



"Come, grow with us..."

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Evangel

It's Easter... no foolin'!

For the first time since 1956, Easter falls on April 1— April Fool's Day. Some people may think that's about right, because they think Christ's resurrection is nothing more than a "tall tale." I expect we all know people who think we Christians are fools for believing the resurrection actually happened. So, in case you run into any of those folks on April 1st, here are a few thoughts to show them that Easter isn't only the most holy day of the year, but also filled with the most joy.

The resurrection really was a joke on those in power at the time of the crucifixion. They thought once Jesus was dead, he would be out of their way, things would go back to normal, and they would continue to rule forever. But the joke was on them. They may have been what caused Jesus' death, but they couldn't make him stay dead!

Younger people will understand this: During Holy Week, the disciples may have heard, "YOLO. JK. BRB, JC." (If necessary, ask someone to translate that!)

Can you imagine this scene? The women who encounter the risen Jesus rush into the room where the grief-stricken disciples are mourning, shouting the good news, "He's alive!!!" The disciples, in disbelief, say, "Yeah, yeah, April Fool!" but are soon convinced.

With Jesus' resurrection, God has the last laugh over death and suffering. Every Easter really is April Fool's Day. For three days, the whole world— all of humanity— thought that hope and love were dead. But God came back to say, "Surprise!"

May God bless you with hope, love, and *joy* this Easter!

Pastor Evelyn

***"Easter says you can put death in a grave,
but it won't stay there."***

Charles W. Hall



Evangelical Lutheran
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God's work. Our hands.

From BELC's Vice President

On March 22, three members of Woodland Presbyterian and three members of Evangelical Lutheran got together to discuss the many issues affecting our churches. It was an unstructured meeting that allowed us to freely discuss a wide variety of issues affecting our congregations individually and in common. We discussed topics including community missions, membership, external effects of society, wants and needs of today, buildings and building costs. These were just a few of the items discussed. We ended the meeting by agreeing that we need to work together and continue this discussion.

Leaders from both churches felt the need to have brainstorming sessions to better understand the needs and wants of our individual congregations. We hope these meetings will allow a free flowing development of ideas for our churches, our members, and our assets.

We invite all interested members to gather in our sanctuary on Sunday, April 15, after our "Dedication Sunday" worship. There will be no bad ideas, and all ages are welcome.

Don Negley, Evangelical Lutheran Vice President

Our New Organ

A "new to us" organ and new speakers have been installed! We began using it in worship on Palm Sunday. We are so grateful for this gift from Don & Leanne Negley, and also for our friends at Babbitt Baptist, where this organ was previously. Although it was sad to see our original organ go, it had not been working properly for several years and many of us-- Irene especially-- will enjoy the special quality an organ brings to some of our hymns.

Pastor's Office Hours

Pastor's office hours have changed to Tue and Fri, 10AM-1:00pm.

Polka Worship at Carefree Living

At 2pm on Sunday, April 29th, Hope member Art Lehtonen will provide accordion polka music for worship at Carefree Living. All are invited to come and worship, enjoy the music and stay for Coffee An' fellowship following worship.

Dedication Sunday

We are grateful for items given by members and families to our church in the past year that are important for our church's ministry— especially for worship and serving people in need. On Sunday, April 15, we will have a special "Dedication Sunday" worship service to thank God for these gifts and dedicate them, asking God to bless them for our ministry.

Altar Vases & Communion Chalice - given in memory of Donna Muellerleile
by Mary Kay & Jewel Herring and Al Bubash

Sewing Machine - given to the Krazy Quilters by Lynette Huovinen's family

Piano - given by Jo Langan

Organ & Speakers - given by Don & Leanne Negley

If you know of any other gifts to our church that should be acknowledged and blessed on Dedication Sunday, please contact Donna by Wed April 11.

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, April 18, 7:00PM

Women of the ELCA

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Tuesday, April 17, 1:00PM

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION

DEADLINE

Monday, April 23rd, 5:00PM

Women of the ELCA

GENERAL MEETING and Luncheon

Wednesday, April 4, 11:30AM

ATTENDANCE

February 25	25
March 4	41
March 11	45
March 18	not recorded

ESTHER CIRCLE

Wednesday, April 18, 1:00PM

ALTAR GUILD

Wednesday, April 18, following Esther Circle meeting

2018 Budget & Current Exp. Offering* (thru Mar 18)

2018 Adopted Annual Budget	\$94,766
2018 Monthly Budget	\$ 7,897
March MTD Offering	\$ 6,572

Current Expense Offering YTD	\$16,866
Synod Benevolence Offering YTD	\$ 534
Total YTD Current Expense Offering	\$17,400

* Figures are unaudited and subject to adjustment.





EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Confirmation Service Opportunities

Saturday, April 28, 2018- Ruby's Pantry in Babbitt (4th Saturday of every month). Volunteers should arrive at 8:00 AM. Earn 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.

