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It's no secret that I'm a fan of the Minnesota Twins. Since the first game of the 1987 season, I've followed my team, sometimes more, sometimes less, regardless of their season record. Last season was depressing... ending with the worst record in baseball. But, now— wow! This season brings smiles to Twins fans, as the team keeps finding itself rising to the top of the American League Central Division. Worst to first— something to cheer about! (No matter how long it lasts.)

And that's the story of our faith, too. God takes situations that seem hopeless and agonizing... and transforms them so they're filled with hope and joy.

Jesus' journey through Holy Week and death by crucifixion was transformed by Easter's resurrection life.

The depression experienced by Jesus' followers with the loss of their leader was transformed when the Holy Spirit empowered them to continue Christ's ministry and God's mission, beginning at Pentecost.

God does wonders in our lives, too. God loves each of us at our worst... And forgives us, makes us part of God's family, and calls us to be a blessing to others. God takes situations that feel like "the worst" and transforms them into "firsts"— blessings beyond our expectations. So we cheer, "Alleluia!"

In the Spirit,

Pastor Evelyn

"It is pleasing to God
whenever you rejoice or laugh from the bottom of your heart."

Martin Luther

Mission Interpreter Ministry

What do Mission Interpreters do? They share with others how we, individually and together, make a difference in the lives of others through our giving of our time, our talents, and our resources. Mission Interpreters are tellers of stories. They connect the people in the pews to the ministries of the congregation, the community, the synod, and the church as a whole by telling stories of mission.

How do they do that? Mission interpreters work with Pastors, church councils, committees, Sunday School classes, Confirmation classes, and groups affiliated with the church. They provide resources to the church, resources for projects, bulletin inserts, mission support, and more. They can give Temple Talks and Children's Sermons. While Mission Interpreters' messages are always mission based and may reference Bible passages, they do not preach the Gospel. That's Pastor's job!

What is the main message of the Mission Interpretation Ministry? Mission Interpreters remind us how we all make a difference in Christ's mission and the work of the church. They thank people for their work and contributions. They give guidance in doing God's work through the congregation, community, our synod, our churchwide organization (ELCA), and our mission partners. Mission interpreters help members of the congregation see how they are **personally** connected to mission and ministry locally (congregation), regionally (Synod), and churchwide (ELCA).

As a Mission Interpreter, and each church should have it's own Interpreter, my part is to work with my church, Evangelical Lutheran and the Synod.

Carroll Eckman

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is on break for the summer. Classes will resume in September. Watch for dates and times in upcoming newsletters and Sunday bulletins.



Carefree Living Worship

Worship service will be held at 2PM on Sunday, June 11, 2017 at Carefree Living. If you are interested in helping in some way (reader, or serving coffee an'), please contact Jo Langan (218-827-2353). All Carefree Living residents and their families, all church members and neighbors, all are welcome!

Ruby's Pantry—Sharing the Love of Christ through food

Ruby's Pantry will hold a food share distribution at the Babbitt Municipal Center on Saturday, June 24th. Registration begins at 9:30AM and distribution at 10:00AM. The cost is \$20. Bring two containers to carry your food share. Volunteers are always needed, no special training required; please come at 8:00AM.

Upcoming Scripture Readings.....

Jun	4	John 20:19-23
	11	Matthew 28:16-20
	18	Matthew 9:35-10:8
	25	Matthew 10:24-39
Jul	2	Matthew 10:40-42
	9	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
	16	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
	23	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
	30	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Confirmation Service Opportunities

Some upcoming service opportunities:

- Help with watering the Geraniums this summer. Sign up sheet is in the narthex.
- Ruby's Pantry, 4th Saturday of each month, 8am—noon+ (get 4+ hours each time).
- VLM Day Camp at BELC, Mon-Fri Aug 7-11, approx 9am-3pm (ends at noon on Friday). Students who have completed 8th grade can get 20+ hours in one fun week, helping the VLM counselors.

2017 Confirmation Kick-off +

Rachel Kurtz in Concert— FREE!

Wed Sept 13, 6:30-8:00pm at Messiah Mt. Iron
Come and be inspired by this wonderful Lutheran musician and speaker! Rachel has performed at several ELCA Youth Gatherings. Confirmation youth, high school youth, all ages are encouraged to come. Sponsored by Laurentian Youth Leadership. Pastor Evelyn will be driving, please let her know if you need a ride.

This Changes Everything—2018 ELCA Youth Gathering

“By grace you have been saved...” *Ephesians 2:8*

June 27 to July 1, 2018, youth and adults from across our nation will gather in Houston, Texas for the ELCA Youth Gathering. Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service, and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

But first, we will start with the Synod Journey, June 23-26 in Galveston, TX, where we will begin our mission of helping others. We'll board charter buses in the Quad Cities and caravan with other buses from across Northeastern Minnesota Synod to Galveston Island. We also will worship, do service, and have great fellowship with the youth of the NE MN Synod.

All youth currently in grades 8-11 (2016-17 school year) can be part of this faith

experience. Group Registration begins Sept 15, 2017.

