

From the Pastor's Perspective

"Shall We Gather at the River?"

"Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations."

-Revelation 22:1-2

This summer we've been singing about heaven! We're joining the multitudes in glory singing praises to God our Savior (Rev. 7:9-12). God's promise of our eternal life in heaven puts a song in our hearts while we journey through our earthly life, filling us with hope and joy.

One of the most beloved songs about heaven is Robert Lowry's "Shall We Gather at the River?" (*United Methodist Hymnal* #723) It's a classic Gospel song that has become loved the world over. Lowry (1826-1899) was a renowned Baptist pastor, Sunday School leader, songbook publisher and hymn writer. (He also composed "What Can Wash Away My Sin?," "Up from the Grave He Arose" and "How Can I Keep from Singing?")

In 1864 the country was in the depths of the rampages of the Civil War. Casualties mounted, and a spirit of despair clouded over both sides of the country. People were struggling with the rising loss of their loved ones. In addition, in New York City, where Pastor Lowry sat in his office, there was a spreading epidemic causing many sudden deaths. Amid this compounding gloom, Lowry lifted in prayer what so many people were asking: would we get to meet these people again?

Preachers, military leaders and hymn writers spoke of death like a river that was flowing through city and country. It splashed on everyone; no one was untouched. As Lowry reflected on this coursing river, he remembered a very different river described in Revelation 22.

While seated at his desk, the words and tune for this beloved gospel song flowed. Lowry said he could not remember which came first, the words or the tune. He began with the probing question asked by the grieving and longing heart. Then, the swelling refrain proclaims, "Yes! We'll gather at the river!"

We will gather there, with all those faithful who have gone on before. And before we get to that river, we lay down all our burdens. They do not go with us into eternity! At the river there will be no more death, no more sadness, no more illness, no more war. Yet best of all is that there we embrace our Lord and Savior. We will live and reign with Him forever, wearing our robes (of righteousness) and crowns (of victory)!

¹ Shall we gather at the river, Where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever Flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain Yes, we'll gather at the river, The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river That flows by the throne of God.

² On the margin of the river, Washing up its silver spray,
We will walk and worship ever, All the happy golden day. *Refrain*

³ Ere we reach the shining river, Lay we ev'ry burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver, And provide a robe and crown. *Refrain*

⁴ Soon we'll reach the shining river, Soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver With the melody of peace. *Refrain*

The joy of our certain future lifts our spirits now and gives us hope to carry on. All that drags us down now will not make it into heaven. It stays on this side of the river! We can face whatever is before us because heaven is our home, and one day we will gather all together at the river with our Savior. So, let's keep singing, and let's keep going. Let's keep loving, and let's keep faithful. And let's keep our eyes and hearts on things above!

Pastor David

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Meet Evangel's New Members!



**Brad Metter &
Pam Iverson**



**Mark &
Denise Tompkin**



**Pastor
Stephanie Mettler**



Cora Parker

Sale of the Bethany Handbells

Thanks to Anita Hermanson, a buyer was found for the Bethany handbell set during the summer handbell gathering in Rochester this June. The bells were sold for \$7,000. Of that amount, \$3,000 covered the cost of refurbishing the bells prior to the sale, while the remaining funds have been designated for future handbell needs at Evangel. We are delighted that the Bethany bells are being played once again, and that the proceeds from their sale will continue to support the ministry of handbell ringing at Evangel.

Puppets and Music Continue Their Ministry

Caledonia UMC has received Evangel's blue Methodist hymnals along with many of the supplies from our puppet ministry. We are grateful these resources will continue to be used in creative ways to share God's love and reach children of all ages. While these items have found a new home, their ministry continues. We rejoice that Evangel's puppet ministry and musical resources will continue to bless others for years to come.

New Folding Chairs

The Church Council has approved replacing the metal folding chairs with white Lifetime plastic folding chairs, funded through Memorial Fund donations. The Trustees have ordered 200 indoor chairs and 50 outdoor chairs. The new chairs will be more comfortable, quieter, and easier to move.

The chairs are expected to arrive in August. Thank you to everyone whose Memorial Fund gifts made this purchase possible. The old metal folding chairs will be available for a requested \$5 donation each. If you're interested, please contact the church office or James White.

