

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

This Week at EFCMM
January 8-13, 2018

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 and Kendra Oltmanns; Worship – Linda Stranberg, Dee Hickman, and Alek Stranberg. Kingdom Kids – Ashley Weaver, Olivia Steingraber, Jack McKanna, and Catherine Bloemker. *Children’s activity packets are available in the foyer to use during the service.*

Welcome and Announcements

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” – # 210
“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”
“All I Have Is Christ”

Prayer

Offering

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

The Lord’s Supper

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
“Jesus, Thank You”

Sermon: “More than Expected”

Luke 2:21-52
Page 857 in pew Bible

“All Glory Be to Christ”

Worship Team: Logan Murphy, Shannon Englert,
Jody Rozanas, and Rene Wehler

Today at EFCMM

- **Communion Sunday:** An offering box will be in the foyer to receive your *Helping Hand* offering for the needy in our church and community.
- **Church Directory:** Copies of our new 2018 Church Directory are now available at the Welcome Center. One per household, please.
- **Youth Group** will meet tonight at 5:00 p.m.

This Week at EFCMM

- **Week of Prayer:** January 8-11. Please join us as we start the new year in prayer for our church and ministry for 2018. There will be four prayer meetings, each starting at 7:00 p.m. and lasting an hour.
 - Monday, January 8, hosted at the home of Lee & Sue Rogers, Dixon
 - Tuesday, January 9, hosted at the home of Ben & Holly Hilty, Sterling
 - Wednesday, January 10, at EFCMM
 - Thursday, January 11, hosted at the home of Gordy & Ruthie Bell, Oregon
- **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>. If you wish to attend, *you must sign-up by Monday, January 8*. Camp will start Friday at 7 p.m. If there are questions, please contact the church office.

Next Week at EFCMM

- **Church Plant Candidate:** On Sunday, January 14, Aron Utecht, our Sterling church plant candidate, will be visiting with his wife Jenn. The Utechts have several years of ministry experience in Nebraska and North Dakota. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to meet and hear him.
 - Sunday, 8:30 a.m. - Question & Answer session for all adults. All other Sunday School classes will meet as scheduled.
 - Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - Aron will preach during the service.

Important Notice: During our regular Quarterly Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 21, 8:30 a.m., we will vote whether or not to extend a call to Aron Utecht to be the pastor for our Sterling Church Plant. If you are unable to be there, you may pick up an absentee ballot after the worship service on Sunday, January 14. These must be received in the office no later than Friday, January 19. Please note: *only EFCMM members may vote.*

Sign-up Opportunities

- **Celebration of Grace:** Sunday, January 21, 10:00 a.m. Following the morning service, we will have lunch at Barnacopia with catered main dish and sides. Bring a dessert or snack, and a drink. *Please sign up in the Welcome Center so we know how many will attend and what you will bring.*

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

Monday

7:00 p.m. Week of Prayer: Dixon

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Ladies’ Prayer Circle
7:00 p.m. Week of Prayer: Sterling

Wednesday

6:00 a.m. Mt. Morris Men’s Prayer
6:00 p.m. Puppet Team
7:00 p.m. Week of Prayer: Church

Thursday

1:00 p.m. Ladies’ Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Week of Prayer: Oregon

Friday

7:00 p.m. Winter Youth Retreat

Saturday

7:00 a.m. Men’s Group

Contacting Associate Pastor

This past week Logan Murphy assumed his duties in the office. Logan’s email: lmurphy@efcmm.org.

Looking Ahead

- **Small Groups** will resume Sunday, January 28, and Wednesday, January 31.
- **Missions Trip:** January 28–February 3, 2018 to Corpus Christi, Texas.

Thank You!

Thank you for the food, prayers, and cards. All were greatly appreciated. – Eunice Anderson