

# Evangel *(good news!)*



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

The view from the bedroom window remains the same ... the spider web is actually still attached, not quite so delicate and geometric as when first spun ... but still there ... through rains and winds and afternoon heat ... still there. The maple tree grows, spreading its leaf-covered branches ever further ... still there. The view through the window is a message of hope, confidence, reassurance in promises made, and faith believing those promises will be kept.

Unexpectedly, The Evangel has become the means to remain connected and to worship together ... not in the sanctuary, but in our homes ... but still together.

August 9<sup>th</sup> had been the “planned” Sunday to begin worshipping together in the sanctuary ... anticipated for months ... a very positive moment. But unforeseen circumstances prevented that event from becoming a reality ... a negative moment. Perhaps that chain of events was always meant to be. Perhaps a negative actually became a positive ... a piece of irony. We worshipped together, reading the Good News at home ... still together.

The gospel text from Matthew for that August 9<sup>th</sup> seemed to perfectly echo the message needed when we could not worship in the sanctuary at last. Just an irony ...?

The ever familiar story of Jesus walking on the sea ... His disciples trapped in a boat beaten by waves and wind. They were alone. Jesus was not with them ... in the boat. The scene is easy to imagine. Perhaps you have experienced the same thing while fishing on a very large lake. The weather quickly changes, almost unnoticed while we are distracted and busy with a fishing rod.

As we would be, too, the disciples became fearful. What if the boat took on water and began to sink? What if the waves became so rough that the boat could capsize? In their distress they saw something or someone walking toward them on those rolling whitecaps. Understandably they became even more afraid. We would, too.

The words they heard spoken were a promise, “take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Peter, being Peter, needed some concrete proof that what they heard and saw was not merely spoken by a ghost... he needed some reassurance also.

At first believing Jesus' bidding to come, Peter was confident that he would be able to walk on water just like Jesus. So he stepped over the hull. But soon taking his eyes off of Jesus and seeing instead the waves and feeling the wind pushing on him, his faith wavered. Peter looked down and began to drown. Has that been a personal experience?

Hearing Peter's desperate cry for help, Jesus immediately, not after a few minutes or a couple of days, but immediately reached out to Peter. Peter was asked, “why did you doubt?” ... why did you take your eyes off of me? Peter again looked into the face of Jesus ... the sea was calm.

Perhaps you or this congregation are or have been in that pitching boat ... concerned that we may never safely reopen ... afraid that the pandemic may never completely diminish and continue to threaten harm to those we love ... or you are fearing a serious illness. Each of you know your fears... and so does our Heavenly Father.

Our faith is often challenged and tested, now and in the days to come. But that gospel in Matthew says that while in the storm, confidently cry out to our Savior and keeping your eyes on Him, receive what He has promised ... experience His extended hand... feel the peace, the hope He brings...all still there...forever.



“Come, grow with us...”

Dear readers,

The purpose of this publication is to provide our church community with news, information, spiritual support and humor. We have returned to monthly publishing of the Evangel .  
Co-editors, Donna M. & Jo L.

### OPEN!

- 1)Allowing access, passage, or a view through an empty space; not closed or blocked up.
- 2)Exposed to the air or to view; not covered.
- 3)Officially admitting customers or visitors; available for business.

These are all definitions of the word open, but today for us, it means so much more. After 5 months of not being able to worship together, we will be OPEN on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. It has been an unpredictable, difficult journey, and yet we always knew that God was guiding us. But now, we are taking a giant, careful step towards coming together to worship Him.

*Psalm 150:1-6* 1Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

Continue to be vigilant, for this ugly virus is still very much with us.

Stay safe, stay healthy, bright!

See you soon

Roxanne

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O Magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!

*Psalm 34:3*

## Krazy Quilters Reach 2020 Goal (Almost)!



In spite of not being able to meet since the church closed on March 17th the Krazy Quilters have almost met their goal of 75 quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Members of the Krazy Quilters have been working at home to reach their goal. Maybe they will have close to double this number ready for Lutheran World Relief by June 2021. Go Krazy Quilters, Go!

### Prayer Chain Update

The Prayer Chain is an important ministry offering special prayers for our church family and extended community members during times of illness, deaths, hardships and more. At some point we have all needed those extra special prayers. Those prayers have been and will continue to be the link between the need and our Heavenly Father who has promised to listen and hear our prayers to Him.

Participating in this ministry is fairly simple and as we update the process we will be bringing some current technology to make sure that all receive the request for prayer. We will begin using this method around September 15th. To be a part of the Prayer Chain you need to have either an email address or a cell phone capable of receiving text messages. Donna McKibbon at the church office will be the contact point for people needing prayer and will send a group text and a group email to the Prayer Chain participants.

