

## From Pastor David

### Jesus: Myth, Madman or Messiah

*Jesus asked His disciples, 'Who do people say I am?'*  
*They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah;*  
*and still others, one of the prophets.'*  
*'But what about you?' He asked. 'Who do you say I am?'*  
*(Mark 8:27-29a)*

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We've celebrated the birth of Jesus. Yet this miracle has left us, like Mary, pondering what this means in our hearts. Who is this Jesus who was born? Why is He said to be the Savior? Will the prophecies come true? We, like Mary, wrestle with who we understand this Jesus to be.

Who is this Jesus? We've heard from the Old Testament leading up to Christmas.

Now, in the new year, we'll be asking that same question of Jesus. We will be hearing from His own words and learning from His earthly life who He is!

Most people, including most scholars, affirm that Jesus was an actual historical person. The questions swirl around Him, however: Wasn't He just a person like everyone else? Aren't His miracles the fabrications of the early church? Did He die a disillusioned zealot? How does His death "save" anyone?

The Bible affirms that Jesus was the divine Son of God. Or, in one of the earliest affirmations, that "Jesus is the Christ, God's Son, Savior." This was shared through the fish symbol (a simple outline of a fish) used by early Christians. The word "fish" in Greek letters can be taken to be an acronym, each of the letters standing for: "Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior."

C.S. Lewis made the assertion that if one accepts Jesus was a historical figure and that the Bible is a reliable witness to His life, then one really only has three options for answering "Who is Jesus?" Because of what Jesus said about Himself and what He did, people have to conclude that Jesus was either a "lunatic," a "liar" or actually the true "Lord." (Mere Christianity) Or, put another way, Jesus must be delusional, a deceiver or divine.

As we listen deeply to the bible's witness again in the weeks ahead, I urge you to keep asking the question: Who is Jesus? This is a great way to be open to the Holy Spirit speaking into our lives as we begin the new year together. Better yet, add a new spiritual discipline (a habit that will grow you spiritually) such as devotions, Bible reading or attending worship in person. Consider joining one of the new small groups offered in January (see the Connect Group brochure, church website or click: <https://evangelum.org/connect-groups>). Best of all, become part of a life group: a small group of people who meet regularly over time to share together how we're doing spiritually and how we can best follow Jesus. If you're willing to give it a try, talk to me or Jeff Lansdowne (our church's Lay Leader).

As we start the new year together, let's let the question "Who is Jesus?" drive us deeper into the Bible, open us to the Holy Spirit working within us, and stoke our excitement to pursue our discipleship with renewed passion.

After all, answering this question transforms our lives!

Happy New Year!  
Pastor David

### 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.



### Winter Message Series: "Who Is Jesus?" (Continued!)

Over Christmas we discovered who this baby Jesus was who was born at Christmas. We found the Old Testament had promised His coming as the Savior for all people, and that He came as the Light who pushes back the darkness, as Emmanuel (God with us), and the Messiah who is fully human and fully God. Baby Jesus, however, grew up into a man, who then gave Himself to restore our relationships with God. Over the next few months, we'll continue to follow Jesus' life and ministry and keep asking the question, "Who is He?" Along the way we'll find out that He is much more than we ever realized. Get ready for a thrilling journey of discovery - a journey that will transform not just your understanding of Jesus, but the way that you follow Him as a disciple. In short, it'll transform you! We begin seeing Him as Healer, Preacher, Defeater of Evil and Miracle Worker. Come and discover Jesus again, because we need this Jesus so desperately in our lives!

### Expressions of Appreciation

This congregation really shared the joy and celebration of Christmas with us this year through all the wonderful well-wishes, words of appreciation and encouragement, and all the generous gifts. Thank you! We are certainly blessed to be part of such a gracious and loving congregation! May the Lord continue to bless our church & ministry in 2026 as we work together to shine Jesus into our communities.

-Pastor David and your Evangel Staff

### MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir Singing

**One Worship Service on Sun., Jan. 11, at 10:30am, followed by LUNCH!**

On Sun., Jan. 11 Evangel is hosting MN Adult/Teen Challenge. These brave people are boldly pursuing sobriety by putting their hope and trust in Jesus. As our Community Ministries Team is hosting lunch afterwards for EVERYONE, we will only have one service that day. We will still have regular Sunday School and classes starting at 9:30am, and we will have Children's Church during the 10:30am service. There will be plenty of room for everyone in the sanctuary, so we are inviting everyone who can to please come in person!

