

- **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!
- **Childcare:** Sunday School – Mari Vesey, Katie Sherburne; Worship – Pam Garard, Grace Sherburne, and Quin Kaufman. Kingdom Kids – Ashley Weaver, Heather Stranberg, Ginny Steingraber, and Quin Kaufman. *Children’s activity packets are available in the foyer to use during the service.*
- **Youth Group** will *NOT* meet tonight.

Welcome and Announcements

Special Music: “Christmas Songs of Joy” – Children’s Choir

“The First Noel” – # 265
“As with Gladness Men of Old” – # 290

Advent Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9
Wil & Melissa Clark family

Prayer

Offering

Special Music: “Christmas Angels” – Jody Rozanas

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” – # 279
“Go, Tell It on the Mountain” – # 258

Sermon: “Gossiping the Gospel”
Luke 1:57-80
Page 856 in pew Bible

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear” – # 251

Worship Team: Brett Belleque, Mary Hilty,
Shannon Englert, and Julie Nordman

Today at EFCMM – The Third Sunday of Advent

- **Candlelight Service and Birthday Party for Jesus** will be tonight. The Candlelight Service begins at 6:00 p.m. and our Birthday Party for Jesus will follow. If you are donating a gift for a child through Earth Angels, please bring it and place it under the tree.

This Week at EFCMM

- **Men’s Fellowship Breakfast:** Friday, December 23, 8:30 a.m., at the Garden View Restaurant in Mt. Morris. All men are invited; “Dutch Treat.” Contact Paul Anderson for more information.
- **Youth Christmas Party:** Friday, December 22, 5:30 p.m. at the Dusing home. Bring a white elephant gift and snack to share.

Next Sunday, December 24

- **Sunday Schedule:** Worship service only at 10:00 a.m. There will be *NO* Sunday School or Inner-Mission.
- **Childcare:** *No Sunday School.* Worship – Deb and Becca Steingraber, and Claire Labash. *No Kingdom Kids.*

Next Week at EFCMM

- **Holiday Office Hours:** The church office will be closed Dec. 26 and 27 for the Christmas holiday.

Sign-up Opportunities

- **New Women’s Bible Study** will begin in 2018, *The Bible Project.* Join us Sunday, December 31, for a special kick-off class during the Sunday school hour. Childcare will be provided. Sign up at the Welcome Center if you are interested.
- **Winter Youth Retreat:** Friday-Monday, January 12-15 at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center in Oregon. The cost is \$50 per student. Register online at: <https://tr.im/snowcamp>. Camp will start at 7 p.m. As there is no dinner the first night, students should eat before coming. Parents drop off and pick up students at camp.
- **Missions Trip:** January 28–February 3, 2018 to Corpus Christi, Texas. If interested in learning more, sign up in the Welcome Center.

Church Plant Candidate: On Sunday, January 14, we will introduce Aron Utecht, a candidate to pastor our church plant in Sterling. Aron and his wife Jenn have several years of ministry experience in Nebraska and North Dakota. Our Search Committee and Council of Elders believe that Aron is well-equipped to lead a group of our people to start a new congregation. Look for more information in upcoming weeks.

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

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Ladies’ Prayer Circle

Wednesday

6:00 a.m. Dixon Men’s Prayer

Thursday

7:00 p.m. Council of Elders

Friday

8:30 a.m. Men’s Breakfast
5:30 p.m. Youth Christmas Party

Saturday

7:00 a.m. Men’s Group

Looking Ahead to 2017

- **Week of Prayer:** January 8-11
- **Winter Youth Retreat:** Friday-Monday, January 12-15.
- **Church Plant Candidate:** January 14
- **Celebration of Grace:** Sunday, January 21, 10:00 a.m. The service will include our installation for Logan Murphy as Associate Pastor. Following the morning service, we will have a potluck at Barnacopia.
- **Missions Trip:** Jan. 28-Feb. 3, 2018, to Corpus Christi, TX
- **Small Groups** resume Sunday, January 28.