If you are already a member (and wish to remain a member) or would like to be a member of the Prayer Chain Ministry please fill out the information below and return it to the church office (mail it, drop it off at the church office, or call Donna with your information 218-827-2659).

Thank you for your continued, caring prayer support.

I am/want to be a member of the prayer chain!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact me: \_\_\_\_\_ at Email \_\_\_\_\_

text to phone number \_\_\_\_\_

***Prayer List***

*If you have updates for anyone on this list please call the church office at 218-827-2659*

- Family of Lydia Magellson
- Family of Joanne Thompson
- Merlin Solberg
- Michelle Putzel
- Rob Swartz
- Lorraine Huset
- Rick & Pr. Dorothy Sand
- Mary Ann & family
- Drew and family
- LuAnn Carlson
- Jay Sweet
- Tony Zieska
- Marlene Akkanen
- David Lindgren
- Ben Marks
- Bryan McDonald
- Jim Herberg



*If we do not have a contact name or if no indication was made for how long to pray for someone, our practice is to remove names after 3 weeks on the Prayer List.*

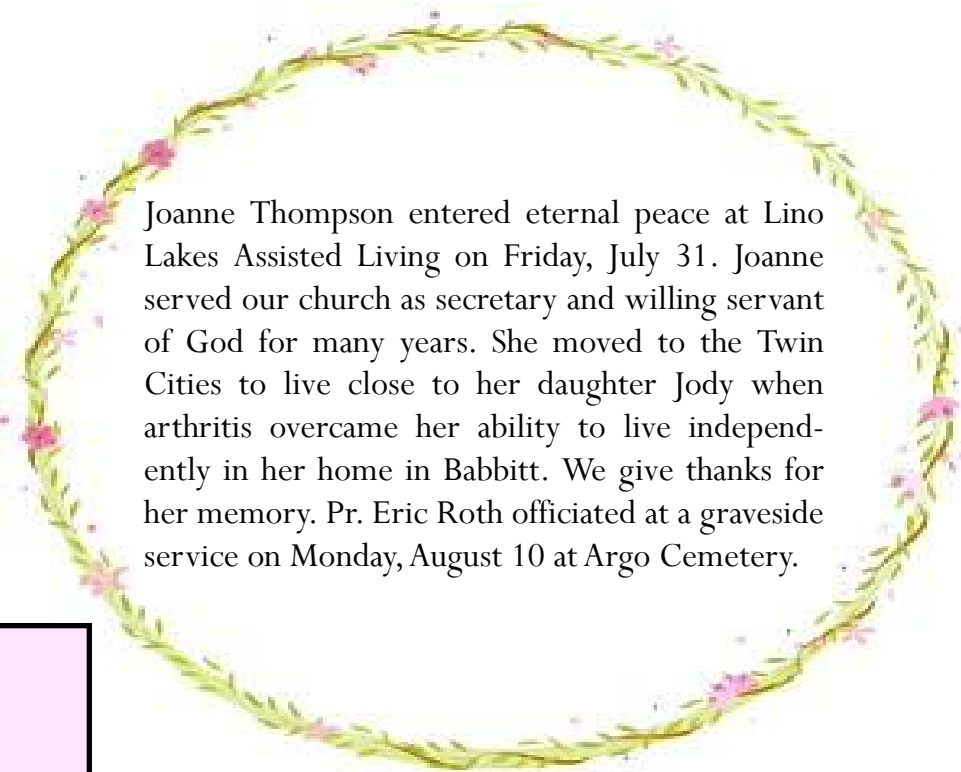


**Ruby's Pantry**

Ruby's Pantry will hold a Pop-Up Pantry at the Babbitt Municipal Center on **Saturday, September 26th.**

Registration begins at 9:30am, distribution from 10-11:30am. Bring two-three bins to hold your items. You do not need to get out of your car but please wear your mask! Enter at 71 South Drive and follow the instructions given by the volunteers.

Volunteers are always welcome! Please come at 9am.



Joanne Thompson entered eternal peace at Lino Lakes Assisted Living on Friday, July 31. Joanne served our church as secretary and willing servant of God for many years. She moved to the Twin Cities to live close to her daughter Jody when arthritis overcame her ability to live independently in her home in Babbitt. We give thanks for her memory. Pr. Eric Roth officiated at a graveside service on Monday, August 10 at Argo Cemetery.