Celebrate & Sing: Potluck & Hymn/Song Sing on Wed., Aug. 12

5:30pm – Potluck Meal (Dinette) | 6:30pm – Hymn & Song Sing (Sanctuary)

As part of our "Glory!" summer message series on heaven, join in for an evening of food, fellowship & singing. Bring a dish to share if you're able (a "heaven"-themed dish is always fun!), or simply come & enjoy the meal. Afterward, we'll gather in the sanctuary to lift our voices in hymns & songs celebrating the hope we have in Christ.

Confirmation

Confirmation Sunday will be August 23, with the same worship service offered at both morning services. We are excited to celebrate three outstanding youth as they confirm their baptismal vows and share their faith testimonies as followers of Jesus: Tate Hull, Clarissa Kroening, and Emma Norman.

A heartfelt thank you to Pastor Susie for once again co-teaching the Confirmation class, and special thanks to our dedicated mentors: Jim Cooper, Pearl Hulsebus, and Holly Evans.

We are considering offering our next Confirmation class either this fall or next fall. If you have a student entering 7th or 8th grade who may be interested in participating, please contact Pastor David for more information.

United Methodist Women

Sewing Circle - Mondays throughout August in Room 223 at 1pm (9am on August 3)

Women's Gathering - Faithful women of Evangel, we are taking a break for the summer months. We will be resuming our meetings in the fall. Be on the lookout for our next meeting announcement in the September Reporter. We hope you are having a great summer! Blessings to you all until we meet again!

- With love and prayers from Susie O'Connell and Becky Pierce

Evangel's "Over 90" Club: Romaine Thompson



Romaine Thompson joined Evangel's "Over 90s Club" four years ago, on June 26, 2022. She is our oldest attending member!

Romaine was born at St. Mary's (she got her Mayo Clinic number back when they were only six digits!) into one of the original founding families of Rochester. Her family was very involved with Homestead United Brethren (later EUB and then UM) Church. Romaine retained her membership at Homestead until transferring to Evangel in 2012.

While attending Rochester Community College she began "her travels" for her work in administration and organization. She first managed medical clinic for union workers in Lynch, KY, and then in Ohio, helping set up satellite clinics. Over the years she worked back in Rochester (for Mayo), Montana, Minneapolis and Chatfield. She worked for the Kenny Institute and most recently for the Women's Cancer Program at Mayo.

Romaine is a lifelong learner, particularly "about God and His graciousness and other people who surround us each day." She has, from an early age, been motivated to know more; "I never want to be left behind!"

Her curiosity has kept her mentally young: "I've always wanted to know what is on 'the other side of the mountain' - the people there, their songs and recipes and culture." Romaine has a passion for music. She has sung in the choir for 50 years and was director of the choir Chatfield UMC for two years!

When asked for advice to live by, Romaine offers, "Never stop learning. Always keep being curious. Live with faith. Faith is your anchor, your support, your comfort - for the challenging times that are a part of living." And, "Be careful with your words." Her most important word is "love," and so her favorite Bible verse is to love God completely and love your neighbor as yourself (Mark 12:30-31). "Love is what we want conveyed to the world around us." She also urges everyone to be grateful, especially for the small things: "Don't miss the new flower by the door of the church!"

Financial Summary of Church Operations through June 2026

Income from Church Congregational Giving	\$ 303,042
Other Operating Income	\$ 67,790
Total Income from Operations	\$ 370,832
Total Expense from Operations	\$ 356,888
Net Income/(Loss) from Operations	\$ 13,945

Giving for the month is above budget by \$8042- these included givers who gave their one-time annual amount in a single month. Year-to-date net operating (income/loss) is positive by \$13,945. The only unexpected expense this month was for a replacement water heater. Finances are strong and team has no concerns to report.

For questions or more information, contact Arlene Morris, Chair of the Finance Team, at vammorris@gmail.com.

The Choir Resumes This September!

Choir rehearsals for the 2026-2027 season begin Thursday, September 10, at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary (new rehearsal time). The choir will sing for the first time this season on Kickoff Sunday, September 13, during the 10:30am worship service (just one service that day). New singers are always welcome! Whether you're an experienced vocalist or simply enjoy singing, we'd love to have you join. For more information, contact Choir Director Pam Wright at pkowright@gmail.com or 507-358-7550.



