



“Come, grow with us...”

Evangel (good news!)

Dear Friends, Family and Members of Evangelical Lutheran Church, Babbitt,

I have been granted the privilege and honor of both serving and worshipping with you on the 5 Wednesday evenings in Lent. Thank you.

For the theme this Lent I have chosen “Change, Changing, Changed, Changeable”...

Our world, our country, our communities, our congregations, our lives are constantly changing, everyday throughout our whole lives and yet recently it seems even more so, to me. Perhaps it has something to do with age...but I do not think so.

Lent is a time of change when we begin think spring, the cold weakens, Jack Frost is fleeting, and new growth of buds, trees, greenery is dreamed of, hoped for and envisioned.

Lent is also a time of change for Jesus. The Sunday prior to Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent, is the Day of the Transfiguration. Jesus is filled with light, glistening white light, a holy glow, astounding the disciples. God the Father for the second time announces that this, THIS IS Jesus, his Son, the Chosen one. God tells the disciples “Listen to Him”. They cannot stay on the mountain, they must come down because now, everything changes.

In Luke 9:51 Luke writes; “when the days drew near for him to be taken up, he (Jesus) set his face to go to Jerusalem”.

The words taken up refer first to Jesus’ heading to the City of Jerusalem, where he will be betrayed by Judas, then horribly tortured, he will endure suffering on the cross, die, and be buried in a borrowed tomb. He will rise again and then be “taken up”, back to his Father in Heaven on the Day of Pentecost.

From that day forward, in Luke, the 9th chapter, verse 51 until the conclusion of Luke chapter 24, Jesus no longer heals anyone, nor does he perform any more miracles and Jesus now only teaches his disciples, no longer being amongst the crowds. Things have changed and this change, Jesus’ main focus on what he came to earth to do, that is, what God the Father sent his beloved Son to accomplish, is about or occur. This change, Jesus “set his face to go to Jerusalem (to die), this change is the biggest change in the history of, and for the people of God.

For this Lent, these 5 Wednesdays, I want us to focus on Change, change that happens all the time. We will look at change, for us, around us and how Jesus is part of those changes and so desires always to be part of our changing lives.

SO, this Lent we focus on the big “C” word...CHANGE. See you soon, take care, stay safe and God’s blessings to you all.

In Christ,

Pastor Dorothy

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God’s work. Our hands.

March–May 2020

Reader & Greeter Schedules

Date	Reader	Greeter
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 Mar 2020-May 2020 lists are available in the narthex.***

Annual Meeting Re-cap

The 2019 Annual Meeting of Babbitt Evangelical Lutheran Church was held on Sunday, February 2, 2020 following worship. 27 members were present. The agenda, minutes from the 2018 meeting, budget, all of the various treasurer reports and the ballot were approved. No one was found to replace Don Negley so the Council will operate without the seat being filled. If you wish to serve on the church council please contact Roxanne Sader.



2020-2021 Church Council

President: Roxanne Sader

Vice President: Shanna Sundblad

Treasurer: Mary Muellerleile

Secretary: Jo Langan

Members: Allan Eckman, Nancy Mettler

(On the back cover Shanna Sundblad was listed twice and Nancy Mettler was omitted.)

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.

Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings time begins at 2:00am on Sunday, March 8th. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday!



Silver filigree teardrop pierced earring.
 Child's sunglasses dark tint with black frames.
 DeWalt battery charger and two batteries.
 Stop in at the church office to claim.

