

From the Pastor's Perspective



Built Together: Building a Unique Life with God

*"You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."
- 1 Peter 2:5*

There is something surprisingly spiritual about LEGOs. They remind us that life isn't simply about stacking things up. LEGOs are designed to connect. One piece connects with another, and together they become something larger than any single piece could be on its own.

That is the idea behind our fall message series, "LEGOs: Building a Unique Life with God." We have been designed with a function and purpose. We are designed to connect: connect with God and connect with others. LEGOs remind us of the biblical truth that God is building something in each of our lives, and that God intends for us to build both with Him and with one another.

God didn't make you to be a copy of someone else. You are uniquely designed, gifted and called. Just as every LEGO piece has a particular shape and purpose, God has created you with particular gifts, passions, experiences and possibilities. The question really isn't, "What am I supposed to do with my life?" It is, "What is God building in me, and how can I build with God?"

Every LEGO creation needs something to hold it together, and our lives need a solid foundation. Jesus is that foundation. As 1 Corinthians 3:11 reminds us, "There is only one true foundation, the one already laid: Jesus Christ." When life gets shaky, our hope isn't found in having everything under control. It is found in being connected to Christ.

LEGO pieces don't simply sit beside one another. They connect and hold together. In the same way, God didn't design us to live our Christian lives independently next to one other. The Holy Spirit connects us to other people, and our gifts are given "for the common good" (1 Corinthians 12:7). Our faith grows through relationships, community, encouragement, service and shared life.

But building takes time. Philippians 1:6 gives us a wonderful promise: "He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion." There will be seasons when progress feels slow and times when we wonder whether what we are doing really matters. Don't give up. God is still building, even if we can't see the progress or what the end construction will look like.

The Creator created us to create. Creativity isn't limited to artists, musicians or people who are good with LEGO bricks! God has placed gifts, dreams, wisdom, passions and abilities within each of us. Ephesians 2:10 reminds us that we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works. When we use what God has given us to serve others and make the world better, we become God's creative partners.

We may sometimes feel like damaged or imperfect pieces that don't have much to offer. But God doesn't throw us away! God's grace is powerful precisely in our weakness. Jesus takes imperfect people and builds something beautiful. God builds with broken pieces, so take heart: He's using you!

So, whenever you see a LEGO brick or completed model, stop and ask yourself two questions: "What is God building in you?" and "What might God want to build through you?" You don't have to have every piece figured out. You simply need to stay connected: to Jesus, to God's people and to the work God is doing in your life. After all, you are a unique piece in God's great creation. And God is still building!

Pastor David

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Working on the “Plus Two” of Worship Plus Two (“W+2”)

At Evangel we encourage everyone to grow in their Christian faith each week using the the “Worship Plus Two” discipleship pattern:

WORSHIP

Attend corporate worship,
and in person when you can.

PLUS TWO

Do one thing that intentionally
helps you grow personally
closer to God. (*acts of piety*)

AND

Do one thing that intentionally
helps someone else.
(*acts of mercy*)

To help engage in the “plus two” activities, Evangel is offering many small group experiences for spiritual devotion (piety) and service (mercy). Check out many of the offerings in our Connect Group brochure available at church, visiting www.evangelum.org > Connect Groups or click this LINK: [Fall Connect Groups 2026](#)
Get connected, and keep growing!

World Communion Sunday Is October 4

We will celebrate World Communion Sunday with breads from around the world during Holy Communion. The day will also kick off our month-long collections drive for the Landing (see below).

We'll also celebrate the value of education and training, supporting young adults in their global impact for Christ. Half of the funds provide scholarships for U.S. and international students, while the remainder supports training in inclusion, diversity, equity, and access. To give financially, click: [World Communion Sunday 2026](#)

Collections Drive for the Landing In October Begins on October 4

Sunday, October 4 through Sunday, November 1, we will be collecting food, clothing, and other items for the Landing, a local non-profit day center that provides essential services and support for individuals experiencing homelessness. Erin Sinnwell from the Landing will come and share with the youth group on Fri., Oct. 23 and share a Missions Moment at both services and at the Drop-In class on Sun., Oct. 25.