Spring/Summer/Fall grounds maintenance -

Youth & parent are welcome to sign-up in the narthex to help with spring/summer/fall grounds maintenance. This is mostly mowing and edging. 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.

Synod Journey Fundraiser Dinner

If you have never been to Pizza Ranch, or if you are a frequent visitor, you are in for a treat! The youth of Hope and Evangelical who are planning to go the Synod Journey in Houston this summer are having a fundraiser dinner at the Pizza Ranch in Hibbing! On April 23rd, from 5PM-8PM, the youth will earn 25% of your ticket! Best of all, the youth and their parents will be bussing your table! Our youth and their parents are working hard to raise funds for the Synod Journey and want to thank you for all your support. See you at the Pizza Ranch!

Summer Sermon Notes

Confirmation students and parents...don't forget that all sermon notes count! Summer can be a great time to catch up on missed notes or get ahead on the next year's requirement. Sermon note blanks are in the wall bin by Pastor's office.

What is April Fools Day?

- It is commonly believed that in medieval France, New Years was celebrated on April 1st. Then in 1562, Pope Gregory introduced a new calendar for the Christian world, changing New Years to January 1st. With no modern communications, news traveled slowly and new ideas were often questioned. Many people did not hear of the change, others chose to ignore it, while some merely forgot. These people were called fools. Invitations to non-existent 'New Year' parties were sent and other practical jokes were played. This jesting evolved over time into a tradition of playing pranks on 1 April.



Worship Service Volunteers

We are always looking for folks to be readers, greeters and to serve Coffee An'. Youth are encouraged to volunteer for all of these important roles in our church, and can raise funds for the Youth Group by hosting Coffee An' one Sunday a month.

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 Born Kits for

Global Health Ministries

Women of the ELCA are assembling New born Kits to be given to Global Health Ministries at the 2018 Women of the ELCA Summer Gathering. Newborn Kits provide needed items to help new mothers welcome their baby into the world. A kit contains:

- 1 bath towel (approx 48"-52" length and thinner, smaller towels are preferred for shipping)
 - 1 wash cloth
 - 1 bath sized bar of white ivory soap in original packaging
 - 1 newborn (size 0-3mo or newborn) cotton t-shirt (not onsies)
 - 1 newborn stocking hat (a newborn's head is about 14" circumference),
 - 1 receiving blanket (approx 30"x30" cotton, acrylic, or light flannel, no wool)
 - 2 cloth diapers (you can find patterns for these online at www.ghm.org),
 - 2 diaper pins (not needed for pinless diapers.)
- The Karzy Quilters are already busy making diapers, shirts and receiving blankets out of donated flannel. Drop off donated items at the church office. Monetary gifts will be used to purchase needed items or offset shipping costs. The Women of the ELCA thank you for your generous support of this project.

Meeting Day Change

Women of the ELCA Executive Board will begin meeting on the third Tuesday of the month beginning in April.

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, April 28th. 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.

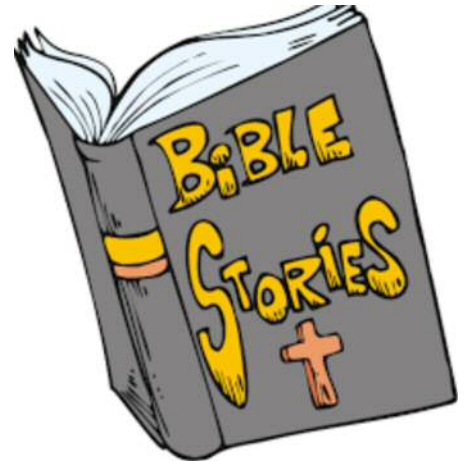
Upcoming Gospel Readings.....

Apr	1	Mark 16:1-8
	8	John 20:19-31
	15	Luke 24:36b-48
	22	John 10:11-18
	29	John 15:1-8
May	6	John 15:9-17
	13	John 17:6-19
	20	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
	27	John 3:1-17



Save the Date!

2018 Day Camp July 9-13th. Tell your family, friends, and neighbors! We had a ton of fun last year and we plan to have a ton more this year! Open to children who have completed kindergarten thru 5th grade.



Help Us Stay in Touch...

If you have moved or you know of a member who has moved please let us know. You can contact the church office to update information by phone at 218-827-2659 (leave a message with your name address and phone number if we are not in), stop by the church during regular office hours, Tue-Fri 10:00 am—1:30 pm, drop us a note at 28 Acacia Road, Babbitt MN, 55706 or send an email to belca2659@frontier.com.

**Council Meeting Minutes
Evangelical Lutheran Church
February 12, 2018**

Pastor Evelyn called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and opened with prayer.

