

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

**This Week at EFCMM
December 25-31, 2016**

We welcome you to our services at EFCMM! Our guests are invited to complete the *Guest Reply* section of this worship folder and drop it off at our Welcome Center after the service – we have a small gift for you!

Welcome and Announcements

“Joy to the World!” ~ #270
“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” ~ #277
“Joyful, Joyful We Adore You” ~ #271

Special Music: “The Unbelievable”
Andrea and Ireen Hilty

Advent Reading: Luke 2:1-20
The Keith & Linda Stranberg Family

Prayer

Offering

Special Music: “What Child Is This?”
Catherine Bloemker

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” ~ #244

Readers Theater: “The Peace of Christmas”
Cindy Belleque, Andrea Hilty, Kristine Rogers, Mari Vesey, Ashley Weaver

“Away in a Manger” ~ #262

Sermon: “Christ Came, You Must Believe in Him!”
I John 5:4-14, 20-21
Page #1023 in the pew Bible

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” ~ #250

Today at EFCMM ~ The Fourth Sunday of Advent

- **Childcare:** There will be NO childcare during worship and NO Kingdom Kids. *Activity packets for children are available in the foyer.*
- **No Youth Group Tonight.**

This Week at EFCMM

- **Holiday Office Hours:** On Tuesday, December 27, and Wednesday, December 28, the church office will be closed.
- **Men’s Group** will meet this Saturday.

Next Sunday, January 1, at EFCMM

- **Sunday Schedule:** January 1 - The New Year’s Day worship service will be a Concert of Prayer, at 10:00 a.m. Childcare will be provided and Kingdom Kids will meet. There will be NO Sunday School or Inner-Mission.
- **Childcare:** Worship – Diana Stahl, Dee Hickman, and Alek Stranberg; Kingdom Kids – Jen Shouer, Ashley Weaver, Caleb Mennen, and Ginny Steingraber
- **Week of Prayer:** January 1 - 8. Elders will be leading prayer meetings in their homes. They will be contacting you.
- **Holiday Office Hours:** The church office will be closed January 3.

Looking Ahead to 2017

- **Youth Retreat:** Friday-Monday, January 13-16, at Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center in Oregon. Cost: \$50.
- **Celebration of Grace:** January 22, 10:00 a.m., followed by lunch at Barnacopia, Sunday, 12:00 p.m. Mark your calendars and watch for a sign-up sheet and additional details.
- **Family Night Outreach ~ Lego Night:** January 26, 6:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Supper, games, and other fun stuff included!
- **Small Groups:** Will resume Sunday, January 29, and Monday, January 30

Please tear off this section to keep as a reference for planning and for praying.

Tuesday

Church Office Closed

Wednesday

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Thursday

1:00 p.m. Ladies’ Bible Study

Saturday

7:00 a.m. Men’s Group

Remember in Prayer

- Laurie Carlson, recovering at home after hip replacement surgery on Monday, December 19
- Cindy Hongsermeier, recovering at home after hospitalization

Thank You Notes

“Thank you so much to the men from the church who chopped, split, and cut wood for our home. As this is how we heat our house, it was much appreciated. As Phil had been sick for several months, helping us catch up on this task made our winter easier.”
–Phil & Sue Salstrom

Worship Team: Lance Mennen, Mary Hilty, Mike Persenaire, Shannon Englert, Andy Barker, Josh & Ashley Weaver, Andrea Hilty