

WELCOME

GREETING & MEMORY VERSE

MISSION MOMENT Lori Braatz, Missionary to Honduras

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:76-79 & Matthew 1:18-25 Chris Jorritsma

MESSAGE Who Is Jesus? “Emmanuel!” Pastor David

PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC	“Manger Throne”	Rebekah Jorritsma
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ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEMORY VERSE

BLESSING

CLOSING MUSIC

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." -Isaiah 41:10

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Welcome to
 Evangel United Methodist Church!

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December 28, 2025

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

8:30am Traditional Worship Service		
GATHERING	“Away in a Major”	Gilbert Martin
PRELUDE	“In a Manger Lying”	Weldon Whipple
WELCOME		
*OPENING HYMN	“The Virgin Baby Had a Baby Boy”	<i>TFWS#2098</i> (vs. 1-3)
*MEMORY VERSE		
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MESSAGE	Who Is Jesus? “Emmanuel!”	Pastor David
MESSAGE RESPONSE	“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”	<i>UMH#204</i>
PRAYERS & THE LORD’S PRAYER (“using sins”)	<i>UMH#894</i>	
OFFERING		
*DOXOLOGY	“What Child Is This”	<i>UMH#219</i> (refrain only)
*OFFERTORY PRAYER		
*CLOSING HYMN	“Rock-a-Bye, My Dear Little Boy”	<i>UMH#235</i> (vs. 1-2)
*ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEMORY VERSE		
*THE BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	“Angels from the Realms”	Harold Rutz

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

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 28</u>	
No Sunday School	
8:15am	Prayer for Worship
8:30am	Traditional Worship
9:30am	Drop-In Class
10:30am	“Good News” Contemporary Service
<u>Tuesday, December 30</u>	
6:15pm	Praise Team (Sanctuary)
<u>Wednesday, December 31</u>	
7:00pm	New Year’s Eve Game Night
<u>Thursday, January 1 – New Year's Day</u>	
Office Closed	
<u>Friday, January 2</u>	
11:00am	Older Folders (Fireside Room)
<u>Sunday, January 4 - Epiphany</u>	
8:15am	Prayer for Worship
8:30am	Traditional Worship
9:30am	Sunday School & Drop-In Class
10:30am	“Good News” Contemporary Service
Upcoming events, holidays & special Sundays:	
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

Missions Speaker Today: Lori Braatz - Missionary in Honduras

Lori is 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.

No Children’s Church or Sunday School Today

Children are asked to stay with their families during worship. There are activity bags for the children available in the back of the sanctuary.

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!

Final Contributions for 2025

The final deposit of financial contributions for 2025 will be made at noon this Tuesday. 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 this Wednesday at 7pm! 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.

Message Next Sunday - “Mary’s Son!”

Looking for a new start to the new year? Want to put behind you the inner pride you lived with last year? Next Sunday is Epiphany, the celebration that in Christmas, the Light of the World was born into us. Come and step into the Light and have Him push back your darkness!

2025 Christmas Offering: Good Samaritan Community Benevolence Fund

Through next Sunday, 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.

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 Next Week

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.

Prayer Concerns

- Roy Albrecht had a stroke on Dec. 16 and is home recovering.
- Barb Fritsche will have back surgery on Mon., De. 29.
- Sandy Hart continues to recover from abdominal surgery.
- Paul Johnson fell and broke his right leg. He had surgery on Dec. 19 to place a metal rod.
- Kristie Kassel had surgery to remove an ovarian cyst on Dec. 17.
- Deanna Schmudlach had surgery on her arm on Dec. 22.

Continued Prayers

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| • Ellie Flodstrom – College student | • Paula Jackson – Mobility issues |
| • Fulton Gallagher – Mobility issues | • Maurine Johnson – Hospice care |
| • Garrett Hermanson – College student | • Stan Johnson – Pulmonary fibrosis |
| • Vandela Hicks-Scherer – Ongoing concerns | • James Kamarah, Jr. – College student |
| • Janet Hoar – Mobility issues | • Jeva Kennedy – Multiple ongoing issues |

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 Schroeder.
- 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 Schroeder.
- 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.

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