Lenten Wednesday Schedule

- 2/26 Ash Wednesday at Evangelical Lutheran
 Pr. Terese Tomanek preaching
 Worship begins at 5:30pm
- 3/4 at Woodland Presbyterian
 Pr. Dorothy L Sand preaching
 5:30pm Soup Supper
 6:30pm Worship
- 3/11 at Evangelical Lutheran
 Pr. Dorothy L Sand preaching
 5:30pm Soup Supper
 6:30pm Worship
- 3/18 at Woodland Presbyterian
 Pr. Dorothy L Sand preaching
 5:30pm Soup Supper
 6:30pm Worship
- 3/25 at Evangelical Lutheran
 Pr. Dorothy L Sand preaching
 5:30pm Soup Supper
 6:30pm Worship
- 4/1 at Woodland Presbyterian
 Pr. Dorothy L Sand preaching
 5:30pm Soup Supper
 6:30pm Worship

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

Tuesday, March 10th
6:30PM

**Women of the ELCA
EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Tuesday, March 10th, 11:00AM

**APRIL 2020 NEWSLETTER
SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

Wednesday, March 25th , 5:00PM

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

Saturday, March 28, 2020

9am—Volunteers

9:30am—Registration

10am-11:30AM—Distribution

ATTENDANCE

January 19	39
January 26	20
February 2	34
February 9	41
February 16	40

WELCA Bible Study & Altar Guild

Wednesday, March 18th
11:30am at Kell's for lunch; meeting and Bible Study following at the church.

**2020
BUDGET**

2020 Budget & Current Exp. Offering* (thru Feb 16)

2020 Adopted Annual Budget	\$ 97,970
2020 Monthly Budget	\$ 8,164
2020 Budget thru February	\$ 16,328
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Current Expense Offering YTD	\$ 9,987
Mission Support Offering YTD	\$ 312
Total YTD Current Expense Offering	\$ 10,299

* Figures are unaudited and subject to adjustment.

Delegates in Prayer!

Delegates from the congregations of the Laurentian Conference gathered for the Laurentian Conference Assembly on Sunday, February 9, at United in Christ in Eveleth. Elected at the annual meeting to attend from BELC were Diane Pastika and Jo Langan.

The following reports were given: mission interpreters, NE MN Synod Report, Laurentian Youth Leadership Project, Voyageurs Lutheran Ministries, North St Louis Co. Habitat for Humanity, Lutheran Social Service, EcoFaith Network.

The NE MN Synod Assembly to be held May 1-3 at the DECC will be an extremely important assembly. For the first time in twelve years due to limited terms a new bishop will be elected by the delegates from our Synod.

All five NE MN Synod conferences met at the same time on Sunday, February 9th. All conferences received the same six names that were brought forward from the Synod membership as nominees for Bishop and the delegates began the first phase of the Bishop Election Process. Neither of us had ever participated in this process and found it, to say the least, quite interesting.

A short statement from each nominee was shared with the delegates prior to the start of voting. Through a somewhat complicated set of rules, the six nominees were decreased to three to present from the Laurentian Conference. The original six nominees were: Pr Rollie Bockbraider, Pr David Carlson, Pr Liz Cheney (Tower); Pr Liz Davis; Pr Sue Johnson, Pr Amy Odgren.

After 12 ballots three nominees (David Carlson, Liz Cheney, Liz Davis) were selected as candidates for bishop from the Laurentian Conference. These three names were combined with the selections from the other conferences to determine the four nominees to be brought forward at Synod Assembly in May. On Monday, February 10, these four pastors were announced as bishop candidates:

Pr David Carlson Pr Elizabeth (Liz) Cheney Pr Elizabeth (Liz) Davis Pr Amy Odgren

During a weekend in March these candidates will be appearing at three locations throughout the Synod to answer questions and meet with delegates. The election of a new bishop is a serious responsibility. The issues facing rural congregations in this Synod, and virtually all ELCA Synods across the United States and internationally, are unlike any before. The reality is that the clergy shortage is critical and the number of pastors in active ministry continues to decrease. Fewer congregations can afford full-time pastors which greatly affects their ability to attract part-time pastors. Fewer clergy can relocate to another congregation because a spouse who very well may be the bread winner in the family must have employment also. Whoever becomes the next bishop for our Synod will face these issues and need to help many congregations to literally survive. But we have a God who has promised to take care of us at all times. Although you will not actually be at Assembly, Diane and I will be there as your delegates. Please be there with us in prayer so we with all of the other delegates may be led to make the choice God has in mind for this Synod. Thank you for your continued prayerful support.