Women OF God

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

AT EVANGEL†

SAT., AUG. 22 | 9AM-3PM

-  Featuring the Beth Moore video study, *Women of God*.
-  Breakfast and lunch included.
-  Tickets are **\$25** and will be available for purchase on Sunday mornings in the lobby.

For more info,  please contact **Cyndy Tischer** or **Kay Hess**. 

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

Connections and Growth Calendar for June

Every Sunday	Children's Church at 8:30am and 10:30am
Every Sunday	Nursery open at 8:30am and 10:30am
Monday, August 10	Connections & Growth Team
TBA	Sunday School Teacher Training & Orientation
Sunday, September 13	Kickoff Sunday "The Jesus Way"
Sunday, September 13	Unite@ Lark Toys

Children's Church Explores Creation and the Family of God This August

All children in Pre-K through Grade 5 are invited to Children's Church this summer during both Sunday morning worship services at 8:30am and 10:30am. Leaders Jim Klepper, Clancy Craven, and members of the Youth Group will bring Bible stories to life through engaging object lessons, hands-on crafts, and interactive activities, making each Sunday a fun and memorable experience! In August, we will conclude our "In the Beginning" series on Creation and begin a new series on Abraham, "We Are Family," as we explore God's promises and His plan for His people.

August Schedule

- August 2: *We Are Made in God's Image* — God Creates Humans
- August 9: *God Made a Plan to Save Us* — Adam and Eve
- August 16: *God Helps Us Make Good Choices* — Cain and Abel
- August 23: *We Can Believe God's Promises* — God Calls Abram
- August 30: *We Can Pray for Our Families* — God Spares Lot's Family



We look forward to seeing your children as we discover God's love, His promises, & His plan for His family!

Sunday School Registration Is Now Open!

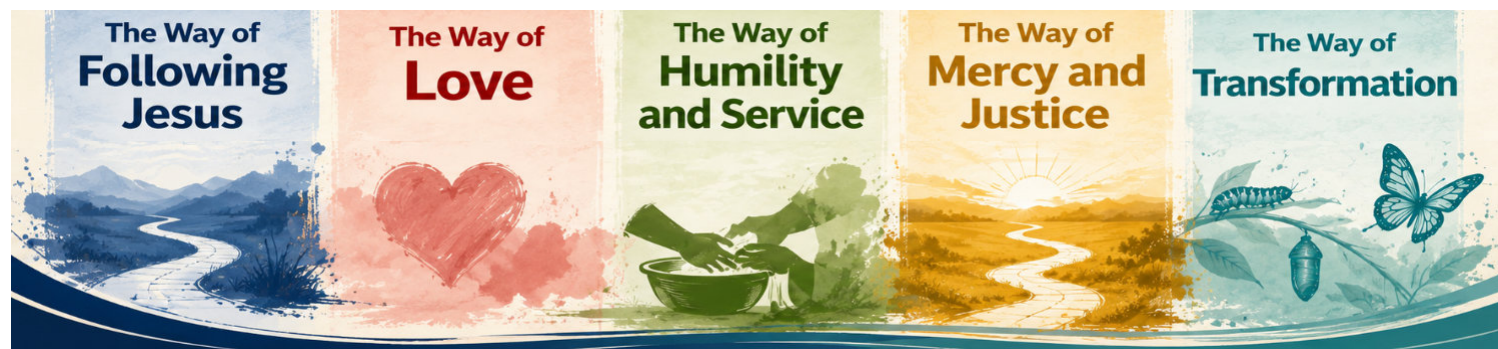
If your child is new to Evangel Sunday School, please contact Jim or Clancy to complete the Sunday School/Children's Church registration form. Registration is required for all children and youth ages 3 years through Grade 12 who are attending for the first time. If your child has attended Evangel Sunday School before, you do not need to register again. We look forward to serving your family and welcoming everyone for another wonderful school year!

