



*“Come, grow with us...”*

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#### Evangelical Lutheran Church

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#### Secretary's Office Hours

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# Evangel *(good news!)*

## The Tree by Jo Langan

Once upon a time, a young popple grew on a hill. A house was built near the tree. A bedroom window was placed so the last sight each night and the first sight each morning was the tree. The tree grew ..... the years passed, marking the change in seasons. The first buds soon became the tiny, pale green leaves of spring. The days grew longer, the leaves grew until a huge canopy shaded the space outside the bedroom window.

Summer storms bent the branches. And summer breezes turned the leaves into shimmering coins. Time passed. Autumn came and the leaves changed to a beautiful golden hue. Winter was nearing. One morning the leaves were gone and the branches were laden with the first snow of winter. The years passed, the cycle of life continued.

During those years a maple tree was planted near the popple. So small beside the towering popple. Sometimes the winds that barely swayed the branches of the popple, nearly bent the maple to the ground. But the maple grew beneath the outstretched limbs of the popple..... protected, secure, youthful.

Time drifted by, season after season. The popple grew older. The leaves still appeared each spring and the snow still rested on the branches during the cold of winter. But the popple was becoming frail.

One day the popple was no more. The view from the bedroom window had forever changed. Dusk no longer showed the moon peeking through the branches, whispering 'good night'. The branches no longer stretched in the first light of dawn ..... 'good morning'. The space outside the window was empty. A long-time friend was no longer there.

But a new view came to fill the space beyond the bedroom window. The little maple had silently, slowly grown... unnoticed, hidden by the enormous limbs of the popple. Ready now to fill the space outside the bedroom window. The leaves were a different shape. They danced in the autumn breezes, a brilliant red!

The memory of the grand popple will forever remain ....never to be forgotten. A new memory now grows each day .... still beautiful, just different .... in the space beyond the bedroom window.



Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

## October –November 2019 Reader & Greeter Schedules

|             | <b>Readers:</b>  | <b>Greeters:</b>   |
|-------------|------------------|--------------------|
| October 6   | Jo Langan        | Jo Langan          |
| October 13  | Mary Ann Knutson | Margaret Sweet     |
| October 20  | Ray Denny        | Ray & Carole Denny |
| October 27  | Shanna Sundblad  | Sundblad Family    |
| November 3  | Debbie Anderson  | Jill Lossing       |
| November 10 | Aase Family      | Aase Family        |
| November 17 | Edna LaFrenier   | Dick Klinzing      |
| November 24 | Mary Ann Knutson | Sylvia Hammer      |

### **New Member Sunday**

A new member Sunday is being planned but we cannot set a date until we have an interim pastor. If you would like to become a member please fill out a Pew Envelope and drop it in the offering or contact the church office. When we have some possible dates we will let all the new members know and schedule it for the date when the majority are available.

*Thank you to all who serve as Readers and Greeters!  
If you are unable to serve on your scheduled Sunday, please ask someone to trade with you and let the office know of the change.*

*We are always looking for more people to read and/or greet so if you would like to read and/or greet and are not on the list, please get in touch with the church office, Donna will be happy to add you to the list!*

*Take home copies of this list are available in the narthex.*

### **FREE to church members...**

Room dividers from the Fellowship Hall. You haul! First come, first served. Contact the church office if interested.

### **Daylight Savings Time Alert**



Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 3rd at 2am. Be Sure to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 2nd!

### **Church Office Days are Changing**

Beginning October 8, 2019 the church office days will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Hours will continue to be 10am-1:30pm.

## Update on Filling our Pastoral Vacancy

Dear friends,

I would like to take a moment to update you on filling our Pastoral vacancy. Our council members and representatives from Hope's council met with Brenda Tibbitts, from the Synod office.

She walked us through the process, and gave us some great suggestions. We have arranged for pulpit supply through November, and also Christmas Eve. Service will be at 5:00pm.

We are visiting with a potential interim Pastor, whom was suggested by Brenda. We feel like she would be a great fit for our congregation and our confirmation program.

We will continue you keep you updated , and ask that you continue to pray for our council, and our congregation.

Roxanne Sader

### WELCA Changes

The Women of the ELCA have decided to have just one meeting each month that includes both WELCA business, Altar Guild and Circle. WELCA will meet on the third Wednesday of each month at Kell's at 11:30 for lunch and then move to the church for the business meeting, Altar Guild business and Bible study. The alternating monthly evening meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month have been cancelled.

