



"Come, grow with us..."

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Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Evangel *(good news!)*

Recently, one of our government officials quoted the Bible to encourage support for the Administration's immigration policies. The verse was Romans 13:1, "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God."

This same verse was quoted by American slaveholders, by pro-Nazi groups in Germany, and by the apartheid government in South Africa. But the Apostle Paul wrote these words— not to support the government in Rome— but to encourage persecuted Christians to keep their heads down to avoid problems.

Many Christians in our nation reject the use of this verse to support political policies. I am aware of statements and letters in support of refugees shared recently by leaders in these mainline denominations: the ELCA, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, United Methodist, United Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ, Mennonite, Moravian, Reformed Church in America, American Baptist, and Southern Baptist. I also am aware of communications from leaders of Mormon, Jewish, and Islamic faith communities. I expect this is not a complete list.

Families seeking asylum are the heart of our nation's current crisis. The U.S. Constitution protects the basic human rights of all people— citizens or not. And it isn't hard to find the many passages in the Bible about treating foreigners, immigrants, and refugees with compassion and loving neighbors as yourself. It isn't hard to find, because it's the heart of the Bible... and the heart of God.

With Christ's love,

Pastor Evelyn

"The church must be reminded that it is not the master or the servant of the state but rather the conscience of the state... It must be the guide and the critic of the state and never its tool."

Martin Luther King Jr.

KRAZY QUILTERS

Krazy Quilters make a difference in the world by quilting. The group is on break for the summer. 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. Please join us in September!

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, July 16, 2018
 6pm—Review April 2018 Survey Results
 7pm—meeting

**Women of the ELCA
 EXECUTIVE BOARD**

No July meeting

**JUNE 2018 NEWSLETTER
 SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

Monday, July 23rd, 5:00PM

**Women of the ELCA
 GENERAL MEETING**

No July meeting

ATTENDANCE

May 27	49
Jun 3	41
Jun 10	37
Jun 17	31

ESTHER CIRCLE

No July meeting

ALTAR GUILD

No July meeting

2018 Budget & Current Exp. Offering* (thru June 17)

2018 Adopted Annual Budget	\$94,766
2018 Monthly Budget	\$ 7,897
Jun MTD Offering	\$ 5,779

Current Expense Offering YTD	\$36,562
Synod Benevolence Offering YTD	\$ 1,185
Total YTD Current Expense Offering	\$37,747

* Figures are unaudited and subject to adjustment.



EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



Confirmation Service Opportunities

Saturday, July 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.

Geranium Watering –Volunteers are needed to help with watering the geraniums around the sign on Acacia over the summer. Confirmation students can earn 3 service hours for each week they volunteer to water in July and August. Please sign up in the narthex.

Grounds maintenance—Summer is here! Youth & parent are welcome to sign-up in the narthex to help with Summer grounds keeping. Confirmation students can earn service hours for volunteering. Combine a week of watering the geraniums with the same week of lawn maintenance and earn even more service hours! Assignments are one week each so sign up for a week or two!

Ely Patriotic Choir Concert

Sunday, July 1st at 2PM

Ely Washington School Auditorium

The Choir and Orchestra under the direction of Sarah Mason will perform their seventh annual pre-4th of July concert. This concert is free to the public.

*God's Work...
Our Hands*

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!

Draft Social Statement on Women and Justice

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is preparing a social statement on women and justice to be considered by the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, as mandated by the 2009 assembly.

This "Draft of a Social Statement on Women and Justice" is an invitation to everyone in the ELCA to join in conversation and discern what this church should teach about contemporary issues related to sexism and patriarchy in our society. Receiving input from all spheres of the church is essential to create a strong social statement.

A copy of this draft document can be downloaded at <http://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Current-Social-Writing-Projects/Women-and-Justice/Draft> along with instructions on how to submit your responses. Responses are due by September 30, 2018.

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.

Summer Camperships Available

Camperships are available for Camp Vermilion and Camp Hiawatha. Children/grandchildren of BELC members (living in the Babbitt area) are eligible. Please contact the church office with your child's name by June 24th. Once we know how many campers there are we can determine the amount of the campership.

First Communion celebration

On Sunday, June 24th, our church family celebrated First Communion for Maizy & Danica Sundblad. We give thanks for God's grace given to all through this sacrament!

Joint Worship at Woodland

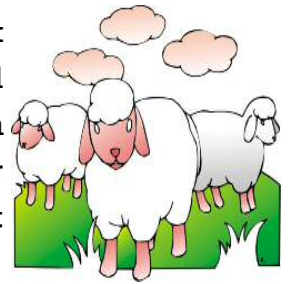
This year's annual summer joint worship with Woodland Presbyterian will be held at Woodland on Sunday, July 29th at 9:00am.

Upcoming Gospel Readings.....

Jul	1	Mark 5:21-43
	8	Mark 6:1-13
	15	Mark 6:14-29
	22	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
	29	John 6:1-21
Aug	5	John 6:24-35
	12	John 6:35, 41-51
	19	John 6:51-58
	26	John 6:56-69

Sunday School

Sunday School is on break for the summer and will resume after Labor Day in the fall. Please look for upcoming announcement for the exact date.



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, July 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. Confirmation students can earn 4+ hours of service credit by volunteering.

Help with Lay-Led Worship?