Evangel Watched the Honkers vs. Loggers on July 23

Evangel enjoyed a fun afternoon at Mayo Field, cheering on the Rochester Honkers as they took on the La Crosse Loggers. It was a great day of baseball, fellowship, & supporting our local team. **Check out the photos on page 7.**

Kickoff Sunday: The Jesus Way On September 13 - One Service at 10:30am

Kickoff Sunday marks the exciting launch of Sunday School, youth, and music ministries for the new school year! Join in for a high-energy morning featuring larger-than-life object lessons, hilarious skits, uplifting praise and worship with our Good News Band, opportunities to meet our teachers, and much more. Everyone who attends will receive a special "The Jesus Way" T-shirt! This year's theme, The Jesus Way, will explore what it means to follow Jesus—not only in what we believe, but in how we live each day. Together we'll discover:



We'll experience these truths through creative storytelling, engaging activities, memorable object lessons, and plenty of fun for all ages! Following our worship celebration, everyone is invited to the south parking lot for a catered BBQ lunch, games, and fellowship. The day will continue with an adventure to Lark Toys in Wabasha, our first Unite@ event of the year. **(Details on page 6)** Kickoff Sunday is the perfect opportunity to reconnect after the summer, welcome new friends, and begin a new ministry year together. It's a day you won't want to miss—mark your calendar now!

New Sunday School Class Configuration Coming This Fall!

Our Connections & Growth Team has been thoughtfully reviewing the current Sunday School class structure. To better support the developmental needs of our children and provide appropriate class sizes and meaningful peer interaction, we are excited to introduce a new Sunday School class configuration beginning this fall:

Pre-Kindergarten

Kindergarten through Grade 5

These updates are designed to create age-appropriate learning environments while continuing to foster a strong sense of community and spiritual growth.

More details will be shared in a special letter to the Evangel Church family this August. Stay tuned!

Children's Sunday School Continues to GROW in 2026–2027!

Evangel's Connections & Growth Ministry is excited to begin Year 3 of the GROW Curriculum—an engaging and innovative approach to children's discipleship that is helping kids develop a lifelong faith in Jesus Christ.

What Is GROW?

GROW Curriculum is one of today's leading children's ministry resources, designed to help kids take meaningful steps toward making their faith their own. Each Sunday, children participate in an exciting large-group experience led by Jim, Clancy, and other adult leaders using multimedia, videos, worship, games, and engaging Bible teaching. They then move into age-specific small groups, where Evangel's caring Sunday School teachers help children apply what they've learned through discussion, activities, and relationship-building.



At Evangel, we celebrate every step a child takes in their faith journey. GROW encourages children to develop four lifelong spiritual habits:

Spend Time with God

Children learn to connect with God through Scripture, prayer, worship, and personal devotional time, both at church and throughout the week.

Use Their Gifts

Children discover the unique gifts God has given them and learn how to use those gifts to serve others and reflect the love of Jesus.



Spend Time with Others

Kids build Christ-centered friendships while developing meaningful relationships with trusted adults & mentors who encourage their spiritual growth.

Share Their Story

Kids gain confidence in talking about their faith and sharing what God is doing in their lives with family, friends, and others.

How We Help Children Grow

Every Sunday we provide a safe, welcoming, and fun environment where children:

- Experience engaging Bible lessons
- Build meaningful relationships with caring adults and peers
- Learn and memorize Scripture
- Participate in hands-on games, crafts, and interactive activities
- Discover practical ways to live out their faith every day

New for 2026–2027: Partnering with Parents

We believe parents are the primary spiritual leaders in their children's lives. This year we're strengthening that partnership by providing:

- Regular updates about what children are learning and why it matters
- Weekly family devotionals that reinforce each Sunday's lesson
- Take-home discussion questions and conversation starters to encourage faith-filled conversations at home

Together, we can help children develop a faith that lasts a lifetime. We are excited for another incredible year of learning, growing, & following Jesus together! For more information or to get involved, contact Jim or Clancy.



Mega Kids Camp "Mission Cup" – A Huge Success!

Evangel's 14th annual Mega Kids Camp was a huge success! More than 410 kids and 135 volunteers joined together with our mission partner, Brooklyn Center UMC, for an unforgettable week of fun and faith.

Inspired by the FIFA World Cup, Mission Cup challenged kids to grow in their faith, discover their God-given purpose, and learn to trust Jesus through every challenge. Thank you to everyone who served, prayed, donated, and helped make this incredible week possible! **Check out the pictures on page 8.**

An Exciting Lineup of Activities for Unite@ in 2026–2027!