**Parents: Some of the testimonies shared today may not be appropriate for younger kids; Children's Church is available.**

### United Methodist Women

Sewing Circle..... Mondays throughout January in Room 223 at 1pm.

Women's Gathering..... Thurs., January 15 at 1:00pm in the Lobby. ALL women are invited.

If you have any questions, contact Becky Pierce at 507-289-6802.

### Financial Summary of Church Operations Through November 2025

We currently have \$24,421 more expenses than income. Although, we will end the year in a deficit, the finance team was anticipating this and will cover the final deficit with surplus dollars.

The 2026 draft budget will be discussed with church council in Jan. but the finance committee feels confident with the estimates provided.

	Jan.-Nov. 2025
Income from Church Congregational Giving	540,226.00
Other operating Income	103,056.00
Total Income from Operations	643,282.00
Total Expense from Operations	667,703.00
Net Income/(Loss) from Operations	(24,421.00)

End of the year (Jan-Dec) summary will be available in January 2026

For questions or for more information, please contact Arlene Morris, chair of the finance committee, at: [vammorris@gmail.com](mailto:vammorris@gmail.com).

## **Connect Groups Begin this Month**

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 at Welcome Desk or go online (click the link below). There is something for everybody! The focus of these Groups will be HOW we can grow in having grace-filled and respectful discussions.

There are 3 ways to sign up:

1. The bulletin board (next to Room 223)
2. click: <https://evangelum.org/connect-groups>
3. call the church office.

**Life is better CONNECTED!**  
**Connected to Christ,**  
**Connected to Each Other**

## **Dinner Fellowship Groups**

Let Janet know if you're interested: 507-269-0653; guderian.janet@gmail.com

For everyone! Offered, on different days, times & locations. Hosts are seeking to include more people. Share a meal, enjoy fellowship, build connection and pray together. Let us know if you're interested and we'll get you connected!

## **Faith & Works: How Do They Go Together?**

Wed. 6:30–8pm | Jan. 7–Feb. 11 | Fireside Room

Hosts: Dale & Sandy Larsen

The Bible teaches that we are saved by faith in Christ alone, yet Christ also calls us to be His hands and feet through good works. How do we reconcile this apparent contradiction? Join Dale & Sandy for a study of Paul's letter to the Romans to explore this essential question.

## **The Wesley Challenge: 21 Days to a More Authentic Faith**

Wed. 5-6pm | Jan. 14–Feb. 4 | Room 223 | (4 Sessions) | Hosts: Cheryl Root & Reese Werner

Start the new year with renewing your spiritual fire and deepen your commitment to God! Join Reese and Cheryl for a 21-day journey using *The Wesley Challenge: 21 Days to a More Authentic Faith* by Chris Folmsbee. Each day, pause to look closely at your life and identify ways to grow in holiness of heart and life. Participants commit to a daily 15–20 min. practice engaging one of Wesley's questions through a short reading, reflection, personal application ideas, Scripture and a closing prayer. You can do this on your own or join a community Zoom session: 9:00am with Cheryl or 9:00pm with Reese. Everyone is also invited to a deeper weekly discussion on Wednesdays, 5–6 pm in Room 223 (feel free to bring your dinner).

## **Experience Jesus. Really.**

Thurs. 5:30-7pm | Jan. 15-Feb. 19 | Fireside Room | Hosts: Jim Klepper & Wayne Walters

In today's world, we run the risk of becoming disciples of the Internet. We idolize instant access to a never-ending stream of information & even believe it is giving us a better life. But if that's true, why are so many of us wrestling with increasing levels of anxiety, dissatisfaction, & despair? The fact is we live in a world of weary, skeptical pragmatism & it's keeping us from experiencing God. In *Experience Jesus. Really.*, author John Eldredge guides us away from today's fact-and-information culture & into a pathway of communion with the God who created us for adventure & intimacy with Him. Through stories, practices & prayers, we learn how to transform our ability to hear the voice of Jesus in our everyday lives. Really.

