

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

This Week at EFCMM  
December 25-30, 2017

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!

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### Welcome and Announcements

“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”  
“Angels We Have Heard on High” – # 278

**Advent Reading:** Isaiah 9: 1-7  
Dave & Pam Garard

“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” – # 267

### Prayer

### Offering

**Special Music:** “Breath of Heaven” – Amanda Tauch

**Baby Dedication:** Arlo Belleque

“The Birthday of a King” – # 284  
“Joy Has Dawned”

**Sermon:** “Good News for All People”  
Luke 2:1-21  
Page 857 in pew Bible

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing” – # 277

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**Worship Team:** Bruce McKanna, Mary Hilty,  
Deb Forman, and Kristine Rogers

### Today at EFCMM – The Fourth Sunday of Advent

- **Childcare:** Worship – Deb & Becca Steingraber and Claire Labash. *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 26, and Wednesday, December 27, the church office will be closed.
- **Men’s Group** will meet this Saturday, December 30, at 7:00 a.m.

### Next Sunday, December 31

- **Sunday Schedule:** Worship service only at 10:00 a.m. There will be *NO* Sunday School or Inner-Mission. Our former senior pastor, Tracy Singleton, will be preaching during our worship service.
- **Childcare:** *No Sunday School.* Worship – Todd, Rene, & Micah Wehler. Kingdom Kids – Brett Belleque, Kristine Rogers, Ian Kaufman, and Olivia Stranberg.

### 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, 2018, 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, 2018, we will introduce Aron Utecht as 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

Office is closed.

### Wednesday

Office is closed.

### Saturday

7:00 a.m. Men’s Group

### Looking Ahead to 2018

- **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 to Corpus Christi, TX
- **Small Groups** resume Sunday, January 28.

### Thank You

Thank you for once again showering us with such a generous Christmas gift. Each year we are amazed—thank you so much. We are looking forward to what God will do in and through EFCMM in 2018! Much love,  
*The McKannas*