Evangel's intergenerational club, Unite@, is gearing up for another exciting year of adventure, service, and fellowship for children, youth, and adults! Our Connections & Growth Team is planning a great lineup of opportunities that encourage discipleship, community, and outreach.

Service Opportunities:

- Community Outreach: Ronald McDonald House, Salvation Army, Jeremiah House, & Nazarene Well House
- Serving Others: Preparing and serving meals at Dorothy Day House
- Church & Neighborhood Projects: Evangel landscaping projects and raking leaves for seniors
- Local Partnerships: Rochester Sports Mentorship Academy, Zumbro Ridge Estates, and The Landing

Recreational Activities:

- Outdoor Recreation: Silver Lake (paddleboats, kayaking, biking), Quarry Hill Nature Center, Oxbow Park, & Niagara Cave
- Adventure & Sports: Skyline Raceway & Blue Lagoon Mini Golf, Air Insanity, Bowlocity, ice skating at the Rec Center, and snow tubing at Steeplechase
- Museums & Educational Attractions: SPAM Museum (Austin), Mayo Planetarium, & National Eagle Center
- Camps & Farms: Camp Victory, Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch, Alpaca Farm & Red Barn Learning Farm
- Seasonal & Cultural Events: Local theater productions, La Crosse Holiday Lights, and the Minnesota Zoo

At Evangel, our Connections & Growth Team is committed to providing a healthy balance of mission-focused discipleship and fun, relationship-building activities that strengthen our church family. We also encourage our children and youth to invite friends to join them, making every event an opportunity for outreach. Come be a part of what promises to be our best Unite@ year yet!

Unite@ Lark Toys in Kellogg, MN

Sunday, September 13 | 1:00–4:30pm | Cost: Just \$8 (a \$15–18 value!)

Our September Unite@ event, following Kickoff Sunday, will take us to LARK TOYS in beautiful Kellogg, Minnesota! Your \$8 admission includes:

- A ride on one of the world's most unique hand-carved wooden carousels
- 18 holes of miniature golf featuring a walk-through mountain, double waterfalls, and stunning bluff views
- Time to explore one of the region's premier toy and book stores
- Opportunities to enjoy Lark Toys' famous ice cream, fudge, and candy shop (purchases optional)

We'll leave Evangel at 1:00 pm (following the Kickoff Sunday meal and games) to carpool, or you can meet us directly at Lark Toys. It's a beautiful, scenic 45-minute drive, and we'll return to Evangel by 4:30pm. To sign up click here: [Unite@ Lark Toys Wabasha MN](#)



Save the Date: Evangel City-Wide Rummage Sale – Saturday, November 7

Mark your calendars! The Connections & Growth City-Wide Rummage Sale returns on Saturday, November 7, the first Saturday of November. This annual event is one of the most important fundraisers for our Connections & Growth Ministry, providing vital support for programs and outreach opportunities, including:

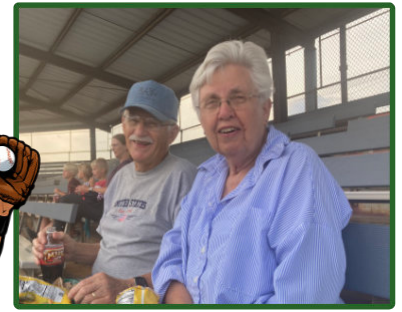
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| • Sunday School | • Strategic Marketing | • Equipment Purchases |
| • Mega Kids Camp | • Fall Community Outreach | • Unite@ Events |
| • Mental Health Forums | • Easter Egg Hunt | • And much more! |

Every dollar raised goes directly toward strengthening our children's ministries and expanding Evangel's outreach throughout our community.

Please begin saving your gently used donations and plan to join us on Saturday, November 7. Your generosity helps us share Christ's love and make a lasting difference in the lives of children, youth, and families.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Jim or Clancy. Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

The Honkers Took On the LaCrosse Loggers on July 23



Sunday School Teacher Recruitment Underway for the 2026–27 School Year

Evangel has been blessed with a rich tradition of Christian Education, centered on our mission to pass on the faith and lead new generations to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

A vital part of that mission is our Sunday School Ministry, where caring relationships and biblical teaching work together to help children build a lifelong faith in Christ.

