

10:30am Contemporary Worship Service

WELCOME

PRAISE SINGING

“House of the Lord”
“Rattle!”
Time of Prayer
“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”
Good News Worship Team

GREETING & MEMORY VERSE

KIDS RELEASED TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH

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OFFERING

SCRIPTURE

John 9:1-41, Ephesians 5:8-14

Jennifer Krieger

MESSAGE

“Holding the Light”

Pastor Stephanie Mettler

PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEMORY VERSE

BLESSING

CLOSING MUSIC

Memory Verse

“For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth).”

-Ephesians 5:8-9

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Welcome to
Evangel United Methodist Church!

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March 15, 2026

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

8:30am Traditional Worship Service

GATHERING	“All Things Bright and Beautiful”	English Folk Tune
PRELUDE	“Spring Song”	Felix Mendelssohn
WELCOME		
*OPENING HYMN	“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”	UMH#89 (vs.1-4)
*MEMORY VERSE		
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SCRIPTURE	John 9:1-41, Ephesians 5:8-14	Brian Nass
MESSAGE	“Holding the Light”	Pastor Stephanie Mettler
MESSAGE SONG	“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”	UMH#206 (vs.1-3)
PRAYERS & THE LORD’S PRAYER (“using sins”)		UMH#894
OFFERING		
CHOIR ANTHEM	“One Song”	Pepper Choplin
*DOXOLOGY	“Glory Be to the Father”	UMH#71
*OFFERTORY PRAYER		
*CLOSING HYMN	“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”	UMH#64 (vs.1-4)
*ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEMORY VERSE		
*THE BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	“Here Comes the Sun”	George Harrison

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

Rev. Dr. David Werner, Pastor
 Jim Klepper, Director of Connections & Growth
 Clancy Craven, Assoc. Director of Connections & Growth
 Fant Steele, Media Technology Coordinator

Mike Aakre, Office Administrator
 Stephanie Mettler, Youth Director
 Pam Wright, Choir Director
 Tom Burson, Organist

This Week’s Schedule

	<u>Sunday, March 15</u>
8:15am	Prayer for Worship
8:30am	Traditional Worship Service
9:30am	Sunday School & Drop-In classes
10:30am	Contemporary Worship Service
2:00pm	Unite@ the National Eagle Center
	<u>Monday, March 16</u>
1:00pm	Sewing Circle (Room 223)
	<u>Tuesday, March 17</u>
6:10pm	Evangel Movie Group (see announcements for details)
	<u>Wednesday, March 18</u>
1:00pm	<i>The Chosen</i> Season 3 (Sanctuary)
4:30pm	Connections & Growth Team (Room 224/Zoom)
5:00pm	Wednesday Night Meal (Dinette)
6:15pm	Confirmation (Youth Room)
6:15pm	Praise Team (Sanctuary)
6:15pm	<i>The Chosen</i> Season 3 (Fireside Room)
6:30pm	Who Is the Holy Spirit? (Room 224)
7:30pm	Handbell practice (Room 223)
	<u>Thursday, March 19</u>
9:00am	Bible Storytime (Children’s Library)
1:00pm	Women’s Gathering (Lobby)
7:00pm	Choir practice (Sanctuary)
	<u>Friday, March 20</u>
11:00am	Older Folders (Fireside Room)
7:00pm	Youth Group
	<u>Sunday, March 22</u>
	UMCOR Sunday
8:15am	Prayer for Worship
8:30am	Traditional Worship Service
9:30am	Sunday School & Drop-In classes
10:30am	Contemporary Worship Service
11:45am	Hospitality Team (Fireside Room)
	Upcoming events, holidays & special Sundays:
Sun., Mar. 29	Palm Sunday
Fri., Apr. 3	Easter Egg Hunt setup
Sat., Apr. 4	Easter Egg Hunt
Sun., Apr. 5	Easter Sunday

**For a complete schedule of all building/non-Evangel activities, visit www.evangelum.org > About > Calendar*

Announcements

Easter Flowers – Forms Due Today

Order forms are available at the Information Center near the Main Entrance or Mar. 2026 newsletter.