## **New Membership Class**

Date TBD | Contact Pastor David if interested

Curious about becoming a member of Evangel UMC? Just want to know more about Evangel (need not become a member!)? Join the New Membership Class! Pastor David and Jeff Lansdowne (Evangel's pastor and Lay Leader) will cover our spiritual journeys so far, the commitment to follow Jesus, the vows for being a "professing member," the "Methodist" and "Wesleyan" way of discipleship, the history and overview of the Evangel congregation, spiritual gifts, areas of service and anything participants wish to discuss! Come if you are considering joining Evangel, or if you just want to learn more.

## **Life Groups**

Let Pastor David know if you're interested!

Growing in discipleship consistently over time is supported best by a long-term group with others (usually 2-5 others) who are also seeking to grow in their faith. These "life groups" can meet weekly or monthly (or whatever works!) and focus on sharing from the participants' own lives: celebrating victories, discussing struggles, and encouraging each other to grow spiritually. It can be as structured as the group finds helpful. Evangel is seeking to launch two life groups this fall. If you feel this may be just what you're looking for, talk to Pastor David.

## EvangelCares Volunteer Update

We are excited that Evangel has 30 volunteers willing to show their care by lending a hand where there is need! As soon as the background checks are finished, we will begin taking new requests for assistance and sending out volunteer teams. Stay tuned!

We are seeking more volunteers! Please complete the EvangelCares survey: paper surveys are available in a basket near the church entrance or an online version can be found by clicking: [EvangelCaresSurvey](#) . We will also offer more volunteer training sessions in the new year. Talk to Pastor David if interested.



A big "Thank you!" to the nine volunteers who helped with a move in December, assisting someone into a new home. Also, a heart-felt "Thank you!" to all of you for reaching out and extending care and blessing in organic, unstructured and personal ways day by day. We show our care by all we do!

Our ministry of caring is already happening, and we are excited about how God will expand it in the new year.

## You Are Needed: Serve on Sunday Hospitality Teams:

- Greeters
- Ushers
- Scripture readers
- Holy Communion servers
- Hosting coffee and treats
- Staff the Welcome Center
- Outdoor greeters
- Intercessory prayer partners
- Musicians / special music

If you are willing to serve in any of these needs (once a month or what works best for you), please contact Kay Hess or Pastor David.

## Guarding Against Spam and Suspicious Communications

Please remember that legitimate communications from church staff come from your staff's official and established email addresses (or phone numbers):

- Pastor David Werner: [d Werner@evangelum.org](mailto:d Werner@evangelum.org);  
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- Clancy Craven: [ccraven@evangelum.org](mailto:ccraven@evangelum.org)
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If you receive a suspicious text claiming to be a staff member, please call the Church Office at 507-289-4817. Evangel staff will never use email or text to ask for special donations for confidential reasons. If such needs arise, we will only communicate person-to-person, and we will make it clear it is a direct appeal. If you are wondering about a communication from any of us, please start a new communication using our established email addresses/phone numbers and inquire about the suspicious communication.

May the Holy Spirit help us to keep us communicating well!

## Make a Difference! Be a Blessing! – August 2025 newsletter; Bulletin 9/7

Evangel offers help and blessings in a variety of ways. If you are willing to help out in any of these ways, please let the office know and you'll be contacted on how to help:

- Sunday morning hospitality (a variety of ways - just ask!)
- Tech Team (run the worship sideshows, cameras and/or sound for worship)
- Special music (serve on the praise team or offer special music)
- Bible Story Time (connect with day care children, Thursday mornings)
- Kitchen Krew (serve occasional meals)
- Community Dinners (serve meals Wednesday evenings)
- Community Ministries (serve meals at Dorothy Day House)
- Older Folders (Fridays, 11a folding bulletins)
- Evangel Cares (help to home-bound)
- Home Visitor (visit homebound people in their homes)
- Evangel Moves (help people move to a new home)
- Evangel Projects (adopt a project on the building or grounds)
- Gardens and Landscaping (weeding, watering, planting, etc.)
- Office Coverage (answer phones and greet people)
- Funeral receptions (help provide and serve food)





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 Clancy Craven, Assoc. Dir. of Connections & Growth: [ccraven@evangelum.org](mailto:ccraven@evangelum.org)

### **Connections and Growth Calendar for October**

Every Sunday..... Sunday School for all ages at 9:30am  
 Every Sunday ..... Children's Church at 8:30am and 10:30am  
 Every Thursday..... Bible Storytime for Good News Center kids at 9am  
 Tuesday, Jan. 13..... Connections and Growth Team  
 Sunday, January 25..... Unite@ the Rec Center for Ice Skating

