



# Evangel

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### Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Growing up on the Iron Range, almost everyone I knew was white. One classmate was Korean-American. I occasionally saw people of other races in the Cities. I was shocked when one of my college roommates was an African-American exchange student from the state of Virginia. I learned a lot about myself that semester.

I see God's values when I study the Bible. Even though the Jews of his time hated their Samaritan neighbors, Jesus made a Samaritan the hero in one famous parable (Luke 10:25-37). One of Moses' wives was a Cushite— a black African, and God defended their relationship (Numbers 12:1-15). The Apostle Paul wrote, "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28); Colossians 3:11 is similar and includes "Scythians"— nomads from Iran.

As a child I sang, "Jesus loves the little children... red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight." As an adult, I sing, "Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be. All children of the living God are surely kin to me." We are called by God to love, encourage, and protect people of all nations and all skin colors— citizens, immigrants, and refugees.

Our faith challenges us to not be silent. Christ calls us to speak out against violence and racism, and embrace the human diversity that God created.

In Christ,

*Pastor Evelyn*

"We believe that all men are created equal  
because they are created in the image of God."

*President Harry S. Truman*

## Statement of Lutheran Clergy Rejecting White Supremacy, Terrorism, and Violence

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" –Revelation 7:9-10.

We the undersigned, as Lutheran pastors and other Lutheran leaders who believe that God's grace is for "all tribes and peoples and languages," publicly condemn white supremacy as well as terrorism of every kind.

Lutheran Pastor Martin Niemoller was imprisoned by the Nazis in 1938 because of his opposition to their platform and only released when the concentration camps were liberated by the Allies in 1945. Initially a supporter of Hitler and in the years preceding the war often indifferent towards, and at times intolerant of, his Jewish neighbors, Niemoller was by no means a perfect witness. Yet he nevertheless eloquently expressed the guilt and grief he felt at his lack of empathy and action and offered a warning to future generations in his widely quoted poem:

First they came for the Socialists,  
and I did not speak out –  
Because I was not a Socialist.  
Then they came for the Trade Unionists,  
and I did not speak out –  
Because I was not a Trade Unionist.  
Then they came for the Jews,  
and I did not speak out –  
Because I was not a Jew.  
Then they came for me –  
and there was no one left to speak for me.

As Lutheran clergy, we recognize our tradition's difficult history regarding racism and bigotry. Some, such as Dietrich Bonhoeffer, were quick to respond to and oppose the rise of Nazism in mid-twentieth-century Germany. Others, such as Niemoller, responded over time. Still others sacrificed their faith to nationalistic fervor that betrayed the inclusive nature of the Gospel and became complicit with oppression and violence. Similarly, we are poignantly aware of Martin Luther's vision of the expansive nature of God's love for the world and his contradictory and painful failure to apply that vision to all people, resulting in hateful and destructive attacks against his Jewish neighbors. In North America, some Lutherans supported slavery of African American, white supremacy, and oppression of Native Americans.

For this reason, we recognize that we are not perfect witnesses against white supremacy and terrorism. Nevertheless, in light of the recent violence in Charlottesville and the ominous rise of white supremacy nationally, we feel

called to state as clearly and forcibly as possible our unequivocal opposition to racism and bigotry, our condemnation of hate-based violence, and our commitment to work strenuously for greater acceptance and equality in our congregations and communities. As leaders of Christian communities whose Lord has commanded that we care always for "the least of these" (Matt 25:40), we pledge our support to those who are oppressed because of their faith, race, ethnicity, gender, disability, or sexuality. When God declares God's love for the world (John 3:16), it is for the whole world.

While we speak from our particular faith tradition, we believe our convictions stem also from our status as U.S. citizens. In a 1790 letter to "The Hebrew Congregation at Newport, RI," George Washington expressed his hope that the new nation would offer the world an enlarged moral vision:

It is now no more that toleration is spoken of as if it were the indulgence of one class of people that another enjoyed the exercise of their inherent natural rights, for, happily, the government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens in giving it on all occasions their effectual support.

A slave owner to his death, Washington also was not a perfect witness, yet he managed to offer eloquent testimony to his vision for a country where bigotry and persecution would find no refuge and tolerance would not be the exception but the norm.