- Microwaveable, single serve soups
- Easy Mac Microwaveable Cups
- Granola Bars (soft/chewy)
- Men's winter, waterproof gloves
- Beef Sticks
- Fruit Cups
- Tuna Pouches
- Jelly/Jam (regular sizes)
- NEW Men's boxer briefs (non-white)
 - Sizes: small - XXL
- NEW Women's sports bras
 - Sizes: small - XXL

New Chairs in Room 223

Memorial Fund monies were used to purchase 15 gently used, cushioned chairs for Room 223—at a great “on sale” price! These chairs are not only much more comfortable than folding chairs, but they also look great. With armrests, a stackable design, and a lightweight construction, they are easy to move and store. A big thank-you to everyone who helped get these chairs on site!

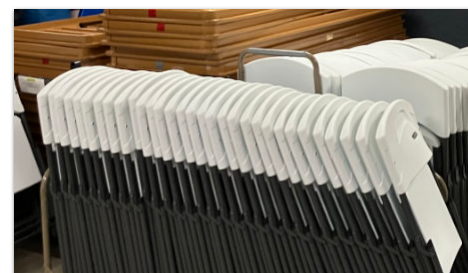
Once again, gifts to Evangel's Memorial Fund are helping foster ongoing ministry—honoring the legacy of Evangel family members who have gone home to glory while helping carry Evangel's mission forward.



Brand New White Folding Chairs



The Trustees are pleased to announce that all of the metal folding chairs have been sold, & 200 new white chairs are now in use throughout the building. We also have 50 white looped-leg chairs available for outdoor use & as needed. A special thank-you to everyone who helped “behind the scenes” make this transition possible! The new chairs were purchased using Memorial Funds given in memory of members who have gone home to glory. Their legacy continues to live on in the everyday life of our church—whenever someone “takes a rest,” “sits a spell,” or “takes a seat at the table.” Fellowship is vital to the life of our church family, and these new chairs invite everyone to come, gather, and “take a load off.” After all, as Jesus reminds us, “My yoke is easy and my burden is light.” — Matthew 11:30



A Letter from the Rochester MN Chinese Church

Dear Evangel Church,

Thank you for your heartfelt words of encouragement and blessings. All our coworkers were profoundly touched by the love, support and care that Evangel Church has shown RMCC over the decades.

For more than forty years, we have been deeply grateful for Evangel's generosity in welcoming us and providing a home where RMCC could grow and flourish. Over the years, we have experienced your congregation's abundant love and support in ways too numerous to fully express, including the generous use of facilities, technological resources, spiritual encouragement through sermons, and faithful prayers on our behalf. Our two churches have shared not only a facility but also a common commitment to serving God and advancing His Kingdom.

Although we are moving to a new location, this change in buildings does not change our unity in Christ. We pray that God will continue to lead us to encourage and support one another as we work together to advance His Kingdom in the years ahead. We look forward to continuing our partnership with EUMC through outreach opportunities, community service, and shared ministry efforts. May the Lord richly bless EUMC and continue to use your congregation as a light in our community. We look forward to remaining connected in prayer, fellowship, and ministry, and to discovering new ways to serve together for His glory.

With Gratitude in Christ,

RMCC Coworkers

Guangzhen Hu, Dan Ye, Sijia Liu, Yunhong Shu, Yuguang Liu, Bingkun Chen, Eileen Chia

Women's Gathering

Thursday, October 15 • 1:00pm • Lobby - All Evangel women are invited to join in.

Sewing Circle Calendar for October

Monday, October 5 - 9am in Room 223

Monday, October 12 - 1pm in Room 223

Monday, October 19 - 1pm in Room 223

Monday, October 26 - 1pm in Room 223

Sewing Circle Shares God's Love by Wrapping Kids in Quilts!

