



“Come, grow with us...”

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Evangel

This year, Ash Wednesday lands on Valentine's Day. At first glance, they seem like strange holidays to share a day. Pink hearts, red roses, candy and romance on one hand... dark, gritty ash and repentance on the other. Even though they seem at first glance to have no connection, there also are similarities between them. When we choose to mark this day with an ash cross, we bear witness to a love far greater and more enduring than the love associated with Valentine's Day.

Ash crosses remind us of two things— that we are dust, and that the cross saves us from death. We are loved by Christ— whose death has destroyed death, and whose rising has opened to us the way of everlasting life. Death will claim our bodies one day, but in Christ that claim has no power to hold us, because God's love will never let us go.

For our lives here and now, God's strong love changes our lives. The Spirit creates new hearts within us, hearts able to love with a holy love. And this holy love is far greater than what is possible in human love and relationships. This holy love can bless us and our families, and can reach out to bless our communities and the whole world. We are in God's holy, loving hands, now and forever!

In Christ's love,

Pastor Evelyn

“God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.”

Saint Augustine



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God's work. Our hands.

Games Day for All Ages

The Women of the ELCA will host a Games Day for all ages on Sunday, February 11th at 2:00pm in the church Fellowship Hall. A variety of games will be available to play or you can bring one of your favorites to share with others. You won't want to miss out on the fun! Refreshments will be served.

Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® by March 31

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available have until **March 31, 2018**, to direct any remaining 2017 Choice Dollars. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

World Day of Prayer will be celebrated at 10am on Friday, March 2, 2018 at Evangelical Lutheran. The host country is Suriname. The focus is on Genesis 1, the story of Creation, with the theme "All God's Creation Is Very Good!". Universal issues of climate change, natural disasters, pollution, and human abuse of the environment—all affecting God's good Creation and God's people—will be explored.

Want to help our church save on electricity bills? "Congregations Caring for the Earth" will host a workshop on ways congregations can save energy. Sunday, Feb 25, 3-4:30pm at Messiah Lutheran Church, Mt Iron. \$5 per church covers materials. A limited number of free church energy audits will be available (from professionals), with priority given to congregations sending a team of two or more representatives to this gathering. Register at rangecece@gmail.com or 218-410-5129. Please let Pr Evelyn know if you are interested in attending.

2017 Giving Statements

The 2017 giving Statements were mailed on Friday, January 19th. If you have questions regarding your statement, or if you did not receive your statement, or if you need a duplicate copy of your statement, please contact the church office.

Life is uncertain...donate blood

Memorial Blood Centers will hold a blood drive in the BELC parking lot on Wednesday, February 14th from 11am-5pm. Each week 2,700 volunteer donors are needed to help supply blood to patients in our area hospitals. Contact Sylvia Hammer at 827-2594 to schedule your appointment.

2018 Offering Envelopes

If you have not already picked up your family's 2018 offering envelopes please check in the narthex and take 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.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Help end hunger in our area by donating to the Souper Bowl of Caring. Donations will go to the AEOA Babbitt Area Foodshelf. Stop by the soup pot in the narthex to donate. Thank you for your generous and caring hearts.

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

Monday, February 12, 6:30PM

Women of the ELCA

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Monday, February 19, 1:00PM

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Wednesdays, 2:30p-4:30p

Unless noted otherwise in the calendar
or weekly bulletin

Women of the ELCA

GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, February 11, 2:00PM

ATTENDANCE

December 31	19
January 7	48
January 14	39
January 21	53
January 28	43

ESTHER CIRCLE

Wednesday, February 21, 1:00PM

ALTAR GUILD

Wednesday, February 21, following
Esther Circle meeting

2018 Budget & Current Exp. Offering* (thru Jan 28)

2018 Adopted Annual Budget	\$94,766
2018 Monthly Budget	\$ 7,897
January MTD Offering	\$ 6,159
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Current Expense Offering YTD	\$ 5,962
Synod Benevolence YTD	\$ 197
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$ 0
Total YTD Current Expense	\$ 6,159

* 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 in McGregor.

Pastor Evelyn and Stan will take our parish youth to this retreat. Early-bird deadline has passed, but space is still available. Youth pay \$30, church will pay the rest.

Confirmation Service Opportunities

Saturday, February 24 - 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. (Negley's plows the parking lot). Move snow away from the front door, clear snow from the handicap ramp exit, put out ice melt, etc. All the necessary equipment for the job is at the church, and someone with experience will show you the ropes! The guys who have been doing this are getting up in years, so younger help would be greatly appreciated.

‘In my heart I store up your words, so I might not sin against you.’