### **Giving Tree Brought in an Estimated \$6,000!**

A mom of one of the Good News Children's Center kids—who has experienced extremely hard times in her family this year—wept with joy as she received her family's gifts. Another grandmother hugged those delivering the gifts tightly, with tears in her eyes and deep gratitude in her heart. Other gifts met critical needs, including help with a home repair bill to fix a sink and diapers for young children. Evangel is well known for its generosity, and The Giving Tree outreach is one more beautiful example of that spirit in action. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make Christmas just a little bit brighter for so many this year. You truly made a difference!

### **Unite @ the Rec Center for Ice Skating**

Sunday, January 25 | 3:00–4:30 PM | Rochester Recreation Center (21 Elton Hills Drive NW)  
**This is a free event!**



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January's intergenerational Unite@ activity will take us to the Rochester Recreation Center to twirl, swirl, and glide across the ice as we skate to our hearts' content!

Don't have skates? No problem—skate rentals are available. Families are welcome to bring young children who may wear boots instead of skates, and balance-assist bars will be available for new skaters who may need a little extra help.

And remember—you don't have to skate to join the fun! Come simply to visit, fellowship, and enjoy time with your church family and friends. It will be a wonderful afternoon to relieve the stresses of the world as we skate, connect, and enjoy community together.

A sign up link will be available later this month.

### **Children's Church—Sundays at 8:30a & 10:30a**

All children ages Pre-K to Grade 5 are invited to Children's Church every Sunday at 8:30am & 10:30am in the Children's Library (Room 225). This can be a separate experience from Sunday School or an additional time for our kids to know Jesus! How it works: children attend worship with their parent(s) and are released to Children's Church early in the service. Evangel's Connections & Growth Team provides experiences for kids all Sunday morning long!



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### **Bible Storytime For the Good News Day Care Center - A Hidden GEM at Evangel**

Connections & Growth will kick off the second half of the school year this January continuing to offer the children of the Good News Children's Center "Sunday School" every Thursday from 9-10am. Singing with piano, a memory verse, action rhymes, a Bible story and craft are all included. This is the only opportunity for some of these children to hear the stories of Jesus and his love for them. This ministry is not very visible in our church, but it is truly a GEM. We end the year with a concert of about 20 songs we teach the children throughout the year. About 100 people from the day care including parents, grandparents and siblings attend. Please pray for this ministry and if you would like to join it you may do that also. Contact Jim or Clancy.

## **Evangel Welcomes New Members to the Connections & Growth Team for 2026!**

Connections and Growth Ministries encompass a wide range of ministry areas, including Sunday School, Children's Church, Unite@ events, outreach ministries such as Trunk or Treat, Mega Kids Camp, the Easter Egg Hunt, Mental Health Forums, Nursery Ministries, Camping, all-church celebration Sundays, and so much more.

As we look ahead to 2026, Connections and Growth is thrilled to welcome several new members to our team. Please join us in welcoming Lana Held, Leanne Flodstrom, Jesse Kassel, Zoe Norman, Sheryl Simon and Pastor Stephanie Mettler. We feel truly blessed by this wonderful influx of gifted and dedicated individuals.

We are also excited to announce that Holly Evans will serve as our new Connections and Growth Chair, leading alongside staff members Jim Klepper and Clancy Craven. Holly has been a faithful and committed member of our team for many years and we are confident she will excel in this leadership role.

Finally, we extend our heartfelt thanks to Mark Clark, our outgoing chair, for his many years of leadership and faithful service to the Connections and Growth Team. We wish Mark every blessing in his new role at Evangel as Church Council Chairperson.

## **Nursery Ministry News**

The Evangel Nursery is open and available for families to use. While it is not currently highly utilized, the nursery continues to meet the needs of parents with young children. The nursery is primarily staffed during the 9:30am service and is also open for parent use during the 8:30am and 10:00am services.

Evangel's nursery space is one of the largest and best-equipped in the community, and our goal is to see it filled with children being cared for by loving, trained adults and youth.