Every Monday, the Sewing Circle meets to create quilts to give to various non-profits in our area. This group was started in 1974 and has been meeting regularly since then, finding ways to meet the needs of children and adults who reside in and around Rochester. These quilts are gratefully received! One recent 'thank you' note said "I wish you could see the children's faces light up when we give them one of your colorful quilts."

Currently there are 5 of us who meet weekly to put blocks of fabric together and form them into quilts. We like to say that we "still play with blocks (just not LEGO!)" In 2025, we created and gave away 102 quilts to the following non-profits: the Crisis Nursery, Ronald McDonald House, Bundles of Love, and Adult/Teen Challenge.

We are always looking for new members to join us or just drop by Room 223 on a Monday to visit and see what we do. We also appreciate donations of colorful cotton fabrics and white sheets. This makes it possible for us to continue this ministry.

Here are some photos of us at work and making deliveries of the quilts.

Any questions, give Becky Pierce a call at (507) 289-6802.



Evangel's "Over 90" Club: Donna Jorgenson



Donna Jorgenson joined Evangel's Over 90's Club on Aug. 9, 2023.

Both Donna and her future husband Helmer grew up in rural Marietta, western MN. As they were on farms on different sides of town, they went to different country schools and didn't get to know each other until later. After Helmer returned from the service (he served as an air traffic controller), Donna and he got married in 1952. For 4 years they owned the Orpheum Theater, whose historic sign still hangs as a local landmark in Marietta. "Although it started out okay, television hurt us," Donna reflected. She then suggested Helmer use his training from the service and pursue air traffic controlling. Although while growing up Donna attended Sunday School at the local congregational church and Helmer was Lutheran, it was during their year in Minot, ND, that they started attending the local EUB church. When Helmer accepted a position at the Rochester airport in 1957, they started attending First EUB, downtown (which later became Evangel UMC and moved to our present location).

Donna is close to her family: 4 children (two of whom live in Rochester), 10 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and even 2 great-great-grandchildren! Donna and Helmer were married just shy of 61 years before his passing in 2013.

Her longest job was working in the Wonderbread and Hostess bread store near her home, for 29 years. She also served as a crossing guard for 8 years. She enjoyed walking (to work), square dancing and exercise, but her favorite hobby has been her flower garden (which she continues to maintain). She also plays cards and enjoys fellowship. At Evangel she also taught Sunday School for many years.

When asked for advice for younger people, she encourages, "Don't give up, keep trying. We all have failures." She also advocates spending time enjoying your family, for they are the ones who are with you all through your life. "Your faith is so important, and be sure to do Bible studies!"

Join the Visual Arts Team!

The Visual Arts Team helps create a welcoming and inspiring environment throughout the church by incorporating liturgical themes, seasonal colors, and sermon visuals into our spaces. The team decorates areas including the Sanctuary, Narthex, Fireside Room, Women's Bathroom, and Front Entryway.

If you have a creative eye or simply enjoy helping make our church spaces beautiful and meaningful, contact Mollie Theel and join the Visual Arts Team!

Proposed Honduras 2027 Mission Trip Information Meeting

Wednesday, October 7 • 5:00pm • Room 128 • Bring your Wednesday night meal!

Have you ever considered serving on an international mission trip? Evangel Church supports missionary Lori Braatz with World Gospel Mission at El Sembrador, a Christian school and mission site in Honduras. Mission teams have opportunities to work with children, serve the surrounding community, and help with maintenance and building projects. Estimated cost is \$1,000 plus airfare. If you're interested in exploring a possible Evangel Church trip, join us for an Information Meeting Wednesday, October 7, or talk with Pastor David. We'll discuss the potential trip, including dates, length, feasibility, and more. Let's see what God may have in store for us! For general information about El Sembrador, click: [World Gospel Mission – El Sembrador](#). Let's see what God may have in store for us!

Proposed Study Tour to Israel & Jordan 2027 Information Meeting

Wednesday, October 28 • 5:00pm • Room 128 Bring your Wednesday night meal!

Travel the lands of the Bible and walk where Jesus walked! Nothing makes Scripture come alive like experiencing the Holy Land firsthand.