The cost for the 2018 Synod Journey and ELCA Youth Gathering will be roughly \$1,205, which includes transportation, lodging, Gathering registration, and some meals. With all meals, offerings, and spending money, the full cost should be no more than \$1,600 for June 23 through our return on July 2 (10 days).

This isn't a trip everyone will want to be part of, but I know several families in our parish that would like to give their youth the opportunity to be part of this event. We'll try to find fundraisers to help with the costs, especially looking for ways people outside our congregations can contribute.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Call or text 218-404-5303 or email eweston@luthersem.edu.

Pastor Evelyn



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Plus other events to be planned.....

Do you have an idea for a Evangelical Hope Parish Youth event? We would like to hear from you! Please submit your ideas to Stan Dow, Jr at Hope or Donna McKibbon at Evangelical. Events take 60-90 days to plan so please let us know early if you have an idea for a youth event.

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Evangelical contact info: phone 218-827-2659 or email belca2659@frontier.com.

PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY!

The Parish Pictorial Directory is being rescheduled for fall; dates have not yet been determined. Professional photographers from LifeTouch will take photos of both our churches. Your "family" can have their photo taken at either church. Sign-up for photo sessions will happen through LifeTouch, online and by phone. Additional information on how to do this will be provided at a later date.

If you have family (like college students) home for the summer who can't be

here this fall, you may be able to have your family's photo taken at a LifeTouch photo session at another church in our area this summer. Churches having LifeTough photo sessions this summer are listed in below.

There is no cost to have your family's photo taken for the directory. The finished directory will have a section for each church, and will be a great way for parish members to connect faces and names.

We hope every "family" (one person or larger family) will be pictured in this directory!

Salem Lutheran Church
4715 Hermantown Rd.
Hermantown, MN
June 26th—June 30th

St. Joseph's
113 4th Street
Chisholm, MN
May 20th—October 7th

Lutheran Church of the Cross
5064 County Road 13
Nisswa, MN
May 9th—September 14th

Queen of Peace
102 4th St.
Cloquet, MN
May 24th—June 7th

Immanuel Lutheran
4656 State 200 NW
Walker, MN
July 18th—July 19th



Pentecost Sunday, June 4th, Pr. Paul Buettner preaching

RED geraniums will decorate the sanctuary on June 4th to show the Holy Spirit is at work in our church. Please wear RED to show the Holy Spirit is at work in our hearts.

Day Camp Word Search

BELC DAY CAMP
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 FUN
 BIBLE STORIES
 SINGING
 CRAFTS
 GAMES
 TELL YOUR FRIENDS
 AND FAMILY
 FREE

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There are more words hidden in this puzzle! Children ages 5-11 will receive a coupon for an ice cream cone at Blomberg’s by returning their completed puzzle to the church office by June 23rd. Office hours are T-F, 10am-1:30pm. Extra puzzle copies are available in the church narthex. Words are vertical and horizontal only. Limited to 1 entry per child.

Annti Lepisto Memorial Lecture Series, June 4th , 2PM

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Northeastern Minnesota Synod, Laurentian Conference invites you to attend the first in a series of seminars entitled *The Annti Lepisto Memorial Lecture Series*. This series is designed to be of interest to both ministry and lay people. The first seminar begins at 2PM on Sunday, June 4, 2017 at First Lutheran Church, 1100 E. Superior St, Duluth MN. The guest speaker is Karen M. Lewis, author and Associate Professor at Luther Seminary. The title of her message is “Living Life Abundantly: Bringing God’s Grace to the world God Loves.” We hope you will attend.

PV for Phebe Update

By Mary Jo Mettler, reprinted from the May 2017 Northeastern Lights newsletter

What a joy to write this update!!! The six-member RREAL team left Minneapolis/St. Paul airport on March 20 and arrived in Monrovia March 22. They spent their first night at the Lutheran compound in Monrovia and traveled to Phebe the next day.

First task was to unload the two 40-foot containers that had been shipped by Global Health Ministries and inventory all the items. Then the work began. Holes for the supports for the racking had to be dug by hand. In one report a team member said that local people stood in line for the chance to earn \$5 per day digging holes. Then came the concrete mixing. There are no cement trucks in Liberia, so the cement had to be mixed by hand and transported by wheelbarrows into the holes. The local workers worked side by side with the RREAL team assembling the racking and panels.

Keep in mind that the daily temperature there is 90 degrees and the humidity is 100 percent this time of year. When I was there, any water for bathing (no showers) had to be heated over a fire or on a stove. But maybe after a day of working in those conditions they looked forward to cold water bathing.

They have reported that the work is going extremely well. They are wrapping up the electrical work. It will be interesting to hear about connecting the new technology to the existing system that is probably quite old technology.

The team will be stateside early next week so as I get more information I will post it on our Northeastern MN Synod Women of the ELCA Facebook page. I have already posted some pictures there. Be sure to check them out.

