

Get Involved

The body of Christ can accomplish great things for the glory of God. Please check any boxes of the ministries you want to serve with:

- Greeter
- Usher
- Coffee Prep
- Coffee Cleanup
- Special Events
- Sunday School
- Youth Group
- Nursery
- Children's Church
- Welcome Center
- Women's Ministries
- Community Groups

Prayer Requests

Make this request public on the church wide email prayer chain.

Please place this tear-off into the wooden offering boxes in the back of the Sanctuary.

First-time guests are encouraged to receive their **free gift** at the Welcome Center after the service. Thanks for coming. We are excited you have joined us for worship!

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Welcome to Worship

12/01/24

We join together this morning to worship the LORD through fellowship, singing, praying, and preaching.

Our Mission

Knowing God and Making Him Known

Our Purpose

We are becoming disciples of Jesus Christ.
 We are living as a family of disciples.
 We are making disciples in our community.
 We are raising up disciples to send into the world.

Order of Worship

Worship Through Song

Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)

Advent Candle

The Prophecy Candle — Isaiah 9:2-6

Announcements & Call to Worship

Matthew 1:18-21

Worship Through Song

Christmas Offering
O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Scripture Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

Worship Through Song

Light of the Stable

Sermon Scripture

John 1:14-18

Pastoral Prayer

Psalms 69

Worship Through the Word

"The Word Became Flesh and Dwelt Among Us"
 Pastor Randy Anderson

Worship Through Song

Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

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 Knowing God and making Him known.



“The Word Became Flesh and Dwelt Among Us”

Pastor Randy Anderson
John 1:14-18

We are to be sure we recognize with wonder the person who is celebrated as being born in Bethlehem of Judea.

- Christmas is about the Word becoming flesh and dwelling among us.

- Christmas is about the Word.

It is about the aseity of the Word.

It is about the relational nature of the Word.

It is about the deity of the Word.

It is about the creative power of the Word.

It is about the life-giving nature of the Word.

This is the person born into the world in Bethlehem of Judea.

Announcements

Children’s Christmas Program

We invite you to the Children's Christmas Program on Sunday, December 8th at 6pm in the sanctuary. Come early for the prelude. Cookies and hot apple cider will be served following the program.

Youth Group Christmas Party

All youth group students are invited to join us for our annual Christmas Party! The Christmas Party will be Friday, December 13th. The MS YG Christmas Party will be from 6-11PM & the HS YG Christmas Party will be from 8PM-8AM. Please RSVP to Pastor Tanner by December 12th. Additional adult leaders will be needed for this evening - please reach out to Pastor Tanner if you'd be willing to help out.

Impact EFCA High School Youth Group Conference

Impact is the annual High School Weekend Winter Conference led and planned by the EFCA Central District. This conference is for 9th-12th grade students and youth leaders. The event takes place in Coralville, Iowa at the Hyatt Regency Hotel Conference Center. Your high school student can plan to join us January 3rd-5th. The cost is \$100 (non-refundable) which includes: transportation, lodging, and meals. Register by December 13th.

Women's Ministries January Bible Study Options:

Thursday mornings from 9-11 AM starting January 9th. We will study *Seeking Him: Experience the Joy of Personal Revival* by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth and Tim Grissom. Childcare is provided through age 5. The cost is \$15. Registration is required and can quickly be done in the online bulletin using this link.

Tuesday evenings at church from 7:00-8:30 PM starting January 7th and then every other Tuesday. We will continue the study of *Habakkuk* by Lydia Brownbeck started in September. Please contact Mary Lynne to register.

Nursery Volunteer Schedule

12/1/24
9am—Natalie I, Jean B, Kenzie B, Claire J, Lexi V
10:30am— Amy J, Sheri T

12/8/24
9am— Amber W, Clara G, Mariah W, Jacob B
10:30am— Bev H, Sheri T

Children’s Church Schedule

12/1/24: Lee D, Jen B, Rae Ann V
12/8/24: Erin W, Anne H, Michaela R

Weekly Outlook

Sunday, December 1

9:00 am Sunday Worship
10:30 am Sunday School
4:00 pm Living Hope EFC Worship
5:00 pm Ensemble Practice in the music room
6:00 pm Christmas Program Practice
6:00 pm Evening Worship
7:00 pm High School Youth Group