Therefore, as both Christian leaders and American citizens who cherish the freedoms of belief, assembly, and speech this country protects, we call upon all leaders – religious, civic, and corporate – to speak out in the clearest of terms to oppose racism, bigotry, and violence whenever and wherever it may happen. Neither our words nor our actions will be perfect, and we will fall short of ideals. Yet speak and act we must, once more dedicating ourselves to the cause of giving "bigotry no sanction [and] persecution no assistance." For when we remain silent, the whole nation suffers and we betray our responsibilities as stewards of the unparalleled religious and political freedoms our nation affords.

*+written by **The Rev. Dr. David Lose**, Sr Pastor at Mount Olivet LC, Mpls; former President of Philadelphia Lutheran Seminary, former Professor of Preaching at Luther Seminary;*

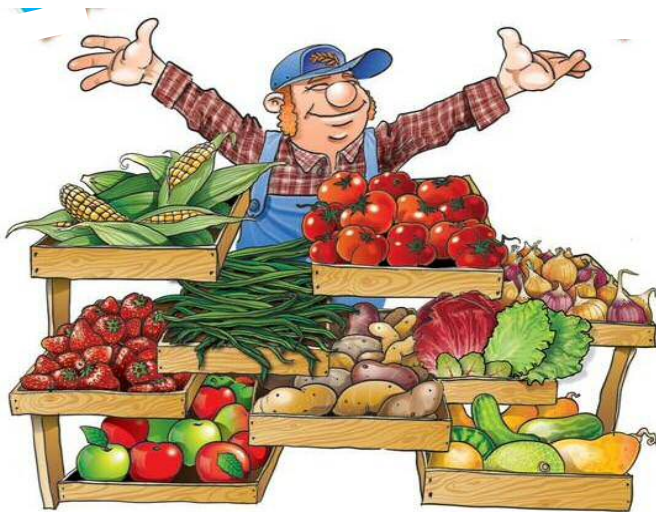
*and **The Rev. Dr. Rolf Jacobson**, Professor of Old Testament, Luther Seminary.*

Signatures of 2100+ Lutheran Pastors & Deacons (as of Aug21) including **Bishop Thomas Aitken-NE MN Synod ELCA**  
**Pastor Evelyn J.P. Weston-Evangelical Hope Lutheran Parish**

# Babbitt Area Farmers Market



Thursdays 4:30—6:30 pm  
June 15—Mid-September



Woodland Presbyterian Church  
20 Acacia Road, Babbitt, MN



Interested in being a vendor?  
Call Frank at 218-290-5417

## Hibbing Christian Women's Retreat

September 23rd at the Abundant Life Church, 1637 East 40th Street, Hibbing. Guest speaker Kimberly Nyborg of radio station Psalm FM in I'Falls will speak of Forgiveness & Jesus make me a change agent. Tickets are \$10. 8:30am Registration and coffee, 9:00am program, lunch following. R.S.V.P. to 218-969-3968.

## Celebration for Changing Lives

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota is hosting a Celebration for Changing Lives, Saturday, September 23rd at the Marriott City Center in Minneapolis. Dinner will be followed by live music, inspiring stories of lives changed and an auction. Tickets are \$90/person. Register online at [lssmn.org/celebration/](http://lssmn.org/celebration/).

## Babbitt Confirmation Orientation

Wed Sept 6, 6:30pm in the Library Lounge. Classes will be most Wednesdays 2:30-4pm, September through early February.

This year our focus will be on learning about God's love for all people through Old Testament Bible stories. If your student in grade 6+ would like to join others as we grow in faith together, please contact the church office by Wed Sept 6.

## Upcoming Gospel Readings.....

Sep	3	Matthew 16:21-28
	10	Matthew 18:15-20
	17	Matthew 18:21-35
	24	Matthew 20:1-16
Oct	1	Matthew 21:23-32
	8	Matthew 21:33-46
	15	Matthew 22:1-14
	22	Matthew 22:15-22
	29	Matthew 22:34-46

**KRAZY QUILTERS**

Krazy Quilters make a difference in the world by quilting. The group will be back to work on Monday's 9am—noon in September, the date to be announced. New members are always welcome, even if you cannot come every Monday, or cannot stay for the entire morning. We will train! No sewing skills required! We have work for everyone, cutting squares, laying out tops and tying quilts.

