



"Come, grow with us..."

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Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Evangel *(good news!)*

Our nation observes three days when we honor and remember those who have served in our nation's military.

Memorial Day, the last Monday in May, is the day we remember people who died while serving in U.S. military. Special days to decorate the graves of departed soldiers have been observed for centuries. Memorial Day, as we now know it, has been observed since 1868, after the end of our nation's Civil War.

Veterans Day, November 11, honors all who have served in U.S. Armed Forces. This day also is observed as Armistice Day and Remembrance Day in other countries that mark the end of World War I.

Armed Forces Day, the third Saturday in May, honors those currently serving in all branches of the U.S. military— Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard. It also is a day when we can honor those serving in the National Guard, who sometimes are "nationalized" to serve in the U.S. and called upon to deploy abroad in recent decades.

This year our parish will pray especially for those currently serving from our churches, families, and communities during worship on May 20, the day after Armed Forces Day. In Babbitt, we will bless Carl Sundblad as he prepares to begin basic training for the National Guard. If you have names of current service members to include in our prayers, please give the names to me in writing (note or email) by Friday, May 18. Include their branch and where they are serving. May we all be grateful for their service to our nation.

In His service,

Pastor Evelyn

"May truth and freedom come to every nation;
may peace abound where strife has raged so long;
that each may seek to love and build together,
a world united, righting every wrong;
a world united in its love for freedom,
proclaiming peace together in one song."

"This Is My Song," verse by Georgia Harkness

BELC 1st Quarter Financial Snapshot

So far in 2018, Evangelical Lutheran Church has spent almost \$1,200 more each month than we received in offerings for Current Expense, Mission Support, and loose plate. In other words, our offerings have been short of our ministry needs by around \$1,200 each month.

Our council leaders encourage each and every person or family to prayerfully consider whether you are able to give more in your offering. Maybe you can make a one time gift. Maybe you can add a few dollars to your envelope each week. Maybe you have an idea that may help. Whatever you can do will bless our church as we support the ministry God calls us to do.

The church council hopes the following “financial snapshot” of the first quarter (Jan-Feb-March) will help you see how our church finances are doing.

Approved 2018 Budget - \$94,766

\$23,691.50	Q1 Budget (Jan-Feb-March)	25% of budget
\$22,798.30	Q1 ministry expenses paid	24.06% of budget
\$19,333.50	Q1 Current Expense & ELCA Mission Support offerings	20.40% of budget

Checking Account balance - \$21,954.43 as of March 31, 2018

Church Savings Accounts as of March 31, 2018

\$ 9,637.47	General Savings (includes Library and Choir funds)
\$ 7,266.81	Building Maintenance & Memorial Garden
\$ 6,921.06	Thrivent Choice
<u>\$ 5,500.54</u>	Undesignated Memorials
\$29,325.88	Total Savings Accounts

BELC Auxiliary Accounts as of March 31, 2018

\$ 3,113.96	Youth Account	2018 Q1 Designated Offerings
\$ 1,220.11	Helping Hands Fund	<i>(ministries beyond BELC)</i>
\$ 1,078.84	WELCA Account	\$ 679.00 ELCA Mission Support
<u>\$ 609.77</u>	Krazy Quilters	\$ 298.00 World Hunger
\$ 6,022.68	Total for Ministry Groups	\$ 240.00 Lutheran Social Service MN

*“There are three books necessary to the work of the church:
The Good Book— the Bible from which we learn;
the hymnbook from which we sing praises and pray;
and the pocketbook by which we support the work of the church.”*

Dr. V.E. Hill

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, May 16, 7:00PM

Women of the ELCA

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Tuesday, May 15, 1:00PM

JUNE 2018 NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Tuesday, May 22nd, 5:00PM

Women of the ELCA

GENERAL MEETING and Luncheon

Wednesday, May 2nd, 7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

March 25	50
April 1	111
April 8	39
April 15	50
April 22	45

ESTHER CIRCLE

Wednesday, May 16, 1:00PM

ALTAR GUILD

Wednesday, May 16, following Esther Circle meeting

2018 Budget & Current Exp. Offering* (thru Apr 22)

2018 Adopted Annual Budget	\$94,766
2018 Monthly Budget	\$ 7,897
April MTD Offering	\$ 6,486
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Current Expense Offering YTD	\$22,717
Synod Benevolence Offering YTD	\$ 631
Total YTD Current Expense Offering	\$23,348

* Figures are unaudited and subject to adjustment.



EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



Confirmation Service Opportunities

Saturday, May 26, 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.

Youth Overnight! -

Parish youth in grades 6-12 are invited to stay overnight at Camp Vermilion May 18-19 and help with Work Day. We'll leave Babbitt to arrive for 6:30pm supper at Camp, take part in camp games and campfire that evening, and sleep in camper cabins. After Saturday breakfast, we'll help build a new lean-to (woodshed) for sauna firewood (Hope is sponsor for this building) Confirmation students can get service hours for participating. After lunch, we'll return to the parish. **FREE!** Stan and Pastor Evelyn will be chaperones & drivers-- please contact them to sign up by Sunday May 13.

Second Welcome Home Basket

Thank you to all who generously donated items for our first basket! These baskets are needed all year so we are doing a second Welcome Home basket as a church wide project for God's Work + Our Hands Sunday on September 9th. To avoid duplicating items, there is a sign up sheet in the narthex for you to choose available items to donate. Cash donations will be used to buy any items not donated. Please remember all items must be new!

*God's Work...
Our Hands*

Afternoon Tea

Please join the Women of the ELCA for an English inspired afternoon tea at **2:00PM on Saturday, May 12, 2018** in Evangelical's Fellowship Hall. We will have treats, both savory and sweet, games, prizes and fun! Invite your friends, family and neighbors. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Ely Area Food Shelf. Sign up in the narthex or R.S.V.P. to the church office at 827-2659 by Friday, May 4th. Leave your name, phone number and number of guests in your party.

National Day of Prayer

The Babbitt-Embarrass Clergy Association invites you to "PRAY with and *FOR AMERICA TOGETHER*" at noon on Thursday, May 3, 2018, at the Babbitt City Council Chambers, 71 South Drive.

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.

Red for Pentecost

May 20th is Pentecost Sunday, so please wear red to worship to symbolize the Holy Spirit's presence in your heart! We also welcome donations of potted red geraniums for the chancel. The geraniums will be planted outside to beautify the area around our sign on Acacia Road as soon as weather permits.

Newborn Kits

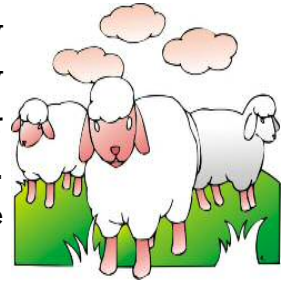
Women of the ELCA are assembling Newborn Kits to be given to Global Heath Ministries at the 2018 Women of the ELCA Summer Gathering. Newborn Kits provide needed items to help new mothers welcome their baby into the world. Our goal is to complete 15 kits. The Krazy Quilters have already made diapers, shirts and receiving blankets out of donated flannel. We still need:

- bath towel (approx 48"-52" length and thinner, smaller towels are preferred for shipping)
- wash cloths
- bath sized bar of white ivory soap in original packaging

Drop off donated items at the church office. Monetary gifts will be used to purchase needed items or offset shipping costs. All donations will be taken to the gathering to help fill in and make additional kits. The Women of the ELCA thank you for your generous support.

Sunday School

The last day of Sunday School for the year is May 20th! Be sure to sign up for Day Camp July 9-13th. Friends and family 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, May 26th. 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. Confirmation students can earn 4+ hours of service credit by volunteering

Upcoming Gospel Readings.....

