



“Come, grow with us...”

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Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Evangel (good news!)

*Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near!
Hosanna to the Highest, for he fulfills God's Word!*

The view from the bedroom window is changing as winter nears.....

Snowflakes now rest on the outstretched limbs of the maple tree. The full moon peaks through the branches and reflection from the snow covered grass lights the night. The sky is aglow with starlight on a cloudless night.

December has arrived..... are you prepared?

Swirling snow now replaces the swirling leaves. The once lazy strolls on a warm afternoon become rapid walks on icy paths and sidewalks. The wind burns faces and numbs fingers.

Are you prepared for the days to come?

Our thoughts begin to race and the must do list grows longer..... hang lights on those barren branches of the maple tree; decorate the house with candles and garland and wreaths; put up the Christmas tree; find those special presents for special people; plan Christmas travels to visit family; make lefsa; bake sugar cookies and all of the traditional holiday treats; build gingerbread houses with grandkids. And the rooms fill with the aromas of Christmas – cedar, cinnamon. So much to do! So few days! Soon the words, I'm not prepared, sound from our voices!

Pause a moment.

Ponder instead the night yet to come..... the celebration yet to happen..... the birth yet to take place that will change the world forever.

As we gather together in the sanctuary on the holy night, the scent of fresh pine drifts through the spaces; the tree towers, decorated again with the chrismons made by loving hands years ago; the flickering flames from burning candles light the corners of the church as once they lit the humble stable; once again we listen to the sacred story of old, told over and over through the ages; in the silence of the night we sing the carols now so familiar with time.

The Light of the World comes!

The Heavens rejoice!

The angels sing – Glory to the Newborn King!

May our hearts be prepared to receive the single most precious gift....

a Savior who is Christ the Lord.

A Blessed Christmas to each of you.....



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Church in America
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December 2019 & January 2020 Reader & Greeter Schedules

Date	Reader	Greeter
December 1	Margaret Sweet	Brenda Eckman
December 8	Roxanne Sader	Karen Boisner & Margaret Swartz
December 15	Barb Richtsmeier	Carroll & Arlene Eckman
December 22	Diane Pastika	Diane Pastika
December 24	Jo Langan	Jo Langan
December 29	Ray Denny	Ray & Carole Denny
January 5	Sundblad Family	Sundblad Family
January 12	Debbie Anderson	Jill Lossing
January 19	Aase Family	Aase Family
January 26	Edna LaFrenier	Darrel & Judy Johnson

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 the December 2019 thru February 2020 list are available in the narthex.



Hanging of the Greens

Wednesday, December 11, 6:30PM

Join in worship as we decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season and sing traditional Christmas songs.. Learn the history surrounding the decorations. A cookie and coffee fellowship will be held following the service.

New Member Sunday

Sunday, December 15, 8:30AM

Please join us as Evangelical Lutheran welcomes the following as new members during worship on Sunday, December 15.

Jack & Bonnie Eickhoff

David & Hana Kapsch

Rod & Lisa Lampton

Cheryl Lossing

Tom Ronning

A reception for the new members will be held in the Fellowship Hall following worship. Please come and get to know our new members.

**God's Work, Our Hands
All year long.**

October-December LSS Center in Virginia

Street Mission. Small sizes of personal care items, socks, under ware, hats, mittens.
All sizes, all genders. The collection box is in the narthex.

January-March Ely /Babbitt Food Shelf

Monetary and non perishable donations will be accepted. Coincides with Souper Bowl of Caring.

April-June Center for Changing Lives in Duluth

Needs will be published at a future date.
We will be doing God's Work with Our Hands all year long.
We will update you as to needs as they change.

By God's grace, let us do His work, with our hands.

**Ruby's Pantry—Sharing Christ's Love
through food**

Ruby's Pantry will hold a food share distribution at the Babbitt Municipal Center on Saturday, December 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 9:00AM.

December 2019 Acolyte Schedule

Date	Name
December 1	Danica Sundblad
December 8	Lydia Wright
December 15	Luther Johnson
December 22	Maizy Sundblad
December 24	Amara Lampton
December 29	Edee Flug

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.

**thank
you!**

A big THANK YOU! to Don & Leanne Negley for providing the RLE van to take the youth to the Middle School Gathering at Cragun's.

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

Tuesday, December 10th
6:30PM

Women of the ELCA

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Tuesday, December 10th, 1:00PM

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Tuesday, December 23rd, 5:00PM

Altar Guild Meeting

Wednesday, December 4, 1:00PM

Hostess: Barb Richtsmeier

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ATTENDANCE

October 27	43
November 3	45
November 10	34
November 17	46

WELCA Christmas Gathering

Wednesday, December 18th,

Church Library Lounge

10:30 Bible Study

11:30 Pot Luck Luncheon

2019 Budget & Current Exp. Offering* (thru Nov 17)

2019 Adopted Annual Budget	\$97,729
2019 Monthly Budget	\$ 8,144
2019 Budget thru December	\$97,729

Current Expense Offering YTD	\$ 73,910
Mission Support Offering YTD	\$ 2,361
Total YTD Current Expense Offering	\$ 76,271

* Figures are unaudited and subject to adjustment.