If you are interested in volunteering in the Evangel Nursery, please contact Jim Klepper at [jklepper@evangelum.org](mailto:jklepper@evangelum.org) or Clancy Craven at [ccraven@evangelum.org](mailto:ccraven@evangelum.org). We would be delighted to help you get involved.

## **Sunday School Resumes January 4**

After a week break for Christmas and New Year's, Sunday School will resume classes on January 4. We have classes for everyone, whether you are 3 years old or 103 years old! Classes run from 9:30am – 10:25am. Evangel has some of the most dedicated teachers and are ready to serve you and your family. Please plan to be a part of the Evangel Sunday School experience in 2026.

## **Mega Kid's Camp Coming July 13-16 2026 Save the Date!**

Its January, but summers coming! Mega Kids Camp, our summer ministry to our Evangel kids (and kids throughout the community) will be from July 13-16, 2026 at the National Volleyball Center at Century High School. Our 2026 theme will be revealed later this month along with a "save the date" mailing. Be watching for all the excitement! Mega Camp 2026 will be here soon!



## **Revised Edition of the "Safe Sanctuaries" Handbook Completed**

Evangel is a Safe Sanctuaries church, meaning we follow written policies and procedures designed to ensure that Evangel is a safe and welcoming place for children, youth, adults, and those who serve them. With the completion of the revised Safe Sanctuaries Handbook, the Connections and Growth team will also pursue training opportunities in 2026 to ensure that all church volunteers are current with expectations and best practices as we serve together. These policies provide vital, dual protection—safeguarding both the individuals in our care and the volunteers who serve them.

Copies of the updated Safe Sanctuaries Guidebook, along with training dates, will be made available in early 2026.



**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Intergenerational Christmas Program**

A BIG THANK YOU to all who worked so hard to make this year's Intergenerational Christmas program a wonderful Christmas worship experience for everyone!





## Evangel Pre School and Elementary Students Continue to Grow with GROW!

Evangel Sunday School for Pre-K. and elementary children continues to enjoy our new GROW curriculum! Every Sunday children enjoy two distinct opportunities within the Sunday school hour.

**Large Group Time:** Kids start out in a Large Group setting in Room 224 with the room “decked out” to the max with a different theme every month. This 15 – 20-minute opener features music videos, object lessons, activities based on the weekly Bible story along with a short innovative and engaging video! Jim Klepper and Clancy Craven along with some Evangel youth will lead the opening time each week.

**Small Group Classroom Time:** After the Large group opening time, children transition to individual classrooms with their Sunday School teachers to study with their Sunday School teachers. This will reinforce the opening large group time with the weekly Bible story, questions and polls, personal stories, object lessons and activities, moments of reflection and prayer. Classrooms will be grouped by age.

WE invite all kids to GROW with us!

## GROW Large Group Decorating Team Opportunities!

Do you enjoy being creative and working with a small team to support a large group ministry? If so, we'd love for you to help enhance our children's Sunday School experience at Evangel!

We're looking for volunteers to join a monthly decoration team for the GROW large-group Sunday School opening time. Creating a vibrant, engaging environment is vital to setting the stage for each month's teaching, and room atmosphere plays an important role in how children learn and connect.

The commitment is just once a month for about 2–3 hours. Bring your ideas and creative spirit—we'll provide all the materials! It's a lot of fun and a great way to serve.

If you're interested, please contact Jim or Clancy.

Let's go!

## GROW Parent Resources

Our new GROW curriculum has a parent discipleship option in which Jim and Clancy can send parents discipleship resources that coordinate with the weekly lessons our children are learning in Sunday school. Parents tips, videos, at home discipleship activities and suggestions and more are included. Parents of all children PreK – Grade 5 please be looking for a weekly discipleship resource sent to your e mail starting this month of January! At home discipleship is critical in the new culture and new reality in our world. Evangel Children's ministries are here to help! Contact Jim Klepper [jklepper@evangelum.org](mailto:jklepper@evangelum.org) or Clancy Craven [ccraven@evangelum.org](mailto:ccraven@evangelum.org) if you have questions.

## Evangel's Moving Ministry

We are truly blessed to have a dedicated team of volunteers who generously give their time and strength to help members of our congregation transition into new homes.





# CROSSFIRE NEWS

Stephanie Mettler, Youth Minister  
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Hello, church family!