We are now recruiting teachers for the 2026–2027 Sunday School year. We are grateful for the many dedicated teachers who have served in the past and hope many will return. We also welcome new volunteers to join our team. A blend of experienced and new teachers brings fresh ideas, encouragement, and strength to our ministry.

As a Sunday School teacher, you'll receive:

- A team-teaching environment with 3–4 teachers in every classroom, so you're never teaching alone and can easily take time off when needed.
- A simple, easy-to-use curriculum with all lessons and materials provided. There's no need to create your own lessons—simply follow the curriculum and share teaching responsibilities with your co-teachers.
- Training and ongoing support from Jim Klepper and Clancy Craven.
- Bright, clean, and safe classrooms that provide a welcoming and fun environment for children to learn.
- All the classroom supplies you need, from scissors and paper to craft materials and more.

If you are interested in joining our Sunday School team or would like more information, please complete the volunteer form below and return it to the Church Office.

If you have questions, please contact Jim Klepper or Clancy Craven.

Prayerfully consider serving this year as an Evangel Sunday School teacher. Your investment in the next generation can make an eternal difference!



☐ Yes, I would like to join Evangel's Teaching Team for the 2026 - 27 Sunday School year.

☐ Yes, please contact me with more information.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____



“First a child learns to *love* their teacher, then they learn to *love* their teacher's *God*.”





CROSSFIRE NEWS

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

A Month of Missions

As our youth shared on Youth Mission Sunday, our mission trip to Virginia was filled with meaningful service, new experiences, and a few surprises! We carried that spirit home during our In-Town Mission Week, serving at Mega Camp and throughout the Rochester community.

This year's In-Town Mission Week was especially meaningful because we not only strengthened relationships within our own youth group and with our local community partners, but also built deeper connections with the youth from Brooklyn Center UMC. Nearly 30 students from Brooklyn Center and Evangel served side by side throughout the week. We are grateful for all that was accomplished through our service, but even more thankful for the friendships and partnerships that continue to grow.



Join Our Youth This Fall

Our Friday night Youth Group returns on September 11, making this the perfect time to invite friends to join us! Learn more about our youth ministry here: <https://evangelum.org/ministries/youth>

If you have a student in grades 6–12 and would like to get connected, we'd love to welcome your family! We send a weekly newsletter to youth families and share occasional updates through GroupMe. To learn more or get connected, contact Stephanie Mettler at smettler@evangelum.org.



UPCOMING Events

	AUGUST 16	Pool Party at the Clarks' Home (6pm-8:30pm)
	AUGUST 23	Confirmation Sunday
	SEPTEMBER 11	Friday Night Youth Group Begins (6pm-8pm)
	SEPTEMBER 13	Kickoff Sunday

Praying for Our Youth

Please don't underestimate the power of praying for our youth as they navigate the challenges and opportunities of adolescence. Thank you to everyone who faithfully lifts our students up in prayer—it is a vital and meaningful ministry.

As students prepare to return to school, please pray that they will experience God's peace, wisdom, and guidance each day. May they feel calm in their hearts and minds and be attentive to the Holy Spirit as they make decisions, face challenges, and embrace new opportunities.

Thank you for partnering with us in prayer!
— Stephanie

Mission Team Update

The Mission Team did not meet in July. Missionary disbursements that were approved for July in the May meeting were disbursed.



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://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 Mission Team will meet on Wed. Aug. 12, 2026, at 4:00pm in the Fireside Room. Zoom will be available. If you have questions or ideas or want to be involved with the Team, contact any member of the Mission Team: Becky Pierce, Bev Morgan, Linda Gregg, Evie Ellenbaum, Carol Madsen, Colleen Stacey, Roger Guderian, or Pastor David Werner.

EvangelCares

EvangelCares is making a difference! Please read the following feedback from someone who was helped by EvangelCares this past month:

"The EvangelCares group came to our house today and spent two hours (four people) and miraculously trimmed our yard. 5 stars -- Can we do 10 stars? Our yard looks wonderful and I wish it could stay like this permanently! Thank you to EvangelCares."