Psalm 119:11

2018 God's Creation Calendars

Still looking for a great 2018 calendar? There are still a few God's Creation calendars available for sale in the narthex. The cost is \$7. 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.

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

Fundraisers for youth heading to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston

Papa Murphy's discount cards are available for \$5 each! Each card has 8 coupons. Good at Virginia and 5 other locations. No expiration date!

Chocolate candy bars available for \$1 each! 1+oz each. Milk chocolate, dark chocolate, almonds in milk chocolate, crispy rice in milk chocolate, caramel in milk chocolate. Great Valentines treats for your sweeties!

Contact Pastor Evelyn, Jon, or Steve to buy these items. Thank you for your generous support!

Carefree Living Polka Worship & Holy Communion

Polka Worship service with Holy Communion will be held at 2PM on Sunday, February 18, 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!

Coffee An' Host Needed for Sunday, February 18th at Carefree Living. Bring a treat for Coffee An' and enjoy Polka Worship with the residents. Coffee is provided by Carefree Living. If you are interested in hosting please contact Jo Langan at 218-827-2353. Worship begins at 2:00pm.

New Members Welcomed !

On Sunday, January 21st worship included the welcoming of new members:

- Leanne Poppenhagen
- Rylan Poppenhagen
- Margaret Sweet
- Melinda Vagle
- Tiffany Johnson
- Luther Johnson

Please be sure to introduce yourself and help to make our newest members feel welcome!

Lenten Wednesday worship begins with Ash Wednesday worship at BELC on Feb 14. We will once again share worship with Woodland Presbyterian members. Please see the calendar for days, times, meals & location. All are welcome— invite your friends and family!

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.



Soup Supper Sign Up

BELC will host Lenten Soup Supper on February 28th. We need volunteers to make a pot of soup, provide bread or make a dessert. Please sign up in the narthex.

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, February 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 Gospel Readings.....

Feb	4	Mark 1:29-39
	11	Mark 9:2-9
	18	Mark 1:9-15
	25	Mark 8:31-38
Mar	4	John 2:13-22
	11	John 3:14-21
	18	John 12:20-33
	25	Mark 14:1-15:47

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Babbitt, MN
Unadopted Minutes of the 65th Annual Meeting
January 28, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 9:40 am by Roxanne Sader with 27 voting members in attendance.

Opening devotions by Pastor Evelyn Weston.

Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Ray Denny, support by Debbie Anderson, carried.

Minutes from the 64th Annual meeting were read by Roxanne Sader. Motion to adopt the minutes of the 64th Annual meeting was made by Debbie Anderson, support by Arlene Eckman, carried.

Treasurer's reports and proposed 2018 budget were reviewed. Motion to adopt Treasurer's reports and 2018 Annual Budget of \$94,766 was made by Brenda Eckman, support by Jo Langan, carried.

Discussion of frequency of communion was discussed; vote will be held at the next council meeting.

Nominations were called for from the floor for Church Council. There being none, motion made by Karen Boisner, support by Barb Richtsmeier to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Carried.

Nominations were called for from the floor for Head Usher. There being none, motion made by Allan Eckman, support by Arlene Eckman to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Carried.

Nominations were called for from the floor for Nominating Committee. There being none, motion made by Brenda Eckman, support by Debbie Anderson to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Carried.

Nominations were called for from the floor for Auditing Committee. There being none, motion made by Don Negley, support by Karen Boisner to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Carried.

Barb Richtsmeier agreed to be a delegate to the Laurentian Conference in March 2018 and the Synod Assembly in May 2018. Motion by Don Negley, support by Allan Eckman to accept Barb Richtsmeier as a delegate, and to allow the council to appoint the second delegate. Carried.

Leanne Negley agreed to be our delegate to Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry. Carried by unanimous vote.

Motion to approve all Committee & Organization reports made by Leanne Negley, support by Ray Denny. Carried.

Closing prayer by Pastor Evelyn Weston.

Motion to adjourn made by Debbie Anderson, support by Beverly Vagle. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:32am.

Respectfully submitted by Donna McKibbon

Dear friends in Christ,

A shortfall in 2017's "current expense" offerings has led to a reduction in my hours as your pastor in 2018. I am shifting from a "goal" of 42 hours to 35 hours (70%-time) each week for our parish. BELC's share of those hours is 21 hours per week.

May God bless you for all your offerings and gifts, great and small. I continue to be grateful to God for the blessing of serving as your pastor.

Pastor Evelyn

Election Results

Council—Nancy Mettler, Roxanne Sader, Mary Herring for 3-yr terms; Carl Sundblad for a 1-yr term (completing Bud Fish's term).