Pastor David & Reese have led many Christian History study tours designed to deepen and revitalize our faith. Now, after waiting several years, we believe the time may be right for a journey to Israel and Jordan in fall 2027.

This would be more than a trip—it would be a spiritual journey where the Bible becomes real. We'll sail on the Sea of Galilee, walk through Hezekiah's Tunnel, swim in the Dead Sea, see the ruins of Jericho, pray at the Wailing Wall, celebrate Communion in the Upper Room, visit the places of Jesus' birth, death, and resurrection, and much more.

We'll also meet with Palestinians and learn about the people, history, and ongoing controversies of this Holy Land. Interested? Come to the Information Meeting on October 28 or talk with Pastor David or Reese. We'll discuss possible dates, length, cost, and the viability of the trip.

Who knows—you may find Jesus in a brand-new way, back in His hometown!

Jim Klepper, Director of Connections & Growth: jklepper@evangelum.org
 Clancy Craven, Assoc. Dir. of Connections & Growth: ccraven@evangelum.org

Connections and Growth Calendar

Every Sunday	Sunday School for all ages at 9:30am
Every Sunday	Children's Church at 8:30am and 10:30am (children excused during service)
Every Sunday	Nursery open at 8:30am and 10:30am
Thursday, October 1	First day of Bible Storytime
Sunday, October 4	World Communion Sunday
Sunday, October 4	NEW The Great Fall Get-together (replacing Trunk or Treat)
Tuesday October 13	Rummage Sale Planning Team at 1:30pm
Wednesday October 14	Connections & Growth Team 4:30pm
Sunday, October 25	Unite@ Oxbow Park and Zoo
Sunday November 1	Rummage Sale items accepted
Monday November 2	Rummage Sale preparations begin
Saturday, November 7	Rummage Sale & Youth Bake Sale

Sunday School Is Off to a Great Start!

Our Children's GROW Curriculum is in its third year and continues to be hands-on, engaging, transformational, and fun!

Each Sunday begins with a large-group gathering in Room 224 from 9:30–9:40am, led by Jim Klepper and Clancy Craven, featuring object lessons, interactive games, and high-energy fun. From 9:45–10:20am, children head to their classrooms for Bible stories, object lessons, polls, testimonies, reflection time, and more. Pre-K meets in Room 130, Grades 2–5 meet in Room 224, and middle and senior high students meet in their respective youth rooms.

Our Pre-K curriculum offers age-appropriate activities that help our youngest learners experience God's love in a safe and nurturing environment, while older students enjoy fun and innovative curriculum designed for their age groups. After a fantastic Kick-Off Sunday on September 13, our first full day of in-person classes launched smoothly on September 20. We're thrilled with the energy, attendance, and how well everything is running!

Parents, make sure your children are part of this can't-miss time! They'll build lasting friendships and grow as followers of Jesus in a fun, meaningful, and safe environment.

Evangel's Adult Sunday School Classes: Sunday School Is for Everyone!

The Connections and Growth Team is excited to see a significant increase in Adult Sunday School participation—and there's always room for more! Sunday School is for everyone at Evangel. Join an adult class any Sunday morning at 9:30am. Whether you're looking for Bible study, fellowship, parenting support, or a flexible drop-in option, there's a place for you:

Class	Room	Teachers
Parents Café	Dinette	Led by parents, for parents
Upper Room Study	Fireside Room	Led by Pastor Susie O'Connell
One Another	Pastor's Office	Led by Rand and Amanda Fletcher
Drop-In Class	Room 223	Led by rotating hosts

And Sunday mornings are just the beginning! Throughout the week, Evangel offers additional adult spiritual formation classes and Connect Groups. Click <https://evangelum.org/connect-groups> to check out all the opportunities to connect and grow! Sign up today!

Join the Rummage Sale Planning Team!

Would you like to help with one of Evangel's major community outreach and fundraising events? Now is your opportunity to get involved from the very beginning!

The Rummage Sale Planning Team will meet on Tuesday, October 13, from 1:30–2:30pm in Room 221 (Fireside Room). The meeting will be led by Gayle Holter.

