



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

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# Evangel (good news!)

It is an amazing experience to be with a newborn baby—to touch a new life, to see family resemblances, to understand how much that little one depends on us for nourishment, warmth, safety, and love. What a blessing to touch such a precious gift!

Jesus was just such a newborn, and just as vulnerable as any other. Those who first saw Jesus on that holy night must have felt that. Mary, holding him close. Joseph, standing watch. The shepherds, in shock at their angelic invitation to that holy delivery room. God's army of angels, singing love songs about their most holy Lord, knowing full well that this amazing baby was God in the flesh.

We hear in the Nicene Creed that our Lord Jesus was "incarnate," which is Latin for "in the flesh." The Holy Spirit visited the Virgin Mary, and the child born to them was God in the flesh. True God and also truly human—amazing! And as we walk and talk with our brother Jesus, our hearts grow to resemble his—courageous, compassionate, forgiving.

As we once again prepare our hearts to receive the amazing gift of God's Son, may you and yours be blessed by the Christ-child's presence in every aspect of your life!

Let every heart prepare Him room,

*Pastor Evelyn*

**"Incarnation means that  
the ground is holy ground  
because God not only made it, but walked on it,  
ate and slept and worked and died on it."**

*Frederick Buechner*

**KRAZY QUILTERS**

Krazy Quilters make a difference in the world by quilting. The group meets on Monday mornings 9a-12p. Even if you cannot come every Monday, or cannot stay for the entire morning, new members are always welcome. No sewing skills required! We have work for everyone, cutting squares, laying out tops, tying quilts or sewing. We will train!

**COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, December 11, 2018  
6:30PM

**Women of the ELCA**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Tuesday, December 11, 1:30PM

**DECEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

Tuesday, December 18th, 5:00PM

**Women of the ELCA**

**UNIT MEETING**

Wednesday, December 5, 6:30PM  
Christmas Party

**ATTENDANCE**

Oct 28	42
Nov 4	32
Nov 11	27
Nov 18	29

**ESTHER CIRCLE**

Luncheon at Kell's Kitchen  
Wednesday, December 19, 12:00PM  
Altar Guild following Circle meeting.

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

2018 Adopted Annual Budget	\$94,766
2018 Monthly Budget	\$ 7,897
Nov MTD Offering	\$ 5,005
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Current Expense Offering YTD	\$74,331
Synod Benevolence Offering YTD	\$ 2,836
Total YTD Current Expense Offering	\$77,167

\* Figures are unaudited and subject to adjustment.





# 2018 Swiss Steak Dinner



### 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, December 22nd. 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.

### God's Creation Calendars

The beautiful God's Creation calendars are available for purchase in the narthex. This cost is \$7.00 and checks should be made payable to "BELC Youth". Quantities are limited so get yours while supplies last! Proceeds support Youth Camperships.

### Confirmation Service Opportunities

**Grounds maintenance**—Although summer is coming to a close, grounds maintenance around the church is still needed. Sign up in the narthex for a week or two and earn service credit hours. One of the experienced members will show you what needs to be done.

**Ruby's Pantry**—Confirmation students can earn 4+ hours of service credit for working as volunteers at Ruby's Pantry. No special skills are required; just a willingness to work! Please arrive at 8:00AM.

### Poinsettia Sponsorship

We have ordered 16 potted poinsettias to adorn the chancel during the Christmas season. Sponsorships are \$8. Sign up sheet is in the narthex. You can take your poinsettia home following worship on Sunday, December 30th.

Children 4 years through 5th grade are welcome to attend Sunday School! Bible stories, crafts, games and singing are utilized to teach children about the love of Jesus.



### Upcoming Gospel Readings.....

Dec	2	Luke 21:25-36
	9	Luke 3:1-6
	16	Luke 3:7-18
	23	Luke 1:39-55
	24	Luke 21:1-20
	30	Luke 2:41-52
Jan	6	Matthew 2:1-12
	13	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
	20	John 2:1-11
	27	Luke 4:14-21

### Book Discussion Group

#### Earth Honoring Faith

*Religious Ethics in a New Key*

By Larry L. Rasmussen

Second Tuesdays, Noon to 1:00 p.m.  
December 11 through May 14, 2019  
Fireside Room, Our Savior's Lutheran Church,  
Virginia, MN  
Brown bag lunch

This book group is open to people regardless of religious affiliation. For more information, contact Pastor Kristin Foster at 290-4694 or Pastor Erik Roth at 741-6207. A limited number of copies will be available for loan from the NE MN Synod ELCA EcoFaith Network or you may purchase your own copy.