- LOVE THY NEIGHBOR
- THY HOMELESS NEIGHBOR
- THY MUSLIM NEIGHBOR
- THY BLACK NEIGHBOR
- THY GAY NEIGHBOR
- THY IMMIGRANT NEIGHBOR
- THY JEWISH NEIGHBOR
- THY CHRISTIAN NEIGHBOR
- THY ATHEIST NEIGHBOR
- THY ADDICTED NEIGHBOR

**Church Office Schedule**

The church office will be closed for office hours beginning August 15 thru September 7. During this time please mail your offering. We have arranged for someone to come by and pick up the mail and messages a couple of days a week. If you need access to the building please contact Roxanne Sader 827-2414.

### Returning to Church

I know I speak for many of you when I say that I am so excited that we are returning to worship beginning August 23rd.. Our greatest concern is for your health and safety. Here are a few things to keep in mind.

Wear a mask! You will not be allowed inside the building without one. We have masks available if you need one.

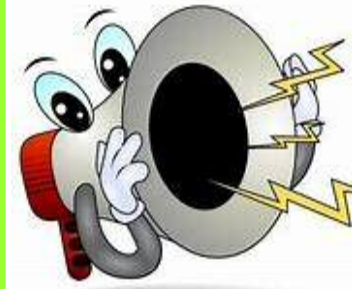
Come early. We will be practicing social distancing so there may be a bottleneck at the front doors or in the sanctuary as people get used to the new seating arrangements.

Seating is marked by a bulletin. Because of the restricted seating you may not get to sit in your favorite spot, but be adventurous and strike out for new territory!

If you are sick or are medically vulnerable, please stay home.

We all have missed our church family and friends, but please exit the building before visiting.

See you on Sunday!



### Church Lawn Care

Volunteers are needed for weekly lawn care at the church for the remainder of August, September and October. The schedule is for a week at a time. If you can help please sign up in the narthex.



### Thanks A Lot



A big **THANK YOU!** to all the people who volunteer for lawn care and snow removal and in general for keeping the property looking good. Your dedication and time is greatly appreciated!



I used to be addicted to the Hokey Pokey.  
Then I turned myself around.

*Thank You for Giving Generously*



### 2020 Budget & Current Exp. Offering\* (thru Aug 11)

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| 2020 Adopted Annual Budget   | \$ 97,970 |
| 2020 Monthly Budget          | \$ 8,164  |
| 2020 Budget thru August      | \$ 65,312 |
| Current Expense Offering YTD | \$ 45,091 |
| Mission Support Offering YTD | \$ 1,813  |

## Sunday Worship Guide

### Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit. That we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

Gracious God,

**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of +Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

### Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day (pg 8)**

**First Reading (pg 8)**

**Psalm (pg 8)**

**Second Reading (pg 8)**

**Gospel**

**Alleluia.** Many will come from east and west and will eat in the kingdom of heaven. **Alleluia.** (Matt. 8:11)

**Gospel Reading (pg 8)**

The Gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

**The Apostles' Creed (pg 9)****Prayers of Intercession**

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

In all the world, give your church unity. Inspire all the baptized with the mind of Christ. Where the church is powerful and where it struggles, shape us with humility and obedience so that your love may be at work in us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your Son took on all of bodily life in our world, even to death. Preserve and keep your creation, O God. Mend and redeem places that are polluted and damaged, so that all of creation confesses you as Lord. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Turn the nations toward life. Where our ways are unfair, give us new hearts and new spirits. Where sin permeates our cultures and institutions, change our minds and teach us to trust your authority. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our lives are yours, O God. Relieve the suffering of those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit. Defend the lives and welfare of children who are abused or neglected, hungry or exploited, bullied or lonely. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Turn this congregation away from our own interests toward the interests of others. Fill us with your compassion and sympathy. Bless ministries of care in our community; make us into signs of your mercy and justice for our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Thank you for those who have gone into the kingdom ahead of us—tax collectors and prostitutes, likely and unlikely, obedient and slow to learn. By their witness, teach us to confess Jesus Christ as Lord in life and in death. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer (pg 9)****Blessing**

Mothering God,  
 Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
 bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

**Amen.**

**Sunday, September 6, 2020**

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prayer of the Day:** O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 33:7-11

**Psalm:** Psalm 119:33-40

**Second Reading:** Romans 13:8-14

**Gospel:** Matthew 18:15-20

**Sunday, September 13, 2020**

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prayer of the Day:** O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**First Reading:** Genesis 50:15-21

**Psalm:** Psalm 103:8-13

**Second Reading:** Romans 14:1-12

**Gospel:** Matthew 18:21-35

**Sunday, September 20, 2020**

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prayer of the Day:** Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual loving kindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**First Reading:** Jonah 3:10-4:11

**Psalm:** Psalm 145:1-8

**Second Reading:** Philippians 1:21-30

**Gospel:** Matthew 20:1-16

**Sunday, September 27, 2020**

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prayer of the Day:** God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

**Psalm:** Psalm 25:1-9

**Second Reading:** Philippians 2:1-13

**Gospel:** Matthew 21:23-32



### Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the Virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried;  
 he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy name,  
 thy kingdom come,  
 thy will be done,  
     on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses,  
     as we forgive those  
     who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,  
     but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
 and the power, and the glory,  
 forever and ever. Amen.

