



*"Come, grow with us..."*

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### Evangelical Lutheran Church

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# Evangel

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and the princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
    To find the lost,  
    To heal the broken,  
    To feed the hungry,  
    To release the prisoner,  
    To rebuild the nations,  
    To bring peace among brothers,  
    To make music in the heart.

*Howard Thurman, "The Work of Christmas," 1973*

Epiphany— the season after Christmas— is where we celebrate the revealing of Christ, the light of the world, to all nations.

In our worship services this year, instead of the Church's historic Creeds (Apostles' and Nicene), we'll use creeds written in more recent years by Christians around the world— Africa, New Zealand, Canada, and different ELCA voices. This will begin on January 7 and continue through February 11, Transfiguration Sunday. Join us each week to hear how our faith sounds in different cultures and contexts!

Following the Light of Christ,

*Pastor Evelyn*



Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

### Weston family update

Many of you have noticed that my husband, Steve, has joined us for worship in December. Steve's last interim ended early, so he's been able to be home with our family, truly a Christmas blessing. Just before Christmas, Steve interviewed with Essentia-Virginia, and has now accepted a position as a hospice chaplain. He'll begin working half-time on January 22. Essentia Hospice covers a large area, including Ely, so Steve will be in the area. He also is available for pulpit supply and funerals for families who don't have a church connection. We give thanks to God for this new ministry.

On our sons: Sam is working as a night desk clerk at the Androy Hotel in Superior, and working on his first feature film in the Duluth area. Ben is a senior at Concordia Moorhead, majoring in Accounting. Jon is a high school senior at Northeast Range, currently weighing admission offers from three ELCA colleges. We are blessed!

My dad continues to do well living at Babbitt Carefree Living. We have been shocked this week by news of the house fire in Hibbing, which was just a half-block away from his old house. Steve Gillitzer, who died in the fire, did the snowblowing at my dad's house last winter. Our prayers are with their extended family and neighbors.

We are grateful for your support and care for our family. *Pastor Evelyn*

### 2018 Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 28, 2018. Based on this date the required reports will be due at 5:00PM on Monday, January 15, 2018 and copies of the Annual Report will be available in the narthex on Sunday, January 21st for member review prior to the meeting.

### 2018 Offering Envelopes

If you have not already picked up your family's 2018 offering envelopes please check in the narthex and takes yours home today! If you did not find envelopes for your family please contact the church office at 218-827-2659 or stop by during regular hours (Tue-Fri 10:00am-1:30pm). When leaving a phone message please be sure to leave your first and last name and phone number so we can let you know when your envelopes are ready.

### Thank You

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Thank you so much for your 2017 Christmas gift of \$372. My family and I are once again blessed by your generosity. For many years, we have used parish Christmas gifts to do special things with our family, which means we will be grateful for your gifts again and again this year. I will smile about your blessed gift many times. Thank you!

May the Spirit of Christmas bless you, your family, and our church again and again this year, as we continue to share Christ's love with one another and with people in Babbitt and beyond, for the sake of God's love, for the sake of God's mission here.

Blessed to be a blessing,

*Pastor Evelyn*

### KRAZY QUILTERS

Krazy Quilters make a difference in the world by quilting. The group meets on Monday's 9am—noon. 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, tying quilts or sewing.

#### COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, January 10th, 6:30PM

#### Women of the ELCA

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Monday, January 15th, 1:00PM

#### CONFIRMATION CLASS

Wednesdays, 2:30p-4:30p

Unless noted otherwise in the calendar  
or weekly bulletin

#### Women of the ELCA

#### GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 3, 6:30PM

#### ATTENDANCE

November 26	26
December 3	43
December 10	49
December 17	61
December 24	108

#### ESTHER CIRCLE

Wednesday, January 17th, 1:00PM

#### ALTAR GUILD

Wednesday, January 17th, following  
Esther Circle meeting

#### 2017 Budget & Current Exp. Offering\* (thru Dec. 24)

2017 Adopted Annual Budget	\$92,753
2017 Monthly Budget	\$ 7,730
November MTD Offering	\$ 4,604
Current Expense Offering YTD	\$73.624
Synod Benevolence YTD	\$ 3,000
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$ 748
Total YTD Current Expense	\$77,372

\* Figures are unaudited and subject to adjustment.





## EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

### Upcoming Youth Events



March 2-4, 2018—  
Cardia Deo (NE MN  
Synod Senior High  
Retreat for grades  
9-12) at Big Sandy  
Camp, McGregor.  
Bible studies led by

the LYO Board, servant learning, worship, mystery event, camp life, games and climbing, and an adult track led by the retreat chaplain all make this event deeply meaningful, fun and faith-nurturing. Pastor Evelyn and Stan will take our parish youth to this retreat. Register by January 31, 2018 for the early bird discount.

### Confirmation Service Opportunities

**Saturday, January 27** - Ruby's Pantry in Babbitt (4th Saturday of every month). Volunteers should arrive at 8:00 AM. Earn 3-4 hours of service credit. No experience necessary, just need to be willing to work along with your friends, family and neighbors. Typically done by Noon.

**Snow Duty** - Youth & parent are welcome to sign-up in the narthex to help with winter clean-up. (Negleys do the snowplowing). Move snow away from the front door, clear snow from the handicap ramp exit, put out ice melt, etc. The guys who have been doing this are getting up in years, so younger help would be greatly appreciated.

### 2018 God's Creation Calendars

The God's Creation calendars have arrived. We had 32 pre-orders so there are plenty available if you did not pre-order. Pick up your calendars in the narthex, the cost is \$7. These calendars make great gifts! Make your check payable to BELC Youth. Thank you for supporting Youth Camperships.

### 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:hopelutheranembarrass@gmail.com).

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

### Thank you....

To all who helped make lefse and all who purchased lefse, thank you! We raised around \$450 to support the Youth attending the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston.

*Evangelical Hope Parish Youth*

**BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS.**

**FOR THE LORD WILL BE WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO.**

**Joshua 1:9**

**Carefree Living Worship & Holy Communion**

Worship service with Holy Communion will be held at 2PM on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at Carefree Living. If you are interested in helping in some way (reader, or serving coffee an'), please contact Jo Langan. All Carefree Living residents and their families, all church members and neighbors, all ages are welcome!

**Sunday School**

Sunday School classes start at 9:30am and are over at 10:30am. Sunday School is open to all children age 3 through 5th grade. Come and join us for Bible study, singing, games, and crafts. Members, friends and family are welcome.



**New Member Sunday**

BELC will welcome new members on Sunday, January 21 during worship. Please be sure to attend and introduce yourselves to our new members.

**The Word in Season** daily devotionals for January/February/March 2018 are available in the narthex. We have a limited number of copies so please get yours early.

**Poinsettia Sponsorship**

Thank you to all who sponsored the potted poinsettias. They were a beautiful addition to the Christmas décor.



**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, January 27th. 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 Gospel Readings.....**

Jan	7	Mark 1:4-11
	14	John 1:43-51
	21	Mark 1:14-20
	28	Mark 1:21-28
Feb	4	Mark 1:29-39
	11	Mark 9:2-9
	18	Mark 1:9-15
	25	Mark 8:31-38

**Communion Trial**

We have completed four months of our trial of having Communion twice each month, on the first and fourth Sundays, plus Church festival days (Reformation Sunday, Christmas Eve, Easter, etc.) After following this schedule thru January we will discuss the options at the annual meeting.





**Hanging of the Greens  
December 13, 2017**

## **Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry**

### **Retreats and Day Events**

**YourStory 3-Weekend Series**—at Camp Vermilion; come for one or come for all three. YourStory is an innovative retreat format that blends guided self-reflection through questions and story starters, exploration of a related biblical character, and developing your story. Guided questions help you reflect in your life experiences with faith, through change, and when facing conflict. Cost: \$150/weekend, includes lodging, meals, and program.

Part 1 “It’s My Life” - November 10-12 (completed).

Part 2 “Changing My Story” - February 2-4

Part 3 “Characters in Conflict” - April 27-29

**Sunday Pancake Breakfasts**—Feb 11, Mar 11, Apr 8, 10a-1p at Camp Vermilion. Spend your Sunday at Camp and enjoy a delicious Pancake Breakfast. Cost \$5/person, children 12 and under are free.

**Jr. High Rejuve**—February 23-24 at Camp Vermilion. Students in grades 7-9 can get their camp fix with an overnight full of all things camp. Whether you’ve been coming to camp for six years or you just want to try it out, come join us for classic camp games, camp songs, and camp food with old and new camp friends. Cost: \$50.