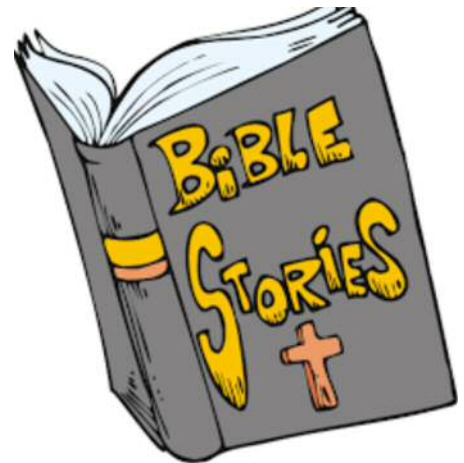
May	6	John 15:9-17
	13	John 17:6-19
	20	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
	27	John 3:1-17
Jun	3	Mark 2:23—3:6
	10	Mark 3:20-35
	17	Mark 4:26-34
	24	Mark 4:35-41

**Seven days
without prayer makes
one weak.**



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.



VLM Golf Scramble

Friday, June 22, 2018

Vermilion Fairways, Cook, MN

10am check-in and early lunch on the grill

11am shotgun start (9-holes played twice)

4pm catered dinner at Camp Vermilion's Voyageur Lodge

\$65 covers green fees, dinner, and gas grill drawing (golf cart not included)

Register by Friday, June 15 - call 800-331-5148 or email vlm@vlmcamps.org

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.

Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2018

President Roxanne Sader called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Roxanne Sader, Carl Sundblad, Mary Muellerleile, Don Negley, Shanna Sundblad, Nancy Mettler, Allan Eckman, Jo Langan, Pastor Evelyn Weston

Absent: Morgan Klatt

Pastor Evelyn opened the meeting with prayer.

Motion by Don Negley, second by Mary Muellerleile to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented by Mary Muellerleile. Discussion followed, and these suggested changes to the report format were given:

- collapse each category and print only the total amounts
- report the balances for checkbook, savings and auxiliary accounts
- include columns with payments made for the month, YTD, 2018 budget and the percentage of the budget spent

This revised format will begin with the May council meeting.

The need to itemize and photograph the interior church assets for insurance purposes was discussed. The Property Committee will work on this.

Motion by Don Negley, second by Allan Eckman to accept the treasurer's report. Carried.

Old Business

Carroll Eckman relayed information from the Energy Workshop attended by Ray Denny, Ed LaFrenier and Carroll Eckman on February 23. The workshop provided few suggestions that have not already been done to make the building more energy efficient. Switching light fixtures to LED is the only possibility.

Don Negley reported on the joint discussion with BELC and Woodland Presbyterian concerning our Common Mission. Members attending were Diane Pastika, Don Negley and Jo Langan from BELC, and Karen and Al Maddern and Tom Asplund from Woodland. This first meeting was primarily an exchange on declining membership, financial concerns, as well as a discussion about possible reasons for these issues. A second meeting will hopefully be held prior to the May council meeting.

New Business

About 30 surveys had been returned as of April 18. Donna McKibbon will create a report.

Saturday, March 17, Roxanne Sader, Mary Muellerleile, Pastor Evelyn and Jo Langan attended the Synod's "Nuts and Bolts and a Few Loose Screws" workshop in Grand Rapids. Those attending participated in sessions on finance (record keeping, audit committees, software, IRS rules, and resource help available), Effective Council Leadership, and Portico benefits. Pastor Amy Ogden and Deacon Brenda Tibbetts presented a valuable and informative session called "Creative Disarray: Models for Ministry in Changing Times." Info was shared to help determine whether a congregation was in plateau or declining, and the difficult questions a congregation must then ask about their future and possible options that may be considered.

September 9, 2018, is "God's Work + Our Hands Sunday." The council is looking for ways BELC can reach out to help our community.

Motion by Don Negley, second by Pastor Evelyn to have coffee 'n money go to WELCA rather than general fund. Carried.