Farewell Picnic for Pr. Evelyn

**God's Work, Our Hands T-shirts**

OOOOOPS!

There seems to be some misunderstanding about the yellow **God's Work, Our Hands** t-shirts that were in the narthex. They are to use when our church has an event, or outreach ministry. They were ordered for us to verify how many of each size we will need.

There are 12 missing, so if you mistakenly took one **please** return it to the church. They are hanging up in the coat room.

At some point we will be taking orders for them if anyone wants to buy their own.

Sorry for the mix up.

Confirmation Service Opportunities

Advent Sundays—Participate in the readings and candle lighting. Talk to Roxanne if you would like to do this. December 1, 8, 15, 22. 1 service hour.

Hanging of the Greens—Help serve cookies, coffee and clean up. December 11, 6:30PM. 1 service hour.

New Member Sunday—Help cleanup after the reception. December 15, 9:30AM, 1 service hour.

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.

**Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
November 13, 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, Allan Eckman, Jo Langan
Absent: Nancy Mettler, Don Negley,
Roxanne Sader opened the meeting with prayer.

Motion by Jo Langan, second by Shanna Sundblad to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
The secretary's report was presented. Having no discussion, motion by Mary Muellerleile, second by Shanna Sundblad to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
The treasurer's report was presented. Decision was made to pay our share of pulpit supply expenses directly to those providing each Sunday. BELC share of the Middle School Gathering were paid. Due to paying only pulpit supply expenses during this time, total income is greater than total expenses for the year. Motion by Allan Eckman, second by Jo Langan to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Old Business

Replacing the lock for the front door remains in progress.
The website for E-giving will be available in January, 2020, when the charitable giving report procedure is implemented.

New Business

The employee vs contractor letter was sent to the church organist.
A flip phone is being purchased to provide members with contact for only emergency situations when the office is not open. Council members will be provided necessary contact information in the event of an emergency via this phone.
Yellow T-shirts with the logo "God's Work Our Hands" have been purchased to be worn by members during community outreach events. They will be available for members to purchase and use or they will be worn during these events and returned.
Received a letter asking if BELC would be able to donate money towards the caddies and supplies project being done by the Babbitt Women's Organization. The caddies will be given to Carefree Living residents. The cost is \$20 each and funds for three will be given.
A process to post information about events happening at BELC and also community outreach events was found.
Motion by Shanna Sundblad to rent tables and chairs to a member in September, 2020. Second by Jo Langan. Motion carried.
New Member Sunday will be December 15.
The council continues to work with the Synod to secure an interim. At this time a pastor has not been found.
During the four Sundays of Advent member families will light the Advent Candles and give a brief explanation of the symbolism of that candle.
Hanging of the Greens will be Wednesday, December 11, at 6:30pm. The tree will be provided by the Herring family. A program is being prepared and refreshments will be served following.
Confirmation classes are now being taught by Debra Anderson and Bonnie Eickhof. BELC will purchase Bibles compatible with the series for each student. Confirmation will continue into the spring.
Sunday, December 29, will be the traditional Lessons and Carols Service led by members of the congregation. A service is being prepared and refreshments will be served.
Pulpit supply for December and January is being secured by Hope.
The NE MN Synod mission support pledge for 2020 will be \$3,000 as in 2019.
The annual meeting date has been set for Sunday, February 2, at 9:45am.
One council term is open for election at the annual meeting.
The possible need to increase the hours of BELC administrative assistant was discussed.

Committee Reports

Property: Allan Eckman will make contacts for snow plowing
Worship and Music: preparing cover page for Evangel, Hanging of the Greens Service, Lessons and Carols Service
Stewardship and Finance: offering envelopes for 2020 are here and can be picked up at the church
Youth and Education: two members have been found to teach confirmation classes
Outreach and Communication: possible future events were discussed
Social Ministry: LSS project

The next council meeting: Wednesday, December 10th at 6:30 pm.

Offering depositor and Communion Assistant for December: Roxanne Sader

The meeting concluded at 8:50 pm with motion to adjourn by Shanna Sundblad and second by Mary Muellerleile. Motion carried.

Together the council prayed The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Jo Langan

Joy to the world

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22 Fourth Sunday of Advent 8:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion. Billie Rouse leading. 9:30 AM Coffee An'	23 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours	24 Christmas Eve 5:00 PM Worship Service with Holy Communion. Pr. Dorothy Sand preaching.	25 No Confirmation Class	26 8:30 AM TOPS 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours	27 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours	28 Ruby's Pantry at Babbitt Municipal Center 9:00 AM Volunteers 9:30 AM Registration 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Distribution
29 8:30 AM Lay Lead Worship Service. 9:30 AM Coffee An' 9:30 AM Sunday School	30 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours	31				

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