Bring your ideas, creativity, and enthusiasm as we begin planning these fun and meaningful events. We're looking for creative ideas and willing hands—and everyone is welcome!

Questions? Contact Jim or Clancy.

Farm Share Boxes: Serving Our Community

Our partnership with SE MN Food Rescue & Redistribution continues Saturday, October 10, from 10am–1pm in the Evangel north parking lot. On the second Saturday of each month, Farm Share Boxes will provide seasonal produce and locally made foods like fruits, vegetables, and bread. Our community will be nourished and local farmers are supported in their livelihoods. Not everyone has access to affordable, fresh produce, and by sponsoring farm share boxes, we can help make healthy food more accessible to those who need it most in our community.

- To purchase or donate a Farm Share Box, click or go visit: <https://www.mnfoodrescue.org/-farm-shares>
- To volunteer to help load and distribute boxes: [Farm Share Box Distribution Volunteers](#)

The more our Evangel family participates, the greater the impact we can make together.

Questions? Contact Jim Klepper or Stephanie Mettler.

Unite@ Oxbow Park & Zoo

Sunday, October 24 • Depart Evangel at 1:00pm • Zoo & park time: 1:30–3:30pm • FREE EVENT
5731 County Road 105, Byron

Everyone of all ages is invited for a fun-filled afternoon at Oxbow Park & Zoo in rural Byron! Enjoy the beauty of fall while exploring God's amazing creation together. Oxbow offers something for everyone, including:

- More than 30 species of animals in a beautiful outdoor setting
- A petting zoo
- A state-of-the-art indoor Nature Center
- The Imagination Playground, where you can dig for fossils, build a fort, make music with recycled art, and more!
- A special naturalist presentation, if available



Plus, Evangel is planning a fun scavenger hunt! Explore the park, visit all the designated locations, and complete the hunt to win a prize!

Carpool from Evangel or meet up at the park.

A sign up link will be available soon in the midweek update.

It will be an unforgettable afternoon of fun, fellowship, and exploring God's creation.

Children's Church Topics for October

October is going to be an exciting month in Evangel Children's Church! We'll wrap up our current series, "Lead the Way," and begin a new series exploring Israel in the Wilderness.

Here's what we'll be learning each week:

- **October 4 — God Leads Us to Safety**
The Israelites Escape Egypt
- **October 11 — God Leads Us Where We Need to Go**
The Israelites in the Wilderness
- **October 18 — We Can Choose to Be Thankful**
Water from a Rock
- **October 25 — We Can Love God and Others**
The Ten Commandments



Children's Church meets every Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30am and is led by Jim Klepper, Clancy Craven, Nora Day, and Gavin Hommerding.

Bible Story Time for Good News Children's Center Begins October 1



For decades, Bible Story Time has been a beloved Evangel outreach to the children of the Good News Children's Center. This year's program begins Thurs., Oct. 1, & will continue every Thursday through mid-May.

Each week, children enjoy engaging Bible stories, singing, music, and fun crafts while building meaningful friendships with our volunteers. For some of these children, Bible Story Time may be their only opportunity to hear how deeply Jesus loves them and that He gave His life to be their Savior.

Want to Volunteer? Volunteering takes just one hour each Thursday, from 9:00–10:00am in the Children's Library (Room 225) with two 30-minute sessions. If you'd like to be part of this meaningful outreach, contact Jim Klepper or Clancy Craven. We'd love to have you join in!



For the past 15 years, Evangel's Trunk or Treat has been an incredible way to welcome our community to our church. In 2025, we experienced our largest Trunk or Treat ever, with thousands of people attending—and many more trying to get in! Traffic was backed up almost to Silver Lake.

So why change something that has been so successful?

Because this year, we believe we can do something even more meaningful!

The Connections & Growth Team is excited to introduce **The Great Fall Get-Together**, a new approach to our fall outreach. While Trunk or Treat focused primarily on collecting candy, our new event is designed around relationships, community, & care. The Great Fall Get Together will still have many of the things our community loves. There will be games, a petting zoo, first responders, crafts, food, and plenty of fun. We'll also have community bingo, breakout dancing, and an Evangel information booth.