EvangelCares continues to need volunteers willing to help with transportation to church services and light household cleaning. **To Become a Volunteer:** Email or call one any of the contacts below. You can also click this link: [BecomeaEvangelCaresVolunteer](#)



Ways to request help:

Click: [Evangel Cares Needs Form](#)

1. Complete a request form at the church information center.
2. Contact the EvangelCares coordinator (see below).
3. Please allow for at least a 1-week turnaround time.



If you have questions, feel free to contact Roger or Janet Guderian. We'd love to explain what we offer and to answer any questions that you have.

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

Roger Guderian: guderian.roger@gmail.com; 507-254-1432

Janet Guderian: guderian.janet@gmail.com; 507-269-0653

Sharing Hospitality, Receiving Blessings

On Sunday, June 28, we were blessed to welcome the Chapel Choir from First United Methodist Church in Downers Grove, Illinois, to Evangel for their Dusty Trails and Golden Roads concert as part of their 2026 tour. It was our joy to provide overnight lodging for the choir before they continued on their journey the following day.

As a heartfelt expression of their gratitude, the choir presented Evangel with a beautiful commemorative plaque. We are honored by this thoughtful gift, which reflects the kindness, generosity, and warm hospitality that have always been a part of our Evangel family. We are grateful for the opportunity to share Christ's love by opening our doors and hearts to those who visit us.

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind blow at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
May the rain fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again, 'til we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*



AUGUST 2026

EVANGEL UMC

C A L E N D A R



DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday, August 2	8:15am	Prayer for Worship
	8:30am	Traditional Worship
		Children's Church
	9:30am	Upper Room Study
	9:30am	Drop-In Class
	10:30am	Contemporary Worship
		Children's Church
Monday, August 3	9:00am	Sewing Circle
Wed., August 5	6:15pm	Good News Team Practice
Thursday, August 6	6:00pm	Meal hosting at Dorothy Day
Friday, August 7	11:00am	Older Folders
Saturday, August 8	11:00am	Funeral for Carol Kirkham (visitation at 10; lunch at 12)
Sunday, August 9	8:15am	Prayer for Worship
	8:30am	Traditional Worship
		Children's Church
	9:30am	Upper Room Study
	9:30am	Drop-In Class
	10:30am	Contemporary Worship
		Children's Church
Monday, August 10	1:00pm	Sewing Circle
	4:30pm	Connections & Growth Team
Tuesday, August 11	6:15pm	Good News Team Practice
	7:00pm	Trustees
Wed, August 12	4:00pm	Missions Team
	5:00pm	LLMT Nominations Team
	5:30pm	Celebrate & Sing
Friday, August 14	11:00am	Older Folders
Saturday, August 15	4:00pm	Tom Adams Memorial
Sunday, August 16	8:15am	Prayer for Worship
	8:30am	Traditional Worship
		Children's Church
	9:30am	Drop-In Class
	10:30am	Contemporary Worship
		Children's Church
	11:45am	Hospitality Team
	6:00pm	Youth Group: Pool party

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday, August 17	1:00pm	Sewing Circle
	6:30pm	Church Council
Wednesday, August 19	3:00pm	Confirmation
	6:15pm	Good News Team Practice
Friday, August 21	11:00am	Older Folders
Saturday, August 22	9:00am	Women of God Conference
Sunday, August 23 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY	8:15am	Prayer for Worship
	8:30am	Traditional Worship
		Children's Church
	9:30am	Upper Room Study
	9:30am	Drop-In Class
	10:30am	Contemporary Worship
		Children's Church
Monday, August 24	1:00pm	Sewing Circle
Wednesday, August 26	6:15pm	Good News Team practice
Friday, August 28	11:00am	Older Folders
Sunday, August 30	8:15am	Prayer for Worship
	8:30am	Traditional Worship
		Children's Church
	9:30am	Drop-In Class
	10:30am	Contemporary Worship
		Children's Church
Monday, August 31	1:00pm	Sewing Circle

Evangel United Methodist Church
2645 North Broadway
Rochester, MN 55906

(Address Service Requested)

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:30am - Traditional Service

9:30am - Drop-In Class & Upper Room Study

10:30am - Contemporary Service

(Children's Church offered at both services)



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