Head Usher—Brenda & Allan Eckman, Jo Langan, Coby & Shawn Aase, Richard Klinzing, Ed LaFrenier, Sylvia Hammer, Merlin Solberg, Don & Leanne Negley, Jewell & Mary Herring, Diane Pastika, Carroll Eckman, Allan Eckman, Ray & Carole Denny.

Nomination Committee—Brenda Eckman, Jill Lossing, Beverly Vagle.

Auditing Committee—Debbie Anderson, Marilyn Zilmer.

If you were not able to attend the 2018 Annual Meeting and would like a copy of the Annual Report, please contact the church office.

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 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
Church Evangelical Lutheran
January 10, 2018**

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

Present: Allan Eckman, Morgan Klatt, Edna LaFrenier, Jo Langan, Don Negley, Barb Richtsmeier, Roxanne Sader, Shanna Sundblad, Treasurer Mary Herring, Pastor Weston

Absent: Bud Fish

A thank you was extended to Edna LaFrenier and Barb Richtsmeier for their service to the congregation as members of the Council.

Motion by Edna LaFrenier, second by Shanna Sundblad to accept the agenda. Carried.

Motion by Barb Richtsmeier, second by Edna LaFrenier to accept the Secretary's Report. Carried.

Treasurer Mary Herring answered questions concerning removal of mortgage funds to general and maintenance funds following retirement of the mortgage in 2016; the checkbook balance and procedures for deposits and withdrawals.

The differences in receipts/expenditures between 2016 and 2017 were noted.

Motion by Don Negley, second by Shanna Sundblad to accept the Treasurer's Report. Carried.

A request was made to include the savings and organization accounts on the monthly financial reports to the council.

Old Business

Strategic Plan/Mission Plan was briefly discussed. No action taken.

The LED lighting available through Minnesota Power was discussed. The employee to make the evaluation was contacted but a time and date remains to be determined.

The congregational survey available through the ELCA will not be ordered at this time.

New Business

The Council studied the BELCA 2018 Proposed Budget supported by the council members at the meeting of the Joint Executive Board of Hope and BELCA held January 6, 2018. The Executive Board explained the 70%, 60%, and 50% compensation options for Pastor Weston. Members discussed reasons for changes in various line items causing an increased budget for 2018.

Motion by Don Negley to approve the 2018 Budget in the amount of \$94,766 with the 70% compensation package contingent on the budget decision by Hope Church Council. Second by Jo Langan. Carried.

Christmas gifts were given to the staff as reported by Roxanne.

An anonymous contribution has been made to pay the tuition for the Day Camp (LVM) to be held July 8-13.

Possible format changes for the Sunday School were presented as information only whereby a traditional Sunday School would be conducted until Christmas followed by less frequent Sunday School/Youth meetings.

The Nominating Committee will find a candidate for the council position of Bud Fish.

Pastor Report

A detailed report was presented by Pastor Weston providing the council with information on plans for upcoming Sunday Services as well as the special services held during Lent. Her report also included plans for the confirmands and senior high youth during February and March. Some of the known events through August were listed.

There were no reports from the various committees with the exception of Stewardship and Finances (budget).

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

January communion assistant: Jo Langan

Future ushers and communion assistants will be determined at the first council meeting after the annual meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Edna LaFrenier, second by Barb Richtsmeier. Carried and followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Langan

Temporary Church Council Secretary



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4 Fifth Sunday of Epiphany 8:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion 9:30 AM Coffee An' 9:30 AM Sunday School	5	6	7 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
11 Transfiguration Sunday 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM Coffee An' 9:30 AM Sunday School 2:00 PM Games Day for All Ages hosted by the Women of the ELCA	12 6:30 PM Council Meeting	13	14 Ash Wednesday No Confirmation class 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM Community Blood Drive at BELC 5:30 PM Ash Wednesday Worship	15 8:30 AM TOPS	16 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours	17
18 First Sunday in Lent 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM Coffee An' No Sunday School 2:00 PM Carefree Living Polka Worship & Communion	19 1:00 PM Women of the ELCA Executive Board meets	20	21 Lenten Worship at Woodland No Confirmation class 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours 1:00 PM Circle meets 3:00 PM Altar Guild meets 5:30 PM Soup Supper 6:30 PM Worship	22 8:30 AM TOPS	23 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours	24 Ruby's Pantry at Babbitt Municipal Center 8:00 AM Volunteers 9:30 AM Registration 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Distribution
25 Second Sunday in Lent 8:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion 9:30 AM Coffee An' 9:30 AM Sunday School	26	27	28 Lenten Worship at BELC No Confirmation class 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours 5:30 PM Soup Supper 6:30 PM Worship			

February 2018

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

February 2018 Evangel inside!

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