**Women of the ELCA  
General Meeting**  
Wednesday, October 3rd

**Circle Duties for September**  
Meeting Hostess—none  
Special Occasion—Dorcas  
General Worship—none

**Women of the ELCA  
EXECUTIVE BOARD**  
No meeting for September

**CIRCLES**  
Wednesday, September 20th

**Altar Guild**  
Wednesday, September 27th, 1:30PM

<b>Attendance</b>	
July 23	37
July 30	44
August 6	50
August 13	28
August 20	57

**Council Meeting**  
Wednesday, September 20th, 6:30PM

**2017 Budget & Current Exp. Offering\* (thru Aug 20)**

2017 Adopted Annual Budget	\$92,753
2017 Monthly Budget	\$ 7,730
Aug MTD Offering	\$ 4,331
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Current Expense Offering YTD	\$50,475
Synod Benevolence YTD	\$ 2,881
Other Designated Offering YTD	\$ 9,970
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$ 698
<b>Total YTD Current Exp &amp; Designated</b>	<b>\$64,024</b>

\* Figures are unaudited and subject to adjustment.





## EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

### 2018 God's Creation Calendars

Pre-orders for the 2018 God's Creation calendars are being taken in the narthex. The cost is \$7 each, payment due at delivery. Sale of the calendars supports youth activities.

### Confirmation Service Opportunities

Some upcoming service opportunities:

- Ruby's Pantry, 4th Saturday of each month, 8am—noon+ (get 4+ hours each time).

### 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](mailto: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.

Hope contact info: Phone 218-984-2037 or email [hopelutheranembarrass@gmail.com](mailto:hoperlutheranembarrass@gmail.com).

Evangelical contact info: phone 218-827-2659 or email [belca2659@frontier.com](mailto:belca2659@frontier.com).



### PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY!

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Professional photographers from LifeTouch will be here on September 19 & 20 from 2-9PM and at Hope Lutheran Embarrass on September 21 & 22, 2-9PM to take family portraits for our Parish Pictorial Directory. Your "family" can have their portrait taken at either church. Schedule your portrait session online at [www.appt.lifetouch.com](http://www.appt.lifetouch.com) or call LifeTouch Scheduling at **1-866-756-0281**. Donna McKibbon will also be available in the church office after worship over the next few Sundays to help you schedule your appointment online.

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. Call LifeTouch Scheduling at 1-866-756-0281 to find other church portrait events and schedule your appointment at an alternate church this summer.

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!

### Volunteers Needed

A few volunteers are needed to assist with checking in families for the photo sessions on Sept 19 & 20. The photo sessions are 2pm-9pm each day. Volunteers are needed for 2 or 3 hour shifts. We will work around your schedule. Please contact the church office 218-827-2659 if you can help.

### Prayer Chain

The Prayer Chain is looking for a few new people to lift up prayer for those in need. No special training required. Contact the church office 218-827-2659 if you can help.

## Camp Vermilion-Camp Hiawatha Fall Events

**Golf Scramble "Camp at the Course"** - Saturday, Sept 16, Vermilion Fairways, Cook, MN. Even serious golfers like to have fun! It's camp at the course, complete with 18 holes of golf, dinner, a gas grill giveaway, and fellowship all while supporting a great cause. This Best Ball event is open to all levels of players. Cost: \$60 per golfer or \$20 to enjoy the gallery and dinner.

**"Men in Boats" Fishing Retreat**—Sept 22-24, 1027 at Camp Vermilion. A Christian men's weekend with a focus on fellowship, faith, friends, and fishing, including a seminar with renowned guide Tim "Buck" Lescarbeau. Cost: \$56/person plus lodging (rates vary from \$14-\$44 per night, depending on accommodation) \*in partnership with Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Virginia.

**Fall Work Day**—Saturday, Sept 23, 2017 at Camp Vermilion. Come help camp prepare for winter. Lunch will be provided. Cost: Free!

**Fall Festival**—Sunday, Oct 8, 2017, 2-5pm, Camp Hiawatha. Celebrate the changing of the seasons with us at camp! Bring your family and friends and play yard games, decorate camp-grown pumpkins, create some fall-themed crafts, take a trip in a canoe, and stay for a picnic supper. Cost: \$5/person (\$20 family max).

**Crafting Weekend**—Fri-Sun, October 13-15, Camp Vermilion. This weekend offers a chance to tackle some of your big crafting projects before the busy holidays! You bring your craft supplies, and we'll take care of everything else. Cost : \$150, includes food and lodging.