2020 EcoFaith Summit

Now the Green Blade Rises - The Easter Gospel for the Whole Creation

Raising a Grassroots Movement among the people of God.

Saturday, March 28, 2020, 9:30am-3:30pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Brainerd.

9:00am Registration & Coffee

Cost \$20/person, \$10 up to age 25

Register soon, space is limited! [Nemnsynodecofails summit2020.eventbrite.com](https://nemnsynodecofails summit2020.eventbrite.com)

**Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2019**

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

Present: Roxanne Sader, Mary Muellerleile,
on Negley, Carl Sundblad, Shanna Sundblad, Jo Langan

Absent: Nancy Mettler, Allan Eckman

Roxanne Sader opened the meeting with prayer.

Motion by Jo Langan, second by Shanna Sundblad to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Due to the lack of a quorum in January, there was no motion to accept the secretary's report from the January meeting. The treasurer's report was presented. Decision was made to order 2021 offering envelopes. Motion by Shanna Sundblad, second by Mary Muellerleile 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 is now available for use and is actually being used at the present via credit card. Information on how to create an account will be available in the April Evangel.

The yellow "God's Work, Our Hands" T-shirts are now available for use during outreach events in our congregation.

The pay increase for the three employees of BELC as approved during the annual meeting has been implemented for this fiscal year.

New Business

Elections for the 2020 Council were held. Motion by Mary Muellerleile, second by Shanna Sundblad to elect Roxanne Sader for a final term as president. Motion carried. Motion by Jo Langan, second by Mary Muellerleile to elect Shanna Sundblad as vice president. Motion carried. Motion by Roxanne Sader to accept a unanimous ballot to continue the secretary (Jo Langan) and treasurer (Mary Muellerleile) positions as currently are. Motion carried.

The unfilled seventh position on the council was discussed. Without success in finding a candidate, the council will proceed without that position.

Pulpit Supply was discussed.

The council continues to work with the Synod to secure an interim as required by the Synod prior to finding and calling a permanent pastor.

Committee assignments were made. Property – Allan Eckman; Worship and Music – Jo Langan; Stewardship and Finance – Mary Muellerleile; Youth and Education – Shanna Sundblad; Outreach, Communication and Social Ministry – Roxanne Sader.

Pulpit supply for April and May is being secured by Hope.

The 2020 communion and offering deposit schedule was made.

Committee Reports

Property: none

Worship and Music: the 5:30pm Ash Wednesday Service at BELC is in place; the alternating Soup Suppers and Lenten Services in March with Woodland Presbyterian are in place

Stewardship and Finance: revised 2021 offering envelopes are being ordered

Youth and Education: VBS 2020 will be held

Outreach and Communication: none

Social Ministry: none

The next council meeting: Tuesday, March 10, at 6:30pm. (note the change due to Lenten Services on Wednesday)

Offering depositor and Communion Assistant for March: Allan Eckman

The meeting concluded at 8:15 pm with motion to adjourn by Mary Muellerleile and second by Shanna Sundblad. Motion carried.

Together the council prayed The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Langan






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Church Office Hrs (unless noted otherwise in the calendar): Tue, Wed & Fri 10:00 am—1:30 pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 First Sunday of Lent 8:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion 9:30 AM Coffee An' 9:30 AM Sunday School	2 11:00 AM WELCA Tea Party Committee meets	3 2:15 PM Confirmation Class 5:30 PM Lenten Wednesday Worship at Woodland Presbyterian 5:30 PM Soup Supper 6:30 PM Worship	4 2:15 PM Confirmation Class 5:30 PM Lenten Wednesday Worship at Evangelical Lutheran 5:30 PM Soup Supper 6:30 PM Worship	5 8:30 AM TOPS	6	7 Daylight Savings Time Begins at 2:00am on Sunday, March 8th 
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