UMCOR Sunday (One Great Hour of Sharing) Is Next Week

This offering goes directly to communities affected by natural disasters. You can give via the midweek update or QR code card/special giving envelope found in next Sunday's bulletin.

Message Next Sunday – Who Is Jesus? “Rejected Christ!”

Are you stinging from rejection? Do you know what it is like to be betrayed? Perhaps even from those you love! Next Sunday we see how Jesus was utterly and totally rejected, by everyone! Yet, in Jesus, God takes that rejection and turns it back into forgiveness and new life. You can have God's welcome and acceptance, and, through you, God offers restoration to those who have rejected you. That's Jesus' Great Exchange!

Help Make this Year's Easter Egg Hunt Fun for the Kids!

You can help by donating a bag of candy and dropping it in the basket in the Lobby. Every sweet treat helps fill more eggs and brings bigger smiles on hunt day!

Zumbro Ridge Estates Food Drive

Through April 4, Sunday School will be collecting nonperishable food for the Zumbro Ridge Estates food pantry. You can help by dropping off nonperishable food in the Lobby or a monetary donation by cash or check. Thank you for supporting our neighbors!

Register for Summer Bible Camp!

Plan now for a time of spiritual growth, renewal, and adventure. Bible Camp is a powerful place to experience God in meaningful ways. Brochures for Minnesota United Methodist Camps are available at the Information Center in the lobby.

Evangel offers a \$100 incentive for anyone attending camp, and thanks to a special gift, we're able to provide a free camp experience for three first-time campers from Evangel this year. Interested? Talk to Pastor David or Jim Klepper. And, as always, financial gifts toward camp scholarships provide support for those for whom cost is a barrier. Mark your special offerings for “camping scholarships.”

Lenten Series: *The Chosen*: Season 3

Wednesdays through Lent at 1:00pm in the Sanctuary & 6:15pm in the Fireside Room.

Each week we'll watch an episode and then spend some time in reflection and discussion. Showtimes for Season 6 episodes at Marcus Cinema are coming soon!

Join the Evangel Movie Group!

He Calls Me Daughter - Tuesday, March 17 | Movie at 7:30pm | Marcus Rochester Cinema

Ice cream after the movie! No formal RSVP required.

Youth Mission Sponsorship Update

Our youth have raised \$6,200 toward their \$10,000 mission goal — that's 6,200 feet on the airplane display outside Room 223! There's still more ground to cover as we climb toward 10,000 feet. Thank you to everyone who has already contributed. Your generosity is greatly appreciated as we continue climbing toward full funding for this mission.

EvangelCares

Volunteers are ready to help with temporary food support, encouragement, yardwork, transportation, caregiver support, moving assistance, & light housekeeping. Here are 3 ways to request help:

1. Go to www.evangelum.org and click the "HELP" button.
2. Complete a request form at the church information center.
3. Contact the EvangelCares coordinator at: 507-910-3230; evangelcares@evangelum.org.

Please allow for at least a 1-week turnaround time.

Expressions of Appreciation

From Eric, Jan, Greg & Wendy Woolums,

“Thank you for loving our mom and giving her purpose. She loved you all and loved serving the church. We will miss the stories she would share with us.”

Prayer Concerns

- Roy Albrecht continues to recover at home.
- Ed Fishel's tumors have shrunk following radiation treatment, and his feeding tube will be replaced with a port next week for added convenience.
- Linda Gregg is recovering at home from a recent fall.
- Charles Schneider is being released from the hospital and going back to Charter House on Wednesday.

Continued Prayers

- Karen Craven – Stroke recovery
- Carson Eide – College student
- Cody Evans – College student
- Payton Evans – College student
- Elois Fanning – Mobility issues
- Dale Fiek – Memory and mobility issues
- Sylvia Fishel – Multiple health issues
- Abbey Flodstrom – College student
- Ellie Flodstrom – College student
- Fulton Gallagher – Mobility issues
- Garrett Hermanson – College student
- Vandela Hicks-Scherer – Ongoing concerns