# Hanging *of the* Greens

**Wednesday, December 12th**

**6:30PM**

**Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**28 Acacia Rd, Babbitt**

*(the A-Frame church!)*

**Help decorate for the Christmas season, sing seasonal carols and enjoy a coffee, cocoa and cookie fellowship afterwards.**

**All ages welcome!**

## **St. Pius X Christmas Boutique**

**Saturday, December 1**

**11:00-1:00pm**

Luncheon \$7

Famous Cookie Patch

Hummingbird Soaps

Walnut Potica

Norwex

Crafts

Bakery

Wheat weaving

Cards

Drawings and Buucket Raffles



**Esther Circle Christmas Luncheon**  
**December 19, 12PM**  
**Kell's Kitchen**



### **WELCA Unit Meeting**

**Wednesday, December 5th, 6:30PM**

**Christmas Party**

**Deserts and Coffee**

**Prayer Partners will be revealed and new**

**Prayer Partners selected**

**All are welcome!**

## **2018 CHRISTMAS EVE**

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**HOPE**

**LUTHERAN**

**4 PM**



**EVANGELICAL**

**LUTHERAN**

**7 PM**



### **2018-2019 WELCA BOOKS**

The 2018-2019 Women of the ELCA books are available in the church office during regular office hours.

**Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes  
November 14, 2018**

President Roxanne Sader called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

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

Absent: Morgan Klatt, Carl Sundblad, Nancy Mettler

Pastor Evelyn began the meeting with prayer.

Roxanne shared the email received from Morgan Klatt resigning from the Council.

The fire destroying Zup's Grocery in Cook was discussed. Pastor Evelyn will be a contact person with clergy from the Cook area churches to provide any information they may want in regard to Babbitt's response to the fire in 2011.

Motion by Shanna Sundblad, second by Don Negley to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Don Negley, second by Mary Kay Muellerleile to approve the October 24<sup>th</sup> minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented. Information was shared concerning the current net balance as it pertains to selection of Pastor Evelyn's compensation for 2019. The placement and amount of the Thrivent Choice dollars in a savings account was clarified. Motion by Shanna Sundblad, second by Allan Eckman to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

### **Old Business**

A meeting with members of the Common Mission discussions between Woodland Presbyterian and BELC has not been scheduled.

### **New Business**

Pastor Evelyn prepared a detailed spreadsheet with five part-time options for her 2019 compensation. Her 2018 compensation has been 70% time. She suggested that each congregation select their own percentage based on their budgets. Discussion followed. Motion by Don Negley, second by Jo Langan to select the 75% time option, therefore increasing Pastor's hours at BELC. Motion carried. Hope will be selecting their percentage option at a later date. A special "Hanging of the Greens" service will be held Wednesday, December 12, at 6:30 pm. The community will be invited and fliers hung around town. The Music and Worship committee with WELCA will prepare the program. Refreshments will be served following. The Herring family will again be providing the tree. The Council also recommends inviting the community to Christmas Eve services in the same way. The Christmas Eve Service will be held at 7pm this year. The way BELC secures volunteers as lectors, greeters and servers for coffee 'n was discussed and will be revised beginning January 1.

### **Pastor's Report**

Information was shared on hours worked and mileage in October; worship planning for December; confirmation classes and the NE MN Cragun's Middle School Gathering held November 16-17; and upcoming events through July, 2019. Getting current information about services and activities as well as pictures onto the BELC Facebook page and website was discussed.

### **Committee Reports**

**Property:** using a suggestion box to inform the committee of work needing to be done with the building; phone numbers were provided when snowplowing was needed for special events; using the \$250 Thrivent card and MN Power rebate for LED expenses

**Worship and Music:** none

**Stewardship and Finance:** none

**Youth and Education:** Cragun's Gathering

**Outreach and Communication, Social Ministry:** suggestions for hosting monthly events for the community

**The next council meeting: Tuesday, December 11, 6:30 pm.**

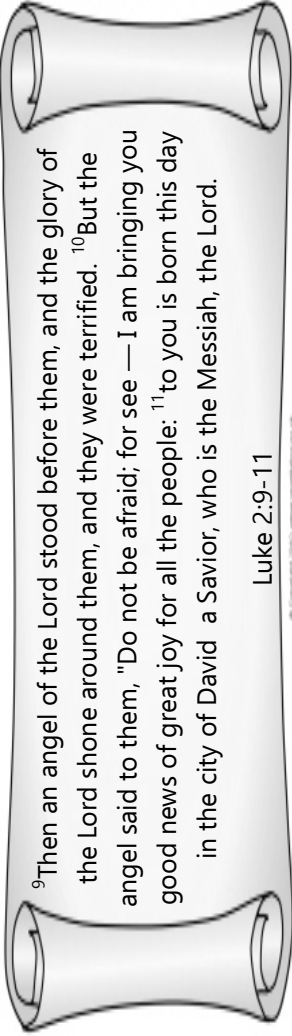
**December Communion Asst and offering depositor:** Roxanne Sader

The meeting concluded at 8:00 pm with a motion to adjourn by Mary Kay Muellerleile, second by Shanna Sundblad. Motion carried.

Together the council prayed The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Langan



<sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

Luke 2:9-11

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23 Fourth Sunday of Advent 8:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion 9:30 AM Coffee An' 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Sunday School	24 Christmas Eve 7:00 PM Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion	25 Christmas Day No Pastor's Office Hours	26 No Confirmation Class	27 8:30 AM TOPS	28 No Pastor's Office Hours	29 No Pastor's Office Hours
30 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM Coffee An' No Sunday School	31 New Years Eve					

# December 2018

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**"When you pray, move your feet."**

*African proverb*

## **December 2018 Evangel inside!**

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