### Laurentian Conference

#### Women of the ELCA Fall Gathering

Saturday, October 5, 2019 at First Lutheran in Hibbing. The Fall Gathering traditionally has had a silent auction so please be thinking about craft items or baskets to donate.

### LSS Street Mission

Have you been collecting hotel or travel size soap, shampoo, conditioner, and toothpaste? How about toothbrushes from dentist visits? The LSS Street Mission is in need of donations of these single use toiletries. Please drop off your donations in the LSS Street Mission box in the narthex. Thank you!

### October 2019 Acolyte Schedule

If you cannot serve on your assigned Sunday it is **your** responsibility to arrange for a substitute and to call (827-2659) or email (belca2659@frontier.com) the office and let Donna know of the change. The office can also provide contact information for the other acolytes.

| Date       | Name            |
|------------|-----------------|
| October 6  | Amara Lampton   |
| October 13 | Lydia Wright    |
| October 20 | Edee Flug       |
| October 27 | Danica Sundblad |

### Confirmation Service Opportunities

**Grounds maintenance**—Sign up in the narthex for a week or two and earn service 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 hours for working as volunteers at Ruby's Pantry. No special skills are required; just a willingness to work! Please arrive at 9:00AM.

**KRAZY QUILTERS**

Krazy Quilters make a difference in the world by quilting. The group meets on Monday mornings 9a-12p. New members are always welcome, even if you cannot come every Monday, or cannot stay for the entire morning. No sewing skills required! We have work for everyone and we will train!

**COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, October 9,  
6:30PM

**Women of the ELCA**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Tuesday, October 8, 1:00p

**NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

Tuesday, October 22, 5:00PM

**Women of the ELCA**

**UNIT MEETING**

The unit meeting has been integrated with the afternoon circle meeting. See WLECA/Altar Guild below.

**ATTENDANCE**

|              |    |
|--------------|----|
| August 25    | 59 |
| September 1  | 50 |
| September 8  | 34 |
| September 15 | 47 |
| September 22 | 40 |

**WELCA/Altar Guild**

Wednesday, October 16  
11:30 at Kell's for lunch with meeting and Bible study following at the church.

**2019 Budget & Current Exp. Offering\* (thru Sep 22)**

|                                    |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| 2019 Adopted Annual Budget         | \$97,729  |
| 2019 Monthly Budget                | \$ 8,144  |
| 2019 Budget thru August            | \$65,152  |
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| Current Expense Offering YTD       | \$ 59,835 |
| Mission Support Offering YTD       | \$ 2,026  |
| Total YTD Current Expense Offering | \$ 61,861 |

\* Figures are unaudited and subject to adjustment.





# Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Chicken Dinner

Saturday, Oct 12th

5:00pm-6:30pm

### Proceeds benefit:

- LSS Center for Changing Lives
- LAMP
- Camp Vermilion
- Food Shelf
- Recycled Lives
- Fuel Oil for Church
- Current for Curran
- Back Packs
- Seafarers

Chicken • Au Gratin Potatoes • Veggie  
Cranberry Relish • Dinner Roll w/butter  
Apple Crisp • Beverage

\$8 per plate

Children 5 yrs & under - Free

Take Out meals available!

Pay at the door, no reservation needed!!

Each dinner qualifies for the Prize drawings!

Hosted by the  
Women of the ELCA

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The A-frame church

**Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes  
September 11, 2019**

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

Present: Roxanne Sader, Mary Kay Muellerleile,  
on Negley, Carl Sundblad, Shanna Sundblad, Nancy Mettler

Absent: Allan Eckman, Don Negley, Jo Langan

In the absence of the council secretary, Mary Kay Muellerleile recorded notes at the meeting.

Motion by Shanna Sundblad, second by Nancy Mettler to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

The secretary's report was presented. Having no discussion, motion by Nancy Mettler, second by Shanna Sundblad to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented. The current deficit for January-August is \$5,917. Motion by Shanna Sundblad, second by Nancy Mettler to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

The lock for the front door has arrived and the council is waiting for the locksmith to complete the next steps.

The Mission Planning work has been placed on hold without a pastor.

A link must be put on Evangelical's website to allow email use for datafiles with relation to e-giving.

Painting the area in the parking lot for handicapped parking will likely be done in October.

**New Business**

Musician compensation was tabled to the next council meeting.

Information prepared by Pastor Evelyn for emergencies or funeral coverage was shared with the council. A list of ELCA pastors in the area is available to members through the office. St Mary's Hospital in Duluth has chaplains on staff.

