of their children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren.
- Gene & Hailey Long, in memory of Barb Schreoder.
- Hal & Jane Kossman, in honor of David, Mark, Jill & their grandchildren.
- Pearl Hulsebus & family, in memory of Jim Hulsebus.
- Sandra Hart, in memory of loved ones.
- Roger Erickson, in memory of Christine Goodall.
- Paul & Carol Johnson, in memory of their grandparents.
- Visual Arts Committee, in memory of Barb Schreoder.
- Marilyn Bastian, in memory of Wayne Bastian.
- Leon & Linda Gregg, in memory of choir members who have passed to glory.
- Elaine Schmidt, in honor of those who raked leaves for seniors.
- Myrna Kroening, in memory of her husband, Curt Kroening, and son-in-law, Kim Tabbert.
- Ed & Linda Manthei, in honor of all church staff.
- Roberta Broadwater, in memory of Ronald Broadwater.
- Ethel Renner, in memory of Harry Renner.