There is still work to be done. The system will be monitored by RREAL via computers and satellite connections and a follow-up trip will take place late fall to do any needed fine tuning, make the hospital and nursing school more energy efficient. We will also have the formal commissioning of the system at that time. There are several of us who plan to go along on that trip. If you are interested in traveling with us, let me know.

RREAL will have an exhibit at the Triennial Gathering. Be sure to stop by and say hi to Jason and BJ. If you are attending Synod Assembly, we will be giving a workshop where you can get all the latest information.

Thanks go to all of you for the fundraising you've done, your prayers, your sharing information and hosting presentations and so many other things that made this project a reality. I feel truly blessed to have all of you in my life. I told you when we began this journey that we were about to change the world. Jason Edens tells me there have been nearly 100 inquiries for other installations. Thanks for following this crazy lady.

Money for the Phebe Solar Project is still needed to complete the project. Continue to send your donations to the Synod Office at NE Minnesota Synod, 1105 Superior Street, Duluth MN 55802. Write "Phebe Solar Project" on the memo line.

**Council Meeting Minutes
Evangelical Lutheran Church
May 10, 2017**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Council President Sader, followed by opening prayer.

Present were: Roxanne Sader, Edna LaFrenier, Morgan Klatt, Don Negley, LuAnn Smith and Pastor Weston.

Absent were: Bud Fish, Barb Richtsmeier, Shanna Sunblad

Motion by Morgan Klatt, support by Edna LaFrenier to adopt the agenda. Carried.

Motion by Edna Don Negley, support by Shanna Morgan Klatt to accept the Secretary's Report. Carried.

Motion by Don Negley, support by LuAnn to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and place on file. Carried.

Old Business

None

New Business

Graduates will be recognized on Sunday May 21, 2017. Motion by LuAnn Smith support by Morgan Klatt. Carried. Council will purchase cake and serve for Coffee An' following services.

Motion by Edna LaFrenier support by Morgan Klatt to donate \$200.00 to World Hunger in lieu of a quilt donation for auction at the synod assembly. Carried.

Motion by Edna LaFrenier support by Don Negley to discontinue advertising in the Range Directory at a cost of \$240.00 per year. Carried.

Pastor's Report and Committee Reports were reviewed and accepted.

Summer meetings will be Wednesday June 14th, Wednesday July 12th, and Wednesday August 16th. All meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m.

June Communion Assistant: Barb Richtsmeier

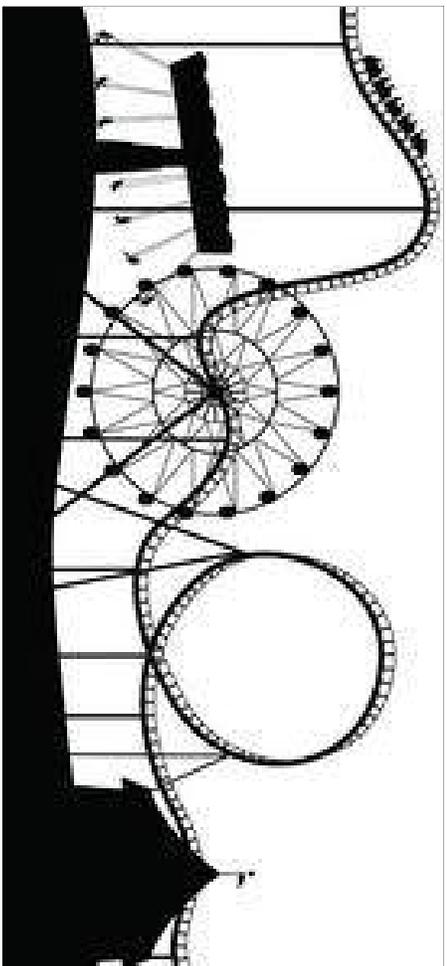
June Usher: Ed LaFrenier

Motion to adjourn by LuAnn Smith, support by Morgan Klatt at 7:50 p.m. followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

LuAnn Smith

Church Council Secretary



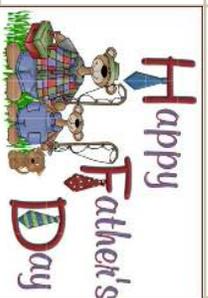
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4 Pentecost Sunday 8:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion. Pr. Paul Buehner preaching 9:30 AM Coffee Ar'	5	6	7 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours 2:00 PM Worship & Music Committee meets 7:00 PM WELCA Synodical Convention	8 WELCA Synodical Convention 8:30 AM TOPS	9 No Pastor's Office Hours 3:00 PM WELCA Synodical Convention concludes	10 Rudy's Pantry at Babbitt Municipal Center 8:00 AM Volunteers 9:30 AM Registration 10:00 AM - 11:30 PM Distribution
11 Holy Trinity Sunday 8:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion 9:30 AM Coffee Ar' 2:00 PM Carefree Living Worship	12	13	14 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours 6:30 PM Council Meeting	15 8:30 AM TOPS	16 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours 1:00 PM Carefree Living Communion	17
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**“Pray, and let God worry”
*Martin Luther***

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