

Evangel (good news!)



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

The view from the bedroom window is fall ... autumn ... that time of gentle transition from the carefree, colorful, adventuresome days of summer to the quiet, white, snow-laden days of winter. Some phrases of a poem remembered from childhood echo every fall.

The goldenrod is yellow;
The corn is turning brown.
The trees in apple orchards with fruit are bending down.

Helen Hunt Jackson continues,
In dusty pods the milkweed
Its hidden silk has spun ...
At noon the roads all flutter with yellow butterflies ...
By all these lovely tokens September days are here ...
And autumn's best of cheer.

Autumn ... friends and neighbors sharing the abundance of their gardens faithfully tended during the days of the summer now passed ... tomatoes, zucchini, peppers, corn in abundance. Autumn ... watching leaves slowly turn colors that create a new garden in the sky. Cool evenings, dewy mornings, and hints of frost at dawn ... autumn.

As nearly impossible as it may seem, the view from the bedroom window has been shared for a year ... a year that began with a new challenge for our congregation ... a year that began without a pastor. Autumn grew into winter and the season of Advent came; Christmas and the birth of the long awaited Jesus passed; the reflective season of Lent began just as many years past. And then. The months suddenly filled with the unexpected, often horrible deaths of a global pandemic. The months of summer came and the nation became a country of civil unrest and violence, division, separation from family and friends. No longer was there a safe place to be, save for the confines of your own home. The taken for granted movements and gatherings of prior years were gone. A year instead where we found ourselves often searching for reasons and wondering why this had to happen; anxious for an uncertain future and knowing life would not quickly be normal again ... not like "before".

Another familiar phrase echoes. "It is what it is". Sometimes remaining positive is difficult and the negative surfaces. Will "it" mean a victory or a defeat for us?

The Lord spoke to Joshua, and so to us. **"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; be not frightened, neither be dismayed; for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."**

The lyrics to this simple song echo a plan ...
Count your blessings, name them one by one.
Count your blessings, see what God has done.

The harvests from the summer gardens were abundant. God's blessings and His promises are even more abundant and never ending! Just count them!



“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.

Hope

Are you starting to feel a little hopeless? Ready to give up hope on a particular situation? Well, don't!!

For in hope we are saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Romans 8:24-25

Not everyone shares this kind of hope. Look around. Riots in our cities, kids gunning down other kids, terrorists wreak havoc, injustice and racism are ramped, wild fires, hurricanes, and we have a horrible virus taking our loved ones, and shutting down our way of life. Many ask, "Where is God when we need Him? Where is God when we feel hopeless? "

In Romans, the Apostle Paul is saying , Don't give up hope, the best is yet to come.

I waited patiently for the Lord, He turned to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog and set my feet on a rock, He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise. Psalm 40

God fulfills our hopes in a million little ways every day. Never stop hoping, never stop believing that God is with you, He hears you, He loves you!

There is always hope!

As always, stay safe, stay healthy, and remember this ugly disease is still very much with us, be careful.

Roxanne

**Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation,
be constant in prayer.**

Romans 12:12

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Altar Flower Sponsors

Thank you to all who have signed up to sponsor altar flowers during 2020. Those who sponsored flowers during the church closure our plan is to transfer your name to the same period on the 2021 Altar Flower Sponsors Calendar.

The Altar Flower Sponsor Calendar and Bulletin Sponsor signup sheets for 2021 will be available in the narthex in the next week or two.

A message from Ray & Carole Denny....

Dear Congregation,

It's very hard to leave you. We've had so many good times together over these many years.

Thank you for the gifts and the many cards. We really appreciate all of you.

Our new address is:

4108 Clapton Drive

Lancaster, S.C. 29720

Again, thanks to you all. Had to get that in!

God Bless,

Ray & Carole

Prayer Chain Members Needed!

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 _____

70 Quilts Donated to Red Cross and Salvation Army

This past week the Krazy Quilters boxed up 70 twin size quilts that were sewn since last September. The COVID pandemic ended much of the sewing in early spring. However, the goal of 75 quilts was reached!

A special quilt was also sewn for the silent auction to have been held during the Synod Assembly in May. The pandemic caused the assembly to become virtual, and the silent auction that raises money for world hunger went online. The Krazy Quilters are hoping that it sold! For lots of money !!!

The quilts are normally boxed and brought to the WELCA Spring Convention. However, the pandemic canceled that event also. There was no collection of hundreds of quilts this year in that semi-trailer to send primarily to Lutheran World Relief.

So, the quilters donated the quilts to the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army. The Red Cross chapter in Duluth will be giving some of the quilts to local fire victims and to veterans in need. The Salvation Army in Virginia will be giving quilts to needy families and the homeless in the area. Thank you to Pete and Diane Pastika for taking the boxes to Virginia and Duluth!

The month of September specifically, but also the entire year, has been designated as a time in the ELCA for "God's Work, Our Hands". A sincere thank you to the "Many Hands" from BELC and the community who made the quilts to help carry out "God's Work"!



Monday Morning Quilting to Resume (with a few changes)...