**Instruments of Faith**—October 22-23, Camp Vermilion. This weekend you are invited to craft your own hand-built instrument, learn about its history , and gather for conversation about God, faith and life. Cost: \$200, includes material for one instrument, food & lodging.

Register online at [www.VLMcamps.org/retreat-registration](http://www.VLMcamps.org/retreat-registration) or call the VLM office (800-331-5148). Registrations will be processed in the order they are received. Registration is not complete until paid.

### Communion Trial

Beginning in September, Evangelical will begin a "trial" of having Communion twice each month, on the first and fourth Sundays, plus Church festival days (Reformation Sunday, Christmas Eve, Easter, etc.) After experiencing that for 4+ months, we will discuss the options at the annual meeting.

### Ruby's Pantry

Ruby's Pantry will hold a food share distribution at the Babbitt Municipal Center on Saturday, September 23rd. 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.

**Council Meeting Minutes  
Evangelical Lutheran Church  
August 23, 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, Don Negley, LuAnn Smith, Morgan Klatt, Barb Richtsmeier, Treasurer Mary Herring and Pastor Weston.

Absent were: Allen Eckman, Shanna Sunblad

Motion by Barb Richtsmeier, support by Morgan Klatt to adopt the agenda. Carried

Motion by Edna LaFrenier, support by Barb Richtmeier to accept the Secretary's Report. Carried.

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

**Old Business**

Edna LaFrenier has contacted "Due North" regarding a special music bluegrass service in September or early October. The date of the service will be finalized pending further discussions with the band members.

"National Night Out" was a success.

The organ from the Baptist Church has been donated to BELC. Evaluation of the price for new speakers for the organ and the placement of the speakers is still underway.

Church committee members will be contacted for their input about how to begin the process of strategic planning for the congregation..

**New Business**

Motion by Morgan Klatt support by Edna LaFrenier to authorize church secretary Donna McKibbon to discontinue the lease on the current copy machine and purchase a new "color" copy machine. The 2018 projected cost for the lease of a black and white copy machine plus the cost of printed pages is \$2,242.32. The cost to purchase a new color copy machine is \$529.00 plus \$70.00 to extend the warranty for two years beyond the initial one-year warranty period. The cost to purchase the machine plus supplies would result in an estimated savings \$448.46 in 2018 alone.

BELC has agreed to host the back-to-school luncheon for NER staff traditionally hosted by the now-dissolved Babbitt Baptist congregation. The luncheon will be held on the Thursday August 31, a designated "teacher work-day". Jo Langen will be contacted to make arrangements for the meal.

Pastor's and Committee Reports were reviewed and accepted/

The next council meeting will be September 12 at 6:30 p.m.

September Communion Assistant: Morgan Klatt

September Usher:

Motion to adjourn by Morgan Klatt, support by Don Negley at 8:30 p.m. followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

LuAnn Smith  
Church Council Secretary

**Correction to the July 2017 Council Meeting Minutes**

Please note the July meeting was published in the August Evangel. The minutes were amended to reflect communion schedule discussions were held due to recent loss of Altar Guild members rather than at the request of Altar Guild members.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion 9:30 AM Coffee An'</p>	4	5	6 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours 6:30 PM BELC Confirmation Orientation	7 8:30 AM TOPS	8 No Pastor's Office Hours	9
<p>10 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost God's Work Our Hands Sunday 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM Coffee An'</p>	11	12	13 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours 5:00 PM rides depart BELC for Messiah 6:30 PM Confirmation Kick-off concert with Rachael Kurtz, at	14 8:30 AM TOPS	15 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours	16
<p>17 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM Coffee An'</p>	18	19 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM LifeTouch Portraits at BELC	20 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM LifeTouch Portraits at BELC 2:30 PM Confirmation class 6:30 PM Council Meeting	21 8:30 AM TOPS 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM LifeTouch Portraits at Hope, Embarrass	22 No Pastor's Office Hours 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM LifeTouch Portraits at Hope, Embarrass	23 Ruby's Pantry at Babbitt Municipal Center 8:00 AM Volunteers 9:30 AM Registration 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Distribution
<p>24 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 AM Make a Joyful Noise Worship Service with Holy Communion 9:30 AM Coffee An'</p>	25	26	27 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours	28 8:30 AM TOPS	29 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours	30

# SEPTEMBER 2017

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**“Pray, and let God worry”  
*Martin Luther***

## **September 2017 Evangel inside!**

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