**Elementary Rejuve**—March 2-3, 2018 at Camp Hiawatha; March 16-17, 2018 at Camp Vermilion. This is a great way for grades 3-6 to get back to camp or check it out for the first time! This overnight retreat is 23 hours filled with favorite songs, games, food, and the chance to make new camp friends. Cost: \$50.

**Camp Work Days**—April 28, 2018 at Camp Hiawatha; May 19, 2018 at Camp Vermilion.

Now that spring has sprung, it’s time to get camp ready for another awesome summer in God’s great northwoods. Bring friends, bring family, bring your neighbors, and bring work gloves as we dust, rake, clean, stain, renew the camp, and enjoy lunch together. Cost: FREE!

**2018 Work Day Overnights**—April 27-28 at Camp Hiawatha; May 18-19 at Camp Vermilion.

Families, individuals and Youth Groups are invited to stay at camp before the workday. Join us for dinner at 6:30p followed by games, fellowship and a campfire. FREE for people who spend the next morning volunteering!

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.

**Council Meeting Minutes  
Evangelical Lutheran Church  
December 14, 2017**

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

Present were: Roxanne Sader, LuAnn Smith, Barb Richtsmeier, Shanna Sundblad, Allan Eckman, Treasurer Mary Herring and Pastor Weston.

Absent were: Morgan Klatt, Edna LaFrenier, Don Negley, and Bud Fish

Motion by LuAnn Smith, support by Shanna Sundblad, to adopt the agenda. Carried

Motion by Shanna Sundblad, support by Barb Richtsmeier, to accept the Secretary's Report. Carried.

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

**Old Business**

Strategic planning was discussed. Pastor Weston will be ordering ELCA's Congregational Vitality Survey to be used in the strategic planning process.

LED lighting was discussed. Minnesota Power has been contacted to evaluate the church's lighting. The evaluation will take place early next year.

**New Business**

Attendance concerns were discussed.

LuAnn Smith resigned from the council effective January 1, 2018. Jo Langan accepted the nomination by the council to replace vacated council seat. Motion by Shanna Sundblad, support by Allan Eckman to accept the appointment of Jo Langan to the council.

Motion by Shanna Sundblad, support by Allan Eckman to accept Margaret Sweet's request for church membership. Carried.

Pastor's benefit package and health insurance rates were discussed. Compensation will be negotiated on January 6 at a meeting with the executive committee.

Committee Reports were reviewed and accepted.

The next council meeting will be January 10, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

January Communion Assistant: unassigned

January Usher: Allan Eckman

Motion to adjourn by LuAnn Smith, support by Barb Richtsmeier at 8:00 p.m. followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

LuAnn Smith  
Church Council Secretary



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day	2	3 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM Confirmation class	4 8:30 AM TOPS	5 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours	6
7 Baptism of Our Lord 8:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion 9:30 AM Coffee An' 9:30 AM Sunday School	8	9	10 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM Confirmation class 6:30 PM Council Meeting	11 8:30 AM TOPS	12 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours	13
14 Second Sunday after Epiphany 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM Coffee An' 9:30 AM Sunday School	15 1:00 PM Women of the ELCA Executive Board meets	16	17 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours 1:00 PM Circle meets 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM Confirmation class 3:00 PM Altar Guild meets	18 8:30 AM TOPS	19 No Pastor's Office Hours	20
21 Third Sunday after Epiphany 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM Coffee An' 9:30 AM Sunday School 2:00 PM Carefree Living Worship & Communion	22	23	24 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM Confirmation class	25 8:30 AM TOPS	26 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours	27 Ruby's Pantry at Babbitt Municipal Center 8:00 AM Volunteers 9:30 AM Registration 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Distribution
28 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 8:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion 9:30 AM BELC Annual Meeting followed by Coffee An' No Sunday School	29	30	31 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM Confirmation class	1 8:30 AM TOPS	2 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours	3

# January 1-February 4, 2018

4 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 8:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion 9:30 AM Coffee An' 9:30 AM Sunday School
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**“Pray, and let God worry”  
*Martin Luther***

## **January 2018 Evangel inside!**

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