



“Come, grow with us...”

Evangel (good news!)

The view from the bedroom is still white deep, deep, white. Beneath those many inches of white snow, the earth rests waiting as the daylight hours slowly increase. The calendar says February. Where did the weeks since the manger go? The bright colors and lights of Christmas are gone the ornaments and decorations collected over time have been carefully wrapped in tissue and stored away, unused resting until another time.

But Jesus is not resting ... not waiting for a later time. The scriptures record his ministry as he travels the countryside. The throngs come to hear the words of this man named Jesus ... born a humble birth in a crude manger in Bethlehem this Jesus, a carpenter who lived in Nazareth and who “grew and became strong in the spirit”.

He climbs a mount and begins to preach that sermon the rules so familiar over time

blessed are the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who are persecuted on my account ...

the chorus from the hymn cries out the words ...

Rejoice and be glad!
 Blessed are you, holy are you!
 Rejoice and be glad!
 Yours is the kingdom of God!

Matthew continues to write, and Jesus’s words continue to preach to us today, two thousand years later – instructing us, enlightening us, commanding us, charging us, telling us how to live in the present as His disciples-

be the salt of the earth,
 be the light of the world ... hide it under a bushel, no!
 “let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven”

The Sundays of February end with a glorious, mystifying event. On a high mountain top Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John.

“and he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his raiment became white as snow ... and a voice from the cloud said, ‘this is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased; listen to him’“

Those words ... this is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased ... echo the words from heaven heard as Jesus was baptized in the river Jordan.

Transfiguration – a brief moment of divine glory before Jesus faces his imminent death.

The days of February end with Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent ... those forty days, a time never mentioned in the Bible but observed in the Christian world for centuries. A solemn day of confession ... the first step to eternal life.

May God bless each of you as you live the words of Jesus this February!

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 God’s work. Our hands.

February –May 2020

Reader & Greeter Schedules

Date	Reader	Greeter
February 2	Mary Ann Knutson	Sylvia Hammer
February 9	Margaret Sweet	Brenda Eckman
February 16	Roxanne Sader	Karen Boisner & Margaret Swartz
February 23	Barb Richtsmeier	Carroll & Arlene Eckman
March 1	Diane Pastika	Diane Pastika
March 8	Jo Langan	Jo Langan
March 15	Margaret Sweet	Margaret Sweet
March 22	Edna LaFrenier	Darrel & Judy Johnson
March 29	Sundblad Family	Sundblad Family
April 5	Debbie Anderson	Debbie Anderson
April 12	Aase Family	Aase Family
April 19	Roxanne Sader	Dick Klinzing
April 26	Mary Ann Knutson	Carroll & Arlene Eckman
May 3	Ray Denny	Ray & Carole Denny
May 10	Barb Richtsmeier	Brenda Eckman
May 17	Bonnie Eickhoff	Jack & Bonnie Eickhoff
May 24	Donna McKibbon	Jill Lossing
May 31	Diane Pastika	Sylvia Hammer

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 Dec 2019 thru Feb 2020 and Mar 2020-May 2020 lists are available in the narthex.***



Community Baby Shower

Sunday, February 16, 2020, 2:00PM

St. Pius X Catholic Church

Please bring an unwrapped gift for a child (0-2yr).

Join in the fun, food, games and fellowship!

God's Work, Our Hands

All year long.

October-December LSS Center in Virginia

Street Mission. Small sizes of personal care items, socks, under wear, hats, mittens.

All sizes, all genders. The collection box is in the narthex.

January-March Ely /Babbitt Food Shelf

The Souper Bowl of Caring will be extended to include January, February and March.

A soup pot for monetary donations is located in the narthex.

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.

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+ service hours for working as volunteers at Ruby's Pantry. Please arrive at 9:00AM. Dates are published on page 4 of the Evangel.



Lost and Found

Missing a pair of gloves, sunglasses or glasses in their case? Please stop in at the church office to see if they might be yours!

February & March 2020

Acolyte Schedule

Date	Name
February 2	Amara Lampton
February 9	Edee Flug
February 16	Danica Sundblad
February 23	Lydia Wright
March 1	Luther Johnson
March 8	Maizy Sundblad
March 15	Amara Lampton
March 22	Edee Flug
March 29	Lydia Wright

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.