BELC's council is considering whether to have lay people (like YOU!) help lead worship services on non-Communion Sundays when Pastor Evelyn is away. This would save the cost of a pulpit supply pastor (est. \$165 per Sunday) and strengthen our church's lay leadership.

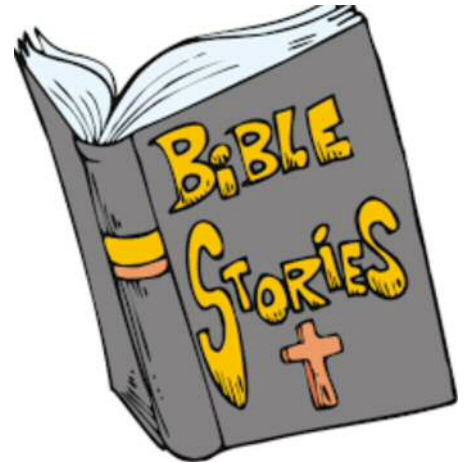
Besides our regular readers and ushers, one person could write or find and/or preach a sermon, and others could help with spoken liturgy and prayers. Another option would be a hymn-sing Sunday, similar to the one we did after Christmas. This would include finding and sharing the stories of favorite hymns (instead of a sermon), with others leading prayers.

If you would like to explore helping our church in this way, please talk with Pastor Evelyn.



2018 Day Camp

2018 Day Camp is July 9-13th. Tell your family, friends, and neighbors! Open to children who have completed kindergarten thru 5th grade. Register online from the Day Camp link on the church website, www.BabbittELCA.org or stop by the church and pick up a registration form.



Hog Roast Dinner & Concert

Laurentian Conference will hold a Hog Roast Dinner & Concert Worship fundraiser on July 18 at Gethsemane-Virginia. Funds raised will go to the LSS Family Resource Center in Virginia, which helps children and families in need of our support.

Suggested donation for dinner is \$15.

- 4:30-5:30pm Mass Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00-6:00pm Hog Roast Dinner (by Scooby Cheney)
- 6:30-7:30pm Worship with mass choir special music, stories from LSS

Your help is needed for Day Camp!

- Donate cash or grocery gift cards for the VLM counselors breakfasts and lunches.
- Host the VLM counselors for supper (Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, or Thur)
- Provide snacks for the campers.

Sign Up sheets and donation jar will be in the Narthex .

Can't get enough VLM Day Camp? Hope Lutheran in Embarrass will hold their VLM Day Camp July 16-20. Leave a message on Hope's church answering machine (218-984-2037) if you would like registration forms.

News on Women Serving in the ELCA

2018 has been a historic year for women the ELCA. At this year's Synod Assemblies, eleven included the election of bishops. Five bishops were re-elected, in every election where the current bishop was willing to serve another term. Six synods elected new bishops, and all six synods elected women to serve six-year terms as bishop.

The ELCA has 65 Synods (divided into 9 Regions) and a Presiding Bishop, and after this year's bishop installations, 17 women will be serving as bishops— almost 26%. Three of those bishops will be women of color. Come fall, when bishops meet with their Region, every Region will have at least one woman bishop at the table, for the first time ever.

As of 2017, the ELCA has 16,232 ordained ministers, of which 13,604 are active (not retired or “on leave from call”). Among those active, 28% are women, and 72% are men. The percentage of women will continue to rise, since women seminary students are now around 50% of those preparing to serve as pastors, and more men will be retiring.

According to my quick calculations, the Northeastern Minnesota Synod has 104 pastors currently serving churches (called, contracted, interim, etc), including 37 women, or 36% of pastors. 28% of Laurentian Conference pastors are women.

We give thanks to God for all the women and men God calls to serve Christ's Church!

Pastor Evelyn



4th of July Word Search

Color some fireworks around the flag

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CONGRESS
ENGLAND
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FREEDOM
JULY
KING
LIBERTY
PARADE
RED
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UNITED
WHITE

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Fourth of July Word Scramble

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion 9:30 AM Coffee An' 2:00 PM Ely Patriotic Choir at Washington School Auditorium	2	3 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours	4	5 8:30 AM TOPS	6 No Pastor's Office Hours	7
8 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM Coffee An'	9 VLM Day Camp at BELC	10 VLM Day Camp at BELC 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours	11 VLM Day Camp at BELC	12 VLM Day Camp at BELC 8:30 AM TOPS	13 VLM Day Camp at BELC 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours	14
15 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM Coffee An'	16 6:00 PM Council Meeting- Review April 2018 Survey results 7:00 PM Council Meeting	17 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours	18 Laurentian Conference fundraiser Hog Roast at Gethsemane-Virginia 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Mass Choir Rehearsal 5:00 PM - 6:25 PM Hog Roast Dinner by Scooby Cheney (\$15) 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Worship with mass choir	19 8:30 AM TOPS	20 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours	21
22 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion 9:30 AM Coffee An'	23 5:00 PM August newsletter submission deadline	24 No Pastor's Office Hours	25	26 8:30 AM TOPS	27 No 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 1:00PM VLM Bluegrass Festival at Camp Vermilion
29 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 AM Joint Worship Service at Woodland Presbyterian	30	31 No Pastor's Office Hours				

JULY 2018

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

July 2018 Evangel inside!

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