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A request from WELCA to approve an Avon fundraiser for an eventual computer and software purchase was encouraged by the council.

The current method to provide altar flowers by individual members was discussed. No changes will be suggested to Altar Guild.

The graduation of two BELC members (Alex Herring and Jon Weston) from NE Range HS will be acknowledged Sunday, May 27. The congregation is invited to attend a coffee and cake reception following services.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Evelyn's report included her average hours worked (45.8 hr/wk) for the first quarter of 2018 at 70% salary. One Synod Journey participant can no longer attend, so Pastor Evelyn is contacting other BELC students to make use of the non-refundable registration.

Pastor Evelyn will attend her son's college graduation on Sunday, May 6. Due to Synod Assembly that same weekend, Pastor Evelyn has not been able to secure a pastor for pulpit supply. A lay-led service will be held that Sunday instead. Communion Sunday will be changed from May 6 to May 13.

Camp Vermilion Work Day is May 19. Our parish's Confirmation and high school youth can go for a free overnight retreat. RLE may provide a van; Pastor Evelyn and Stan Dow will lead and drive.

National Night Out will be held August 7 and the council agreed to have BELC participate.

Pastor Evelyn is planning the Baccalaureate Service for NE Range HS on May 30. She also organized and participated with BELC volunteers in providing snacks for 50 elementary students during MCA testing.

Committee Reports

Property: Members will obtain the value of the BELC building and begin to list interior assets. The insurance company will then be contacted with this updated information.

Music & Worship: none

Stewardship & Finance: Following discussion, a motion was made by Shanna Sundblad to close the library and choir accounts and deposit the funds in the general savings; and similarly to deposit the memorial garden account into the building maintenance account with the stipulation that any memorial garden maintenance will be covered by the building maintenance fund. Second by Mary Muellerleile. Carried.

Pastor Evelyn will prepare an article on the current financial situation for the May newsletter.

Roxanne Sader will give a short talk on our serious financial situation during the worship service on April 22.

Youth & Education: Nancy Mettler reported that children have been attending Sunday School. The final Sunday will be May 16.

Outreach & Communication, Social Ministry: Morgan Klatt and Roxanne Sader will work on ideas to help BELC become more active and present in community events.

The next council meeting will be Wednesday, May 16, at 7:00 pm.

Communion assistant for May: Carl Sundblad

Motion by Mary Muellerleile, second by Allan Eckman to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Together the council prayed the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully, Jo Langan, Council Secretary



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MAY						
6 Sixth Sunday of Easter Synod Assembly at Cragun's 8:30 AM Lay-led Worship Service 9:30 AM Coffee An' 9:30 AM Sunday School	7	8 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours	9 7:00 PM Women of the ELCA meet	10 8:30 AM TOPS	11 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours	12 2:00 PM Ladies Spring Tea
13 Seventh Sunday of Easter Mother's Day 8:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion 9:30 AM Coffee An' 9:30 AM Sunday School	14	15 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours 1:00 PM Women of the ELCA Executive Board meets	16 1:00 PM Circle meets 3:00 PM Altar Guild meets 7:00 PM Council Meeting	17 8:30 AM TOPS	18 Camp Vermilion Youth Overnight departs 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours	19 Armed Forces Day Camp Vermilion Work Day
20 Pentecost Sunday 8:30 AM Worship Service & Military Blessing 9:30 AM Coffee An' 9:30 AM Last Day of Sunday School	21	22 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours 5:00 PM June Evangel Submission deadline	23	24 8:30 AM TOPS	25 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours	26 Ruby's Pantry at Babbitt Municipal Center 8:00 AM Volunteers 9:30 AM Registration 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Distribution
27 Holy Trinity Sunday 8:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion & Graduate Recognition 9:30 AM Coffee An'	28 Memorial Day	29 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours	30 7:00 PM NE Range Baccalaureate	31 8:30 AM TOPS		

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

May 2018 Evangel inside!

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