But there's a bigger purpose behind the afternoon.

We want to create intentional opportunities for Evangel members & guests to connect with one another. Rather than simply moving from trunk to trunk, we want people to slow down, have conversations, enjoy a meal together, & experience the warmth of our church family. We also want our guests to have opportunities to bless others in our community. During the event, we'll have several! Here are a few community-care projects we hope to make this fall outreach different:

- **Blessing Boards** that will be created and delivered to local compassion ministries.
- **A food collection** to support local food pantries.
- **Make-It/Take-It Crafts**, where guests can make one craft for themselves.

Volunteers Needed!

An event like The Great Fall Get Together takes all of us! We need volunteers to welcome guests, serve food, lead games and crafts, help with community-care projects, and—most importantly—build relationships.

Here are some of the ways you can help:



SERVE FOOD

Help serve Taco in a Bag with the food team.



RUN A GAME

Manage a simple carnival-style game.



HELP WITH CRAFTS

Assist guests with simple, fun and creative crafts.



HELP WITH SET-UP

Lend a hand to get everything ready.



HELP WITH TEAR-DOWN

Help clean up and put everything away.



JOIN THE HOSPITALITY TEAM

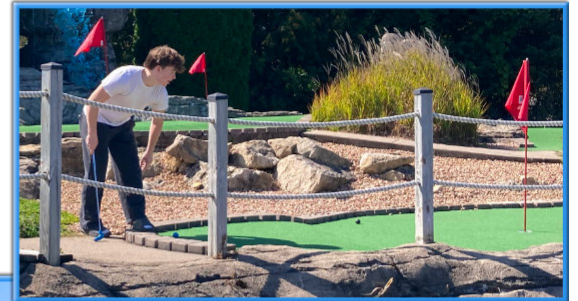
Welcome our guests and help them feel at home.

Several Ways to Sign Up!

- Click this link: [Great Fall Get-Together Volunteer Sign Up](#)
- Go to www.evangelum.org > scroll down > Great Fall Get-together
- Sign up on the volunteer board in the lobby.
- Email: Jim Klepper; jklepper@evangelum.org or Clancy Craven at ccraven@evangelum.org.
- Call the church office at 507-289-4817.

There's a place for everyone to serve! Come be part of creating a welcoming, relational experience for our guests and helping make The Great Fall Get Together a wonderful day for our whole community.

On Sept., 5, the First Unite@ of the Year Enjoyed an Afternoon of at Lark Toys



CROSSFIRE NEWS

Stephanie Mettler, Youth Minister
507-289-4817; smettler@evangelum.org

STARTING STRONG

Our first month back in the school-year programming has been full of excitement! We've started strong in relationships, strengthening friendships and welcoming new faces during Friday night youth group and Sunday morning gatherings.

We've started strong in service, completing our first Saturday Noon Meal serve at Christ UMC. And we've started strong in Scripture, bringing together what we know from Scripture to brainstorm as complete a picture as possible of what makes Christian culture unique.

APPRECIATION AND CARE

This month, a group of us are heading to the North Shore to appreciate and care for God's creation. We'll be based in Grand Marais and set out from there for adventures hiking and exploring the great outdoors along the North Shore. We're looking forward to sharing photos and memories from this quick trip in next month's newsletter!

YOUTH CAFÉ

As a fundraiser for our summer mission trips, the youth are planning to host the Youth Café again this year during Evangel's annual rummage sale on Saturday, November 7.

We're looking for baked goods to sell—nut-free items are especially appreciated! Please drop off your donations at Evangel by Friday, November 6.

If you have questions about the Youth Café, please contact Anita Hermanson. Thank you in advance for supporting our youth and their summer mission efforts!

PRAYING FOR OUR YOUTH

I am so grateful for Pastor David's encouragement this past Sunday to "pray first" about the things we face. Would you join us in praying for our youth and youth leadership?