Present: Roxanne Sader, Allan Eckman, Carl Sundblad, Mary Muellerleile, Don Negley, Morgan Klatt, Nancy Mettler, Jo Langan

Absent: Shanna Sundblad

The agenda was adopted. New members Carl Sundblad and Nancy Mettler were welcomed.

The following members were elected as officers for 2018: Roxanne Sader, president; Don Negley, vice-president; Jo Langan, secretary; Mary Muellerleile, treasurer.

The secretary's report was reviewed. A request was made to include beginning and ending check book balance amounts for all organizations in the monthly finance statement. Motion by Don Negley, second by Morgan Klatt to accept the secretary's report. Carried.

The treasurer's report was presented by Mary Muellerleile. Don Negley provided information in regard to the two finance budget performance reports used, profit-loss and income-expense. Information was shared to change BELC book keeping program (Quick Books) to Church Windows used by Hope. Motion by Don Negley, second by Allan Eckman to accept the treasurer's report. Carried.

Members selected their community assignments.

Property: Allan Eckman & Carl Sundblad

Music & Worship: Jo Langan

Stewardship & Finance: Don Negley, Mary Muellerleile

Youth & Education: Nancy Mettler, Morgan Klatt, Shanna Sundblad

Outreach & Communication: Roxanne Sader, Morgan Klatt

Social Ministry: Roxanne Sader

Discussion followed to provide Sunday School every Sunday by providing Nancy Mettler with assistance.

Old Business

Pastor Evelyn shared that Ray Denny, Carroll Eckman, and Ed LaFrenier will attend the Church Energy Workshop on February 23 at Messiah Lutheran with each paying their registration.

The congregational survey to provide input to the council on goals, strengths, weaknesses, attendance, etc. was initiated. Consensus was to do the congregational survey first. Roxanne Sader and Pastor Evelyn will be preparing the anonymous survey using suggested input questions provided by all council members. A suggestion was made to eventually invite other congregations to participate and then perhaps prepare a survey for the Babbitt community.

The council decided to involve representatives from Woodland Presbyterian and the Assembly of God congregations in a joint discussion of successes, common problems and possible solutions.

New Business

Motion by Jo Langan, second by Don Negley to serve communion on the first and fourth Sundays of each month. Carried.

The Council set the dates and times for Good Friday services on 3/30 at 6:30 pm and Maundy Thursday services on 3/29 at 6:30. There will be no Seder Supper this year.

Pastor Evelyn explained that Synod Benevolence is actually our mission support to the Synod. BELC has allocated \$3000 in the 2018 budget. The exact amount of this used for ELCA, Laurentian Conference and VLM was not given.

Offering envelopes for 2019 are ordered now. The council decided to leave the offering designations as currently are, but to change Synod Benevolence to ELCA/Mission Support. Motion by Don Negley, second by Carl Sundblad due to minimal use, to remove the following envelopes for special Sundays from the order: Lent, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Thanksgiving. Good Friday, Easter and Christmas will remain. Carried.

A decision to place Thrivent funds in the general fund or another existing account was not made.

No council members were selected to attend the March 17 Synod Workshop in Grand Rapids.

An attempt to find an additional BELC member to attend Synod Assembly will be made.

Worship offerings will be deposited by council members.

Council members selected months to assist with communion and then also deposit offerings.

Morgan Klatt and others expressed the need to get information about Sunday School and other activities to the youth. A second concern was to find ways to assist Pastor Evelyn with some of her responsibilities in light of her further reduction in time.

Pastor Report

Pastor Evelyn provided information concerning her mileage, hours, decisions necessary for the council, workshops available, plans for Lent and Holy Week, youth activities, a fundraiser to be held at BELC August, 2018, National Night Out, her upcoming continuing ed, and a calendar of known church related events for February through August.

Committee Reports

Property: Three members of the congregation (Ray, Carroll, Ed) will be attending the energy workshop. Since >2 are going to Messiah Lutheran, Mt Iron, BELC has priority for a possible free energy audit.

Music & Worship: After the organ from the Baptist Church is installed, Irene, Pastor and Jo will meet for planning the future worship calendar.

Stewardship & Finance: Suggestion to invite a Synod representative for a temple talk explaining their mission program, and also to invite a Camp Vermillion representative to tell of their activities.

The next council meeting will be Monday, March 12 at 6:30 pm.

Motion by Allan Eckman, second by Carl Sundblad to adjourn. Carried.

The council together prayed the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully,

Jo Langan, Secretary

**Council Meeting Minutes
Evangelical Lutheran Church
March 18, 2018**

Roxanne Sader called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Present: Roxanne Sader, Carl Sundblad, Mary Muellerleile, Don Negley, Morgan Klatt, Shanna Sundblad, Jo Langan, Pastor Evelyn Weston

Absent: Allan Eckman, Nancy Mettler

Motion by Jo Langan, second by Mary Muellerleile to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

The secretary's report was reviewed. Motion by Don Negley, second by Shanna Sundblad to accept the secretary's report. Carried.