Monday, December 2

6:30 am Men’s Bagel Boy Discipleship
Noon Men’s Discipleship at Church

Tuesday, December 3

6:30 am Corporate Prayer at Church

Wednesday, December 4

6:25 pm AWANA
6:30 pm Adult Bible Study at Church
6:30 pm Middle School Youth Group

Thursday, December 5

6:15 am Men’s Discipleship at Church

Saturday, December 7

7:00 am Men’s Discipleship at Josiah’s Coffeeshouse
9:00 am Children’s Christmas program rehearsal

Sunday, December 8

9:00 am Sunday Worship
10:30 am Sunday School
4:00 pm Living Hope EFC Worship
5:30 pm Children’s Christmas Program
7:00 pm High School Youth Group

First Free 411

Projection & Livestream Help

Our AV team needs a couple of people to help in the booth once a month. One would be helping with the slides, and the other would help with the live stream. No experience is needed - we will train. If you are interested, please stop and talk with Kurt Johnson or contact the church office.

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to everyone for a successful collection week. Bless you!

Awana Updates

Awana Store will continue to collect items for the store until December 11th. Thank you for all your donations.

Connect With Us 12/01/24

- 1st-time Guest 2nd-time Guest
- Regular Attender Member
- Visitor Other

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Others in Attendance

Respond

- I Want to Become a Christian
- I Want to Get Baptized
- I Want to Become a Member
- I Want to Talk to a Pastor



Scan this code with your phone’s photo app to sign your connection card virtually!

Joy To The World / Unspeakable Joy

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Joy to the world, the Lord is come
Let earth receive her king
Let every heart prepare Him room

And Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven, and Heaven and nature sing

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns
That all their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains

Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

Joy, unspeakable joy
An overflowing well
No tongue can tell
Joy, unspeakable joy
Rises in my soul, never lets me go

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness

And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders of His love

Joy, unspeakable joy
An overflowing well
No tongue can tell
Joy, unspeakable joy
Rises in my soul, never lets me go

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel/My Deliverer

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O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Branch of Jesse's stem,
unto your own and rescue them!
From depths of hell your people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

My Deliverer is coming
My Deliverer is standing by
My Deliverer is coming
My Deliverer is standing by

Joseph took his wife and her child
And they went to Africa
To escape the rage of a deadly king
There along the banks of the Nile
Jesus listened to the song
That the captive children used to sing
They were singing

My Deliverer is coming
My Deliverer is standing by
My Deliverer is coming
My Deliverer is standing by

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

Christmas Offering

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Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star
While angels sang to lowly shepherds
Three wise men seeking truth traveled from afar
Hoping to find the child from Heaven
Falling on their knees
They bowed before the humble Prince of Peace
I bring an offering of worship to my King
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due
Oh Lord I bring an offering to You
I bring an offering to You
The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love
There is no shadow in Your presence
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne
Before the Holy One of Heaven
It's only by Your blood it's only through Your mercy
Lord I come
I bring an offering of worship to my King
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due
Oh Lord I bring an offering to You
(Oh Lord I bring an offering to You)

Light of the Stable

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Hail, hail to the newborn King
Let our voices sing Him our praises
Hail, hail to the guiding Light
That brought us tonight to our Savior

Chorus

Halle, hallelujah
Halle, hallelujah
Halle, hallelujah
Halle, hallelujah

Come now, let it shine so bright
To the knowing Light of the stable
Kneel close to the Child so dear
Cast aside your fear and be thankful

Hail, hail to the newborn King
Let our voices sing Him our praises
Hail, hail to the guiding Light
That brought us tonight to our Savior. **Chorus**

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Hail, hail to the guiding Light
That brought us tonight to our Savior. **Chorus**

Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

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Sing we the song of Emmanuel
This the Christ who was long foretold
Lo in the shadows of Bethlehem
Promise of dawn now our eyes behold
God Most High in a manger laid
Lift your voices and now proclaim
Great and glorious Love has come to us
Join now with the hosts of heaven

Come we to welcome Emmanuel
King who came with no crown or throne
Helpless He lay the Invincible
Maker of Mary now Mary's son
O what wisdom to save us all
Shepherds sages before Him fall
Grace and majesty what humility
Come on bended knee adore Him

Go spread the news of Emmanuel
Joy and peace for the weary heart
Lift up your heads for your King has come
Sing for the Light overwhelms the dark
Glory shining for all to see
Hope alive let the gospel ring
God has made a way He will have the praise
Tell the world His name is Jesus **(Repeat)**
Gloria Gloria
Gloria Gloria