

The Evangelical Covenant Church believes the Bible is the Word of God and the only perfect rule for faith, doctrine, and conduct. We believe in the necessity of the New Birth, and a continuing life in fellowship with our Living Lord, Jesus Christ.

We believe that the fellowship of Christians strengthens us for the ministry of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which is our task until the return of our Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Julotta: Next Sunday, Christmas Day, we will gather at 7:00 am for our traditional Julotta service. Please join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord with Scripture, prayer, and carols.

Julotta Coffee Cake Sign-Up: If you are willing to bring a coffee cake for our Christmas morning Julotta breakfast please place your name on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Advent Dinners: Our last Advent Dinner will be this Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Dinner will be provided. A brief devotion and prayer will follow.

Christmas Card Tree: If you would like to send a Christmas greeting to the members and friends of the church please place your card in the basket in the narthex.

Christmas Open House: You are invited to Marlin & Nancy Seeman's (1719 L Street, Aurora) for a **Christmas Open House**, this afternoon starting at 3:00 pm. Please park in the street or at the library, leaving the driveway clear for people wanting to drop off individuals.



December 18, 2016

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Fourth Sunday in Advent

Welcome

We Gather in God's Name

The Fourth Advent Candle

The fourth candle on the Advent Wreath is lit as a symbol of purity. May the Holy Spirit purify us so that we might be ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy. O come, O come Emmanuel!

We Prepare Our Hearts

*Blue Hymnal #130 *"Come, You People of the Promise"*
*Invocation and *"Advent Lord's Prayer"*

We Hear God's Word

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 Old Testament, p. 340
Luke 1:26-38 New Testament, p. 77

Choir *"Meet Him at the Manger"*

Message: "God Is with Us"

We Respond to God's Grace

*Blue Hymnal #123 *"O How Shall I Receive You"*
Prayer
Offering/Offeratory

We Are Sent Forth with God's Blessing

*Bulletin Insert *"Go Now In Peace"*

Blessing

*Stand if you are able

Update

Week of December 18 - December 25, 2016

Sunday, December 18, 2016

8:30 AM Adult Sunday School
10:00 AMWorship
NO Fellowship Hour
3:00 PM Christmas Open House
at Marlin & Nancy Seeman's

Wednesday, December 21, 2016

6:30 PM Advent Supper (meal provided)
NO Choir

Sunday, December 25, 2016

7:00 AM "Julotta"
8:00 AM Birthday reception for Carol Thomas
Nursery - Nancy Salmon Greeters - Covenant Women

You are invited to an 80th birthday reception for Carol Thomas next Sunday Morning, December 25th, following our 7:00 am Julotta Service. This celebration is being provided by her family. Please feel free to bring a birthday card for Carol.

Serving In Worship

Pastor - Karl Larson
Organist - Lorey Wadell Pianist - Maxine Lewin
Scripture Reader - Tina Larson
Sound - Steve Pawley
Nursery - Marsha Pawley