

We believe 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 we "are blessed to be a blessing." We seek to **BLESS** others as we:

- Begin with prayer,
- Listen with care,
- Eat together,
- Serve with love, and
- Share our story.

You are invited to our Advent Wednesday Evening Dinners: December 5th, 12th, and 19th. Supper (provided) will be followed by a brief devotional and prayer.

Please bring your "Giving Tree" gifts to church by next Sunday, December 9th, with the "ornament" attached.

Thank you!

Christmas Program: Sunday, December 9th: You are invited to attend the Christmas program at 5:00 pm next Sunday, December 9th. A supper will follow.

Young-at-Heart will meet on Tuesday, December 11th, at 10:00 am. Please bring a grab gift (wrapped, but no tag) worth no more than \$5.00 for our "Yankee Swap." A dinner will follow here at the church.

Our Christmas Open House will be at the Wadell farm on Sunday, December 16th, beginning at 4:00 pm.

New Address: Ralph and Joyce Sturdy
7207 Pioneers Blvd. Apt 932
Lincoln, NE 68506

Thank You to Pastor Karl, Carol Thomas, and Mo & Jo Galemeier for "Ringing the Bell" for the Salvation Army at the Aurora Mall on Friday evening.



Come
long expected
JESUS

December 2, 2018

Evangelical Covenant Church
1009 First Street
Aurora, NE 68818
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First Sunday of Advent

Welcome

We Gather in God's Name

We light the first candle on the Advent Wreath as a symbol of expectation. May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way of salvation. O come, O come, Emmanuel!

We Prepare Our Hearts

Prelude - "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Two Piano:
Marsha Pawley and Lorey Wadell

* Gathering - #146: *Joy to the World*
#183: *Emmanuel*

* Invocation and "Advent Lord's Prayer" (insert)

We Hear God's Word

Jeremiah 33:14-16 Old Testament, p. 860
Luke 21:25-36 New Testament, p. 115

Choir - "Hope Has Hands"

Message - "Shine a Little More Brightly"

We Respond to God's Grace

*Hymn #122: *O Zion, Acclaim Your Redeemer!*

Confession of Sin/Words of Assurance
Prayer

Offering/Offeratory - "Star of the East" Two Piano:
Marsha Pawley and Lorey Wadell

Communion

We Are Sent Forth with God's Blessing

* Hymn #140: *Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring*
* Blessing

*Stand if you are able

Update

Week of December 2 - December 9, 2018

Sunday, December 2, 2018

8:30 am..... Adult Sunday School
10:00 am..... Worship/Children's S.S./Communion
11:00 am..... Fellowship Hour
2:00 pm Baby Shower Tabitha (Monter) Metcalf

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

6:30 pm Advent Supper (meal provided)
7:30 pm Christmas program practice

Saturday, December 8, 2018

11:00 am..... John Green Memorial Service

Sunday, December 9, 2018

8:30 pm Adult Sunday School
10:00 pm Worship/Children's Sunday School
11:00 pm Fellowship Hour

Greeters - The Larson's

Nursery - Juanita Regier

Children's Sunday School - Nancy Seeman

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor - Karl Larson

Leader - Marsha Pawley

Reader - Michelle Small

Organ - Lorey Wadell

Piano - Maxine Lewin

Trumpet - Elizabeth Larson

Choir - Ashley Lawton

Sound - Steve Pawley

Projection - Jeri Willis

Nursery - Tina, Elizabeth, and Ella

Children's Sunday School - Kim Crabtree

Children's Sunday School - Butch & Maxine Lewin