

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

WELCOME

PRAISE SINGING & PRAYER “Good News” Worship Team
“Hark the Herald Angels Sing/King of Heaven”
“Breathe On Us”
Time of Prayer
“I Speak Jesus”

GREETING & MEMORY VERSE

OFFERING “Death Was Arrested” “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 1:46-55 Brian Cooper

MESSAGE Christmas through Mary’s Eyes: “Mary, Full of Grace”

PRAYERS

SPECIAL MUSIC “Trust in God” Kelly Burson

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEMORY VERSE

BLESSING & CLOSING MUSIC

Memory Verse

“The Word became flesh and made His home among us. We have seen His glory, glory like that of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.” -John 1:14

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Welcome to
Evangel United Methodist Church!

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December 31st, 2023

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

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

GATHERING	“Jesu Joy Of Man's Desiring”	J.S. Bach
PRELUDE	“Be Thou My Vision”	Irish Tune
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE		
WELCOME		
OPENING HYMN	“In the Bleak Midwinter”	UMH#221 (vs.1,3,4)
*MEMORY VERSE		
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SCRIPTURE	Luke 1:46-55	Barb Fritsche
MESSAGE Christmas through Mary’s Eyes: “Mary, Full of Grace”		
MESSAGE HYMN	“My Soul Gives Glory to My God”	UMH#198 (vs.1-5)
PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER		
OFFERING		
*DOXOLOGY	“Angels We Have Heard on High”	UMH#238 (refrain)
*OFFERTORY PRAYER		
*CLOSING HYMN	“God of the Ages”	UMH#698 (vs.1,3,4)
*ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEMORY VERSE		
*THE BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	“Forward Through The Ages”	Arthur Sullivan

*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 31st</u>	
9:45 a.m.	Drop-In Class (lobby)
6:00 p.m.	Family Game Night
9:00 p.m.	New Year’s Hispanic Pentecostal Church Prayer Service
<u>Monday, January 1st</u>	
New Year’s Day - Office Closed	
<u>Wednesday, January 3rd</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, January 4th</u>	
6:00 p.m.	Meal hosting at Dorothy Day House
7:30 p.m.	Choir practice (sanctuary)
<u>Friday, January 5th</u>	
11:00 a.m.	Older Folders (room 221)
7:00 p.m.	Youth Group
<u>Sunday, January 7th - Epiphany</u>	
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.	Youth Leadership Team (room 224)
11:30 a.m.	Hospitality Group (room 221)
7:00 p.m.	Connect Group Host Orientation (room 224)

Upcoming events, holidays & special Sundays:

Sun., Jan. 14 th	MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir
Mon., Jan. 15 th	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Sat., Jan. 20 th	The Event Youth Rally in Plymouth, MN
Sun., Jan. 28 th	Snowtubing at Steeplechase

Announcements

No Sunday School or Children’s Church Today

Now is the time for our faithful teachers and students to be home with their families during the holiday. Sunday School & Children’s Church will resume on Jan. 7th.

Office Closed on New Year’s Day

The Evangel office will be closed tomorrow, Mon., Jan. 1st

Message Next Sunday

Christmas isn’t over yet! Next Sunday we celebrate Epiphany, which marks the coming of the wise men in the Christmas story. It took them a while to get to Bethlehem, but they bring a reminder that Jesus is born the Savior for all people, and that all people are God’s children. This breaks open our “world,” too, and pushes us to treat each person as family. What a good way to start the new year!

Pick Up Your 2024 Giving Envelopes at the Welcome Desk

Offering envelope boxes are available next to the sanctuary entrance 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 until Sun., Jan. 7th. 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.

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.

New Years Eve Game Night

Family game night at church: 6-9 p.m. Bring a snack to share!

Pray in the New Year!

The Hispanic Pentecostal Church who meets at Evangel invites Evangel folks to join together to pray in the new year! Sun., Dec. 31 from 9p.m. - Midnight (prayer service at 10:30p) in the sanctuary. Come for games and stay for prayer!

MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir Singing

On Sunday, January 14th at both services, we will welcome the MN Adult & Teen Challenge to hear songs of hope and stories of freedom. This faith-based long-term recovery and outpatient program located right here in Rochester has been restoring hope to people struggling with drug and alcohol addiction of SE Minnesota since 1983.The Sunday special offering will go towards this important, life changing program. Parents, please be advised some of the testimonials that will be shared may be too sensitive for younger worshipers. As an alternative, Children’s Church will be available during service.

Kids Club Sponsored Activity: Snow Tubing at Steeplechase Hill

Sunday, January 28th from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

59468 423rd Ave Suite C, Mazeppa, MN 55956

Join in for some winter fun snowtubing down the 750-foot runs at Steeplechase Hill. Cost is \$10 per tuber. Scholarships are available. Meet at Evangel at 1:30 p.m. to caravan or meet us there. Go to evangelum.org to sign up!

Prayer Concerns

- Becky Book is having testing for a mass in her abdomen and will need it surgically removed.
- Phyllis Hammes is at Samaritan Bethany for rehabilitation after breaking her pelvis.
- Paula Jackson’s aunt, Donna, has begun treatment for Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma.
- Paula Jackson’s cousin, Mark Bode, had surgery for stage 4 mouth cancer on Dec. 18th.
- Janet Strom is back home after a short stay in the hospital.

Continued Prayers

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| • Jessie Shanklin – Memory and mobility issues | • Ruth Walters – College student |
| • Dorene Speer – Mobility issues | • Nathan Werner – College student |
| • Leia Spencer – College student | • Rockelle Warner – Mobility issues |
| • Michael Stelck – Mobility issues & cancer treatment | • Marsha Woolums – Cancer treatments |
| • Janet Strom – Mobility issues | |

Message Notes