Please pray that our ministry will be grounded in prayer and that we will be attentive and responsive to what God is doing among us. May we all become increasingly sensitive to God's presence and leading through our participation in this youth ministry.

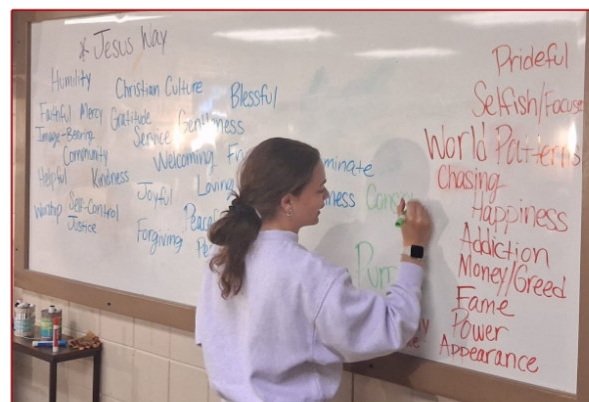




OCTOBER

CALENDAR

OCT 2 YOUTH GROUP 6:00 – 8:00 PM 	OCT 4 THE GREAT FALL GET-TOGETHER CHURCHWIDE EVENT 2:00 – 4:30 PM 
OCT 15-17 SOAR: NORTH SHORE RETREAT 	OCT 23 YOUTH LATE NIGHT 6:00 – 9:00 PM 



Mission Team Update

The Missions Team met on Wednesday, September 9. During the meeting, the team approved one missionary disbursement to Dick & Mary Martin of Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF). The team also discussed the 2027 missions budget request as the Finance Committee works on the church's overall budget for the coming year. The next Missions Team meeting will be Wednesday, October 14, at 4:00pm in the Fireside Room. Zoom will also be available. If you have questions, ideas, or would like to get involved with the Missions Team, please contact any of the team members: Becky Pierce, Bev Morgan, Linda Gregg, Evie Ellenbaum, Carol Madsen, Colleen Stacey, Roger Guderian, or Pastor David Werner

Make sure to check out the Mission Team Bulletin Board (across from Room 223) for recent news of the missionaries and missions we support!



You Can Give to the General Mission Fund By:

1. CHECK: Write 2nd Mile Gift on the memo line and turn it into the Church Office or place in the Sunday offering.
2. ONLINE: Click [Give \(elexiogiving.com\)](http://Give.elexiogiving.com) and select Missions—2nd Mile.
3. QR Code: Scan the QR code to the left with your cellphone and select Missions—2nd Mile.

The Missions Team, with the guidance of Church Council, will distribute the funding.



EVANGEL CARES

CHRIST. COMPASSION. COMMUNITY.

Food, Fellowship & Feedback

Saturday, October 10 • 4-6pm • 2263 Hill Place SW, Rochester MN 55902

You're invited to Roger & Janet's home for food, fellowship & feedback! Come share a meal, connect with others, and share your thoughts, ideas and what you've appreciated about EvangelCares. Please RSVP to evangelcares@evangelum.org so we can plan for food. You can also send your feedback and ideas to this email ahead of time.

Were Always Looking for Volunteers

3 ways to become a volunteer 1.) click: [Become Evangel Cares Volunteer](http://BecomeEvangelCaresVolunteer) 2.) go to www.evangelum.org > Scroll down > EvangelCares 3.) contact the EvangelCares Coordinator below.

3 Ways You Can Request Help

1.) click: [Evangel Cares Request Help Form](http://EvangelCaresRequestHelpForm) 2.) Complete a request form at the church information center 3.) Contact the EvangelCares coordinator below. **Please allow for at least a 1-week turnaround time.**

We'd love to hear from you and answer any questions you have!