This month during youth group, we learned about the work of Family Promise Rochester and even did a scavenger hunt to supply them with basic toiletries for ten families. We also started mapping out our life stories and talked about what church means. I invite you to send me an email with a story or a thought of your own... What has church meant to you, or what does it mean to you now?

I hope you enjoy these photos below of our youth from the last few weeks. They are a vital part of the fabric of this church, and I want to say thank you for your unwavering dedication to champion our youth and support their growing calls to minister, both inside the church and outside the church.

We look forward to inviting you to join us in our outreach as well within the next few weeks. Stay posted for a video from the youth in January.

Looking forward to all that's ahead in 2026!

- Stephanie

## The Youth Supplied their Acting & Musical Talent's for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Intergenerational Christmas Program on December 14



## Youth Calendar

Jan 9	Youth Small Group, 7-9 PM
Jan 30	Youth Late Night, 7-11 PM
Feb 6	Youth Small Group: 7-9 PM
Feb 14	Youth Serving Saturday Noon Meal @ Christ UMC: ~ 8 AM - 2 PM
Feb 20	Youth Late Night: 7-11 PM

## Calling Adult Volunteers

We're always looking to grow our team—especially anyone with a passion for leading music during our gatherings. If you're interested in helping out in any way, please reach out to Youth Director Stephanie Mettler or a member of the Youth Leadership Team. Your support makes a huge difference!

## Youth Leadership Team

Stephanie Mettler, Lane & Anita Hermanson, Mandi Ellenbaum, Peter Kroneman,  
Jim Klepper & Pastor David Werner

## Mission Team

The Mission Team did not meet in December.

On Sunday, December 28, Lori Braatz visited Evangel and shared in both services. We are excited to announce that Lori will be deploying as a full-time missionary to Honduras beginning in January 2026.

There are several Mission Team changes coming in 2026:

- Jim Cooper retired from the team in December 2025. His dedication, faithful service, and encouraging presence will be greatly missed.
- Becky Pierce is stepping down from her leadership role, and Roger Guderian will be stepping into that position. We are grateful for Becky's leadership and are thankful she will continue serving on the team.

Posted on the Mission Team Bulletin Board (across from room 223) is recent news of the missionaries and missions we support.

The Mission Team's next meeting is January 14, 2026, at 4:00pm in the Fireside Room. Zoom will be available. If you have questions, ideas or want to be involved with the Team, contact any member of the Mission Team: Roger Guderian, Becky Pierce, Bev Morgan, Linda Gregg, Carol Madsen, Colleen Stacey or Pastor David Werner.



### You Can Give to the General Mission Fund By:

1. CHECK: Write 2<sup>nd</sup> 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—2<sup>nd</sup> Mile.
3. QR Code: Scan this QR code with your cellphone and select Missions—2<sup>nd</sup> Mile.

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

## The Power of Prayer!

Evangel has three Prayer Teams:

- Phone prayer chain: Praying for immediate needs when called.
- Email prayer chain: Praying for shared needs when email is received.
- Intercessory Prayer Partners: Praying with people after worship on Sundays.

If you are willing to be a part of a prayer chain, please contact the office to be added. If you are willing to serve as an intercessory prayer partner, please contact Jeff Lansdowne or Pastor David.

"Pray continually." -1 Thess. 5:17

## Wednesday Night Meals

Every Wednesday at 5pm in the Dinette

## Menu for January

Jan. 7  
Pizza & salad

Jan. 21  
Hot dogs, baked  
beans & chips



Jan. 14  
Sloppy joes, chips &  
pickles

Jan. 28  
Chili & cornbread

All meals come with a dessert



# January 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Office Closed	2	3
				6pm Meal hosting at Dorothy Day House 	11a Older Folders	
4 Epiphany	5	6	7	8	9	10
8:15a Prayer for Worship 8:30a Traditional Service 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Contemporary Service	1p Sewing Circle		5p Wed. Night Meal 6:15p Board Games 6:15p Confirmation 6:30p Faith & Works 7:30p Handbells	9a Bible Storytime 7p Choir	11a Older Folders 7p Youth Group (small group)	
11 MN Adult & Teen Challenge	12	13	14	15	16	17
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Evangel Church exists to love God, love others, and be  
Christ's hands and feet in the world.

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## **SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

8:30am Traditional Service  
9:30am Sunday School for children & adults  
10:30am Contemporary Service  
(Children's Church offered at both services)

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