Evangelical's Christmas Eve worship will be held on December 24 at 5:00 pm. A pastor is being secured.

The Lutheran Social Services Street Mission will be the current focus of our involvement in "God's Work Our Hands".

Donna McGibbon has prepared a quarterly plan for future support projects.

Pulpit supply for the coming months was discussed. Lay-led worship was discussed for some of the non-communion Sundays.

A letter was sent to individuals expressing an interest in becoming a member to provide them with information about scheduling a New Member Sunday when an interim is found.

Reminder to council members that the meeting with Synod Staff Deacon Brenda Tibbitts will be held on September 16 at 6:00 pm.

**Pastor's Report**

The report prepared by Pastor Evelyn prior to her leaving was shared. The pulpit supply she had secured for the Sundays of September 8, 15, 22, and 29 was included. Future events for Confirmation students and youth were listed.

**Committee Reports**

**Property:** locks, handicap painting, AED mounting, lights per agenda

**Worship and Music:** none

**Stewardship and Finance:** none

**Youth and Education:** Sunday School begins on October 5 and will be held every other Sunday except MEA weekend; a flyer has been sent to parents in regard to the Middle School Gathering at Cragun's on either Nov 22-23 or 23-24. Adult leaders Charisse Salo and Stan Dow will determine the date

**Outreach and Communication, Social Ministry:** teachers' luncheon was well received

**The next council meeting: Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.**

**Offering depositor for October and Communion Assistant for October 6 and 27:** Nancy Mettler

The meeting concluded at 7:33 pm with motion to adjourn by Nancy Mettler, second by Shanna Sundblad. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted, Jo Langan




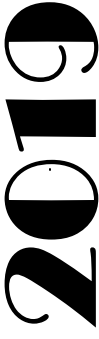
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| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday                                     | Friday  | Saturday   |
|---|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| <br><b>October</b>                                       | 1   | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5   | 8:30 AM WELCA Fall Gathering,<br>Our Savior's Lutheran, Hibbing  |
| 6<br>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost<br>8:30 AM Worship Service with Holy<br>Communion, Pr. Paul Buetner preaching<br>9:30 AM Coffee An' | 7<br>1:00 PM Women of the<br>ELCA Executive Board<br>meets              | 8<br>2:15 PM Confirmation Class<br>8:30 AM TOPS          | 9<br>10AM-1:30PM Church Office<br>Hours<br>2:15 PM Confirmation Class<br>6:30 PM Council Meeting | 10<br>No Church Office Hours<br>8:30 AM TOPS | 11<br>10AM-1:30PM Church<br>Office Hours  | 12<br>5:00 PM - 6:30 PM WELCA Chicken<br>Dinner  |
| 13<br>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost<br>8:30 AM Worship Service, Billie Rouse<br>leading<br>9:30 AM Coffee An'                           | 14<br>11:30 AM WELCA/Altar<br>Guild meets<br>2:15 PM Confirmation Class | 15<br>10AM-1:30PM Church Office<br>Hours<br>8:30 AM TOPS | 16<br>No Church Office Hours<br>8:30 AM TOPS   | 17<br>No Church Office Hours<br>8:30 AM TOPS | 18<br>10AM-1:30PM Church<br>Office Hours  | 19   |
| 20<br>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost<br>8:30 AM Worship Service, Pr. Marion Rova<br>preaching<br>9:30 AM Coffee An'                      | 21<br>10AM-1:30PM Church Office<br>Hours<br>2:15 PM Confirmation Class  | 22<br>No Church Office Hours<br>8:30 AM TOPS             | 23<br>No Church Office Hours<br>8:30 AM TOPS   | 24<br>No Church Office Hours<br>8:30 AM TOPS | 25<br>10AM-1:30PM Church<br>Office Hours  | 26<br>Ruby's Pantry at Babbitt Municipal<br>Center<br>9:00 AM Volunteers<br>9:30 AM Registration<br>10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Distribution |
| 27<br>Reformation Sunday<br>8:30 AM Worship Service with Holy<br>Communion. Pr. Paul Buetner preaching<br>9:30 AM Coffee An'                | 28<br>10AM-1:30PM Church Office<br>Hours<br>2:15 PM Confirmation Class  | 29<br>No Church Office Hours<br>8:30 AM TOPS             | 30<br>No Church Office Hours<br>8:30 AM TOPS   | 31<br>No Church Office Hours<br>8:30 AM TOPS |  |  |

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### **EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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