The treasurer's report was presented by Mary Muellerleile. Requests were made to include in the report the monthly and YTD offerings designated for current expenses, the synod mission (aka synod benevolence), and expenses paid during the month.

Information was given concerning Pastor Evelyn's expenses; \$827.19 of BELC's share of 2017 mileage and expenses were paid in 2018. This inaccurately resulted in the appearance of overspending in 2018. Revised offering envelopes were ordered for 2019. No bill has been received yet.

Old Business

No information was available on the energy workshop held February 23 at Messiah Lutheran.

The meeting with representatives from BELC, Woodland Presbyterian and Assembly of God churches on common mission was discussed.

Don Negley will arrange a meeting with representatives from Woodland and BELC.

Diane Pastika and Jo Langan will be the delegates from BELC to the NE MN Synod Assembly at Cragun's in Brainerd on May 4-6.

Donna McKibbin is working on the new church directory.

New Business

Roxanne Sader shared the questions written by some of the council members for the congregational survey being prepared. Considerable discussion followed as to which questions to select from those submitted. Necessary editing for ease of understanding was also done. A final draft will be made by Roxanne and Pastor Evelyn.

A suggestion was made when scheduling activities at BELC to try to be aware of conflicting times with other activities in the community.

The workshop, "Nuts and Bolts and a Few Loose Screws", to be held in Grand Rapids on March 17 will be attended by Mary Muellerleile, Roxanne Sader, Jo Langan and Pastor Evelyn. Attendees selected workshop sessions to attend. Pastor Evelyn will register the group online.

Information for "God's Work, Our Hands Sunday" to be held September 9 was shared. Consensus was to become involved in this program. Some ideas were discussed for how to be out helping our community.

Pastor Report

Pastor Evelyn provided detailed information on total hours worked in the past month; a synod workshop she will be attending; the preparation done for three services during Holy Week; the trip to McGregor with youth from BELC and Hope; monthly meetings with area youth partnering with BELC on the Synod Journey; plans for required continuing education; events scheduled for spring and summer. Pastor Evelyn at the request of a council member also prepared a second more detailed report on her time.

Change in office hours:

BELC Tuesday & Friday 10 am – 1 pm

Hope Tuesday 4:30 – 7 pm

Committee Reports

Property: The elevator again failed to operate with members inside. A technician ordered a part which has not yet arrived to be installed.

Music & Worship: A very special thank you to Ed LaFrenier and Carroll Eckman for disassembling the organ to prepare it for transport and temporary storage at the former Baptist Church and for taking down the speakers and decorative pipes behind the altar. The donated organ with new, specially designed speakers (the new organ had no external speakers) is now in place at BELC. The pipes will be repositioned on the ledge.

A discussion followed in regard to artificial vs live flowers on the altar and the use of color. Cost saving was the motive. Roxanne will do some research on the topic.

Stewardship & Finance: Don Negley will arrange the meeting with Woodland and BELC.

Youth & Education: none

Outreach & Communication: The survey is being prepared.

Social Ministry: none

The next council meeting will be Wednesday, April 18, at 7:00 pm.

Communion assistant for April: Morgan Klatt

Motion by Shanna Sundblad, second by Carl Sundblad to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

The council together prayed the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully,

Jo Langan, secretary



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter Sunday 8:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion 9:30 AM Coffee An' 9:30 AM Sunday School	2	3 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours	4 11:30 AM WELCA Luncheon	5 8:30 AM TOPS	6 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours	7
8 Second Sunday of Easter 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM Coffee An' 9:30 AM Sunday School	9	10 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours	11	12 8:30 AM TOPS	13 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours	14
15 Third Sunday of Easter 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM Coffee An' 9:30 AM Sunday School	16	17 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours 1:00 PM Women of the ELCA Executive Board meets	18 1:00 PM Circle meets 3:00 PM Altar Guild meets 7:00 PM Council Meeting	19 8:30 AM TOPS	20 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours	21
22 Fourth Sunday of Easter 8:30 AM Make a Joyful Noise Worship Service with Holy Communion 9:30 AM Coffee An' 9:30 AM Sunday School	23 5:00-8:00PM Synod Journey Fundraiser Dinner at Pizza Ranch in Hibbing 5:00PM Newsletter submission deadline	24	25 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours	26 8:30 AM TOPS	27 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours	28 Ruby's Pantry at Babbitt Municipal Center 8:00 AM Volunteers 9:30 AM Registration 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Distribution
29 Fifth Sunday of Easter 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM Coffee An' 9:30 AM Sunday School 2:00 PM Carefree Living Polka Worship	30	<h1>APRIL 2018</h1>				

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

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