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## Online Worship Resources

Elim Lutheran—<https://www.elimlc.com/covid-19-resources> Pastor Jim Hagan preaching

Gloria Dei—<http://gloriadeiduluth.org/worship/livestreamingworship.html>

Zion Lutheran Superior, WI—[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs74h1pTJ\\_Rh2IqPfj311ig/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs74h1pTJ_Rh2IqPfj311ig/)

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd—[lcsduluth.org](http://lcsduluth.org)

Grace Lutheran, Libertyville, IL—<https://gracelutheranlibertyville.org/online-worship-services/>

**Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Minutes  
Meeting on August 12, 2020**

President Roxanne Sader called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Present: Roxanne Sader, Mary Muellerleile, Allan Eckman, Jo Langan, Shanna Sundblad

Absent: Nancy Mettler

Roxanne Sader opened the meeting with prayer.

Motion by Shanna Sundblad, second by Allan Eckman to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

There being no discussion, motion by Mary Muellerleile, second by Shanna Sundblad to accept the secretary's minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was not available due to a deposit error by the Credit Union.

**Old Business**

A. Interest has been shown for the open church council seat.

B. The triennial Youth Gathering for 2021 has been canceled.

C. An exit only lock for the south door of the sanctuary will not be installed due to door frame problems.

D. Committees with financial activities will be reorganized and/or updated per guidance from the ELCA Synod office.

E. Shanna Sundblad and Allan Eckman will clearly designate handicap spots in the parking lot.

**New Business**

A. Several items brought forward by the NE MN Synod were discussed in regard to the opening of the church once again to Sunday worship.

1. The survey results for attending worship when open again were given. There were 32 yes votes and 14 no votes.

2. The liability insurance coverage check list for Covid related issues was reviewed. The current insurance policy coverage was considered adequate.

3. The use of waivers through the church's insurance company will not be done.

4. BELC will hold worship services again on Sunday, August 23.

B. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the NE MN Synod Assembly was postponed and will be now conducted online via Zoom on August 28 and 29. Congregations are asked to send a gift offering to the Debt Relief Fund for Seminary Students and also the Scholarship for Seminary Students Fund. Motion by Jo Langan, second by Shanna Sundblad to send the same amount as given in previous years.

Motion carried.

C. A financial package to an interim pastor was revised and sent to Hope for discussion.

**Committee Reports**

Property: Lock installation had already been discussed.

Worship and Music: The new worship service for opening has been prepared. Lay led and pulpit supply have been secured.

Steward and Finance: none

Youth and Education: Confirmation classes were discussed.

Outreach and Communication/Social Ministry: A suggestion to welcome new families to Babbitt was given.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 9

Motion by Mary Muellerleile, second by Allan Eckman to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting concluded at 8:00 pm and together the council prayed The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

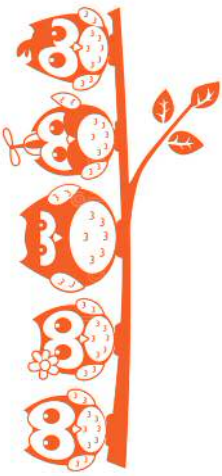

Jo Langan

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| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday                                      | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday                                       | Saturday  |
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|   |  | 1<br>No Church Office Hours                  | 2<br>No Church Office Hours  | 3  | 4<br>No Church Office Hours                  | 5   |
| 6<br>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost<br>8:30 AM Worship                       | 7<br>Labor Day  | 8<br>10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours  | 9<br>10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours<br>6:30 PM Council Meeting | 10   | 11<br>10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours | 12  |
| 13<br>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost<br>8:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion   | 14  | 15<br>10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours | 16<br>10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours                           | 17   | 18<br>10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours | 19  |
| 20<br>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost<br>8:30 AM Worship                       | 21  | 22<br>10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours | 23<br>10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours                           | 24   | 25<br>10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours | 26<br>Ruby's Pantry at Babbitt Municipal Center<br>9:00 AM Volunteers<br>9:30 AM Registration<br>10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Distribution |
| 27<br>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost<br>8:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion | 28  | 29<br>10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours | 30<br>10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours                           |  |  |   |

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