EvangelCares Coordinator: evangelcares@evangelum.org; 507-910-3230

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS



Every Wednesday
at 5pm in the Dinette

*All meals come
with dessert!*

Menu for October

OCT
7

Sloppy Joes / Chips /
Carrot & Celery Sticks



OCT
14

Pizza / Salad



OCT
21

Hot Dish Buffet
• Tater Tot Hotdish
• Calico Beans
• Chicken Pot Pie



OCT
28

Spaghetti / Salad /
Garlic Bread



OCTOBER

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thurs., Oct. 1	9:00am 5:30pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	Bible Storytime Take-a-Hike at Chester Woods Meal hosting at Dorothy Day Choir Practice
Fri., Oct. 2	11:00am 6:00pm	Older Folders Youth Group
Sun., Oct. 4 Collections Drive for The Landing Begins	8:15am 8:30am 9:30am 10:30am 2:00pm	Prayer for Worship Traditional Worship Children's Church Sunday School Contemporary Worship Children's Church The Great Fall Get-Together
Mon., Oct. 5	9:00am	Sewing Circle
Tues., Oct. 6	6:30pm	SPR Team
Wed., Oct. 7	5:00pm 5:00pm 6:15pm 6:15pm 6:30pm 7:30pm	Wed. Night Meal Mission Trip Info Meeting Connect Group: Jesus Is Lord Good News Team Practice Connect Group: How Do You Know Handbell Practice
Thurs., Oct. 8	9:00am 6:30pm 7:00pm	Bible Storytime Finance Team Choir Practice
Fri., Oct. 9	11:00am	Older Folders
Sat., Oct. 10	10:00am 4:00pm	SE MN Food Rescue Distribution EvangelCares at Guderians'
Sun., Oct. 11	8:15am 8:30am 9:30am 10:30am 11:45am	Prayer for Worship Traditional Worship Children's Church Sunday School Contemporary Worship Children's Church Youth Leadership Team
Mon., Oct. 12	1:00pm 4:30pm	Sewing Circle Connect Group Design Team
Tues., Oct. 13	1:30pm 7:00pm	Rummage Sale Planning Team Trustees
Wed., Oct. 14	4:00pm 4:30pm 5:00pm 6:15pm 6:15pm 6:30pm 7:30pm	Missions Team Connections & Growth Team Wed. Night Meal Connect Group: Jesus Is Lord Good News Team Practice Connect Group: How Do You Know Handbell Practice

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Thurs., Oct. 15	9:00am 1:00pm 7:00pm	Bible Storytime Women's Gathering Choir Practice Youth S.O.A.R (North Shore)
Friday, Oct. 16	11:00am	Older Folders Youth S.O.A.R (North Shore)
Sat., Oct. 17	8:00am	Youth S.O.A.R (North Shore)
Sun., Oct. 18	8:15am 8:30am 9:30am 9:30am 10:30am	Prayer for Worship Traditional Worship Children's Church Sunday School Drop-In Class Contemporary Worship Children's Church
Mon., Oct. 19	1:00pm 6:30pm	Sewing Circle Church Council
Wed., Oct. 21	5:00pm 5:00pm 6:15pm 6:15pm 6:30pm 7:30pm	LLMT Nominations Team Wed. Night Meal Connect Group: Jesus Is Lord Good News Team Practice Connect Group: How Do You Know Handbell Practice
Thurs., Oct. 22	9:00am 7:00pm	Bible Storytime Choir Practice
Fri., Oct. 23	11:00am 6:00pm	Older Folders Youth Group
Sun., Oct. 25	8:15am 8:30am 9:30am 10:30am	Prayer for Worship Traditional Worship Children's Church Drop-In Class Contemporary Worship Children's Church
Mon., Oct. 26	1:00pm	Sewing Circle
Wed., Oct. 28	5:00pm 5:00pm 6:15pm 6:15pm 7:30pm	Wed. Night Meal Study Tour Info Meeting Connect Group: Jesus Is Lord Good News Team Practice Handbell Practice
Thurs., Oct. 29	9:00am 7:00pm	Bible Storytime Choir Practice
Fri., Oct. 30	11:00am	Older Folders
Sat., Oct. 31		HALLOWEEN

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Sunday Schedule

8:30am - Traditional Service
9:30am - Sunday School for All Ages
10:30am - Contemporary Service
(Children's Church offered at both services)



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