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! There is work for everyone and training is available!

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, February 12th
6:30PM

Women of the ELCA

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Tuesday, February 11, 11:00AM

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Wednesday, February 19th , 5:00PM

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

Saturday, February 22nd

9am—Volunteers

9:30am—Registration

10am-11:30AM—Distribution

ATTENDANCE

December 22	39
December 29	20
January 5	34
January 12	41

WELCA Bible Study & Altar Guild

Wednesday, February 19th
11:30am at Kell's for lunch; meeting and Bible Study following at the church.

**2020
BUDGET**

2020 Budget & Current Exp. Offering* (thru Jan 12)

2020 Adopted Annual Budget	\$
2020 Monthly Budget	\$
2020 Budget thru December	\$
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Current Expense Offering YTD	\$ 2,797
Mission Support Offering YTD	\$ 52
Total YTD Current Expense Offering	\$ 2,849

* Figures are unaudited and subject to adjustment.

'Twas the Month After Christmas

'Twas the month after Christmas, and all through the house
Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse.

The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I'd taste

All the holiday parties had gone to my waist.

When I got on the scales there arose such a number!

When I walked to the store (less a walk than a lumber)

I'd remember the marvelous meals I'd prepared;

The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared.

The wine and the rum balls, the bread and the cheese

And the way I'd NEVER said, "No thank you, please."

As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt

And prepared once again to do battle with dirt

I said to myself, as I only can

"You can't spend the winter disguised as a man!"

So, away with the last of the sour cream dip,

Get rid of the fruit cake, every cracker and chip.

Every last bit of food that I like must be banished

"Till all the additional ounces have vanished."

I won't have a cookie, not even a lick.

I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick.

I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread, or pie,

I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.

I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore

But isn't that what January is for?

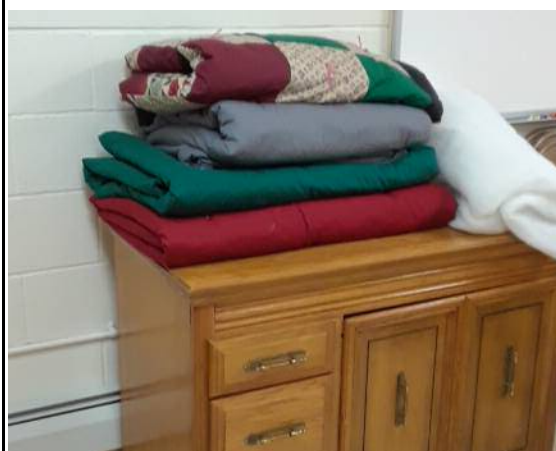
Unable to giggle, no longer a riot,

Happy New Year to all and to all a good diet!

Submitted by Barb Richtsmeier

Krazy Quilters Update

The Krazy Quilters have been busy since September! They have set a goal of 75 quilts to donate to Lutheran World Relief in June and have completed 53 as of January 13th!



Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2020

President Roxanne Sader called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

Present: Roxanne Sader, Shanna Sundblad, Jo Langan

Absent: Nancy Mettler, Don Negley, Allan Eckman, Mary Kay Muellerleile

Since there were not the necessary number of council member for a quorum, a formal church council meeting was not held.

Members present discussed a few items on the agenda not requiring motions. Members present shared information on egiving which is currently being used; replacing the missing T-shirts; the upcoming VBS day camp; changes to the 2019 budget in preparation for the 2020 budget.

Next council meeting will be February 12, at 6:30pm.

February communion assistant and offering depositor is Nancy Mettler.

Together the members prayed The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Jo Langan



Thank You

Poinsettia Sponsors!

Ray & Carole Denny

Allan & Brenda Eckman

Carroll & Arlene Eckman

Jack & Bonnie Eickhoff

Jewel & Mary Herring

Darrel & Judy Johnson

Jo Langan

David & Jill Lossing

Shirley Lundgren

Donna McKibbon

Pete & Diane Pastika

Michelle Putzel

Brad & Roxanne Sader

Merlin & Maxine Solberg

Margaret Swartz



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