

Events

Sunday, December 24

10:00 AM Worship
6:00 PM Candlelight Service
No Children or Adult Sunday School

Monday, December 25

4:00 PM Intercessory Prayer @Emerald Oaks
No Dig in Bible Study

Tuesday, December 26

4:30 PM Shekinah Praise Team Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 27

1:30 PM Upper Room @Emerald Oaks
6:00 PM Bell Choir Practice
No Youth Activities during Winter Break

Thursday, December 28

6:00 PM Intensified Prayer @War Room

Friday, December 29

Office Closed

Sunday, December 31

10:00 AM Worship
No Children or Adult Sunday School

Ministry Opportunities

Liturgist,
Greeters,
Ushers,
Acolytes,
Children's
Sermon,

Get
INVOLVED

volunteer to teach Sunday School, providing snacks and meals for 345 Alive, Jr. UMYF, and Sr. UMYF, Shekinah praise team, pick up members who need a ride to worship service, supporting in prayers and many other opportunities available. Sign up at the table in the Narthex.

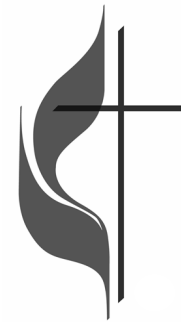
Happy Birthday & Anniversary*

- 24 Vida Krough
Makenna Stevens
Kalla Wilson
*Denny & Brenda Gonzales
- 25 Carol Ensley
- 26 Lois Lowman
- 28 Roger Chism
Allen Jensen
- 29 Aurora Christensen
Justin Mallm
*Clifford & Nancy Hinrich
- 30 Brenda Bell
Darlene Hankey
Taytum Sargent
Dean Ver Mulm

Empowering EFUMC Ministry

General Fund	\$ 4,701.81
Memorial(Choir)	\$ 120.00
Camp Fund	\$ 200.00
VBS	\$ 643.00
Youth Activities	\$ 50.00
Total	\$ 5,714.81
Attendance	132

Thank you for snacks for 345 Alive, suppers for Jr/Sr UMYF, Sunday school teachers, serving on committees, prayers, presence, time, passion, love, and all other ways you serve our church!



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

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4th Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2017, 10:00 AM



Welcome!
We're glad you're here.
When you see the [], people are invited to arise as able.*

Liturgist Marilyn Carlstrom
Acolytes/Ushers Tannya and Isaac Strohman
Organist Rosemary Matthews
Presentation Operator Trenton Ditch

Prelude

Bringing In the Light of Christ

Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting The Ditch Family

*** Call to Worship** (2 Samuel 7, Luke 1:47-55, Luke 1:26-38)

L: Host of Hosts, from sunrise to sunrise,
and generation to generation, we are your people.

**P: You have been with us wherever we have gone.
You will be with us wherever we may go.**

L: You planted us in a land flowing with milk and honey,
then you planted our salvation in Mary's womb.

**P: Jesus, who is the Christ, is planted firmly
in each one of us.**

L: Our souls magnify the Holy One.

P: Our spirits rejoice in God, our Savior.

*** Opening Hymn** UMH #230 "O Little Town of Bethlehem "

*** Opening Prayer** (2 Samuel 7, Luke 1:26-38)

Beloved, Holy Lover,
we welcome you to our house,
the sacred space we have built
to gather together as your people.
Here we come to offer you
our thanksgiving and praise
in response to the abundance
of your creation.
Here we come to share with you
our prayers of confession and petition,
for they lie heavy on our hearts.
Even knowing that you are here
and everywhere,
we come longing to hear you say,
"I am with you always." Amen.

Children's Sermon Sarah Strohman

*** Praise and Worship** Shekinah Praise Team

*** Scripture Reading** 2 Samuel 7:1-6, Luke 1:26-31

Message of Life "Fervently Coming God" Pastor Hojin Shin

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering

*** Doxology** UMH #95 "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

*** Offertory**

*** Closing Hymn** UMH #240 "Hark! The Herald Sing"

*** Blessing**

*** Song of Sending Forth** UMH #224 "Good Christian Friend, Rejoice "

Postlude

"God Is Good! All the Time! Be a Witness!"

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

You are in our prayers:

John & Lana Williams Family, Gene Twait, Carol Ensley,
Rose Spears (Mother of Lynette McGrath), Reba Williams,
Nancy Hinrichs, Steven Malm, Bernice Hersom, Rosie Culbertson, Carol Henderson,
Sharon Hobart, John & Stacey Strohman, Kort Freeman, Scott Sanne (Grandson of
Pearl Whitmore), Devin Morey, Mike & Lea Schipull, Philip Christenson (brother of
Marge Solberg), Jon Williams, Cole McDonough, Curtis Boekemeier, Cindy Kassel, Ted
Strohman, Deb Nissen (sister-in-law of Deb Wickman), Jane Stevens, Lois Lowman,
Adolph Knobloch (Tami Culver's Uncle), Vi Sampson, Joyce Muller, Marjorie Solberg,
including those who have been hospitalized and our military members.