The Krazy Quilters will resume quilting on Monday mornings at 9am beginning immediately. Masks will be worn but we will not be able to social distance and get work done. You do not need to attend to participate! If you are not comfortable gathering for quilting we can deliver squares to be sewn into tops and tied quilts for binding to your home or you can pick them up at the church office. If you want to sew at home please call the church office. Be sure to include your name and phone number if leaving a message. It may take us a few weeks to get ahead enough to have sewing for those at home. Those who want to gather for quilting just need to show up! There is work for everyone. Let's try to exceed last years total of 75 quilts.

Prayer List

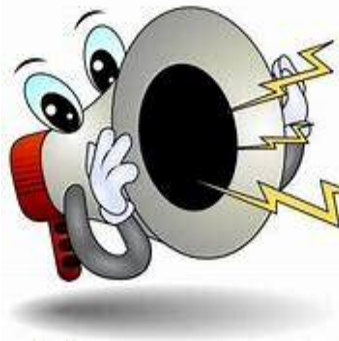
If you have updates for anyone on this list please call the church office at 218-827-2659

- Phil Lundgren
- 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.

Church Lawn Care



Volunteers are needed for weekly lawn care and snow removal at the church October, November and December. The schedule is for a week at a time. If you can help please sign up in the narthex.



Ruby's Pantry

Ruby's Pantry will hold a Pop-Up Pantry at the Babbitt Municipal Center on **Saturday, October 24th.**

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.

Thank You for Giving Generously



2020 Budget & Current Exp. Offering* (thru Sep 13)

2020 Adopted Annual Budget	\$ 97,970
2020 Monthly Budget	\$ 8,164
2020 Budget thru September	\$ 73,476
Current Expense Offering YTD	\$ 52,263
Mission Support Offering YTD	\$ 2,251
Total YTD Current Expense Offering	\$ 54,514

* Figures are unaudited and subject to adjustment.

Sunday Worship Guide

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Amen.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

have mercy on us.

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways.

We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves.

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

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**

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Renew and inspire the church in the freedom of the gospel, O God. Where the church is in error, reform it. Where the church speaks your truth, strengthen it. Where the church is divided, unify it. Ignite in us the working of the Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As the earth changes, as mountains shake and the waters roar, may we care for this planet as a holy habitation for all living things. Sustain all peoples and lands recovering from natural disasters of any kind (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide areas of the world divided or traumatized by conflict, especially in our own land. Free all from slavery and human trafficking, and protect all in harm's way. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Release those living in bondage to debts, chronic pain, or addiction. Grant healing touch to those who are ill. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In this family of faith we give thanks for courageous voices that have remained firm in their commitment to the one who frees us from sin and death. Centered in your grace, unify us in the hope of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Even in death, you free us and give us a place in your house. We give thanks for our ancestors who have shown us truth and freedom, especially Martin Luther and those who work for the renewal of the church. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus 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, October 4, 2020

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day: Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm: Psalm 80:7-15

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

Sunday, October 11, 2020

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalm: Psalm 23

Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday, October 18 2020

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day: Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalm: Psalm 96:1-9

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

Sunday, October 25 2020

Reformation Sunday

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm: Psalm 46

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

Gospel: John 8:31-36

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/

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd—lcsduluth.org

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

Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Minutes
Meeting on September 9, 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 Jo Langan 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 presented. The deposit error by the Credit Union had been corrected. A change in FICA withholding was mentioned.

Old Business

A. A keypad lock has been installed on the fire exit door onto the ramp.

B. The city will be contacted in regard to marking handicap spots in the parking lot.

New Business

A. The opening of the church for services was discussed.

B. The council was informed that the hand sanitizer located in the pews can damage wood finishes and bleach the upholstery. Motion by Shanna Sundblad, second by Mary Muellerleile to remove the bottles from the pews. Motion carried.

C. The church musician's salary was discussed. Motion by Jo Langan, second by Shanna Sundblad to pay mileage one way from Ely each Sunday. Motion carried.

D. A financial package has been sent to a potential interim pastor.

E. A thank you from Lutheran Social Service for a donation in the amount of \$162 was read.

F. The amount budgeted for Synod Mission Support and its importance in the Synod budget were discussed.

Committee Reports

Property: Second lock has been installed.

Worship and Music: Two portable speakers were given to the church and one is now in use.

Steward and Finance: none

Youth and Education: Confirmation classes were discussed.

Outreach and Communication/Social Ministry: Possible community outreach activities were discussed and ideas are welcome. Due to Covid the luncheon hosted by BELC for the teachers and staff of NE Range had to be canceled this year.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30 pm

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

Meeting concluded at 8:10 pm and together the Council prayed The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jo Langan

Rev. Amy Odgren Elected Bishop

Duluth, Minnesota — The Rev. Amy Odgren has been elected bishop of the Northeastern Minnesota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Bishop-elect Odgren currently serves as Assistant to the Bishop and Director of Evangelical Mission for the Northeastern Minnesota Synod. Ordained in 2001, she is a graduate of Warburg Theological Seminary and she completed a B.A. in education and psychology at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota.

Concerning her role as bishop, Bishop-elect Odgren said "I see our principal challenge as engaging this culture as evangelists who share the gospel of Jesus in ways that will make a difference in the world. I think a bishop needs to listen extensively, pray often, and be bold to move the vision of the kingdom forward. And through this all, I trust in God's resurrecting grace that keeps working and setting us free to love and serve."

The new bishop takes office on November 1. ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will preside at an installation to be held on October 17.



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