

# Evangel (good news!)



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

The view from the bedroom window ... October ... soon November. Leaves floating to the grass on the gentle breezes of a sunshine-filled day. Leaves sailing ... blown by a gusty wind. A final farewell to autumn ... change is coming again. We find ourselves looking back at the spring and summer that were ... but at the same time anticipating what is yet to come. The seasons of the year come and go ... nothing remains the same ... except the love of our Father in Heaven.

During the 16<sup>th</sup> century, five hundred three years ago, in the month of October, an event occurred that changed the face of religion forever. This Sunday we celebrate that monumental change in the Roman Catholic Church that came to be called The Reformation ... the eventual birth of the Protestant Church. The words etched on a small cross of molded clay formed to hold in one's hand say, "every change begins with one step". Martin Luther, a monk and learned theologian in the Roman Catholic Church, courageously stepped forward and revealed his studies ... and the 95 Theses were posted on the door of All Saints Church at Wittenberg, Germany. He recognized the Bible as the sole religious authority, and justification was by faith alone ... not granted with the sale of indulgences to erase sins. Salvation is free to all who believe!

**"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." Ephesians 2:8-9**

On the first Sunday in November we will celebrate another lasting change. We will remember the Christian saints ... our loved ones and all who have left this earthly life ... saved by faith in our Heavenly Father. Their lives are forever changed ... for all eternity. And the earthly lives of their loved ones are forever changed, too.

Evangelical Lutheran has encountered change ... with moments of pain and yet so many moments filled with rejoicing. Through the days of the year past ... when last the leaves fell from that maple tree viewed from the bedroom window, our congregation has stepped forward into a changed world. Autumn ... our pastor was called to another congregation. Winter ... the horrors and uncertainty of the pandemic that still remains with us. Spring ... the closing of the doors to our house of worship. Summer ... months spent worshiping apart and yet as one. Autumn returned ... the church doors opened once again! But, oh so changed! As winter approaches, we step forward in faith and trust in our loving and gracious Father, knowing He will continue to walk each step with us. Change comes again ... an interim will be walking with us. By God's grace, unending love, and constant guidance, we are still here! And we look forward to the seasons yet to come! Jo L.



“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.

Good things come.....

We have all heard the saying that good things come to those who wait. Well, we have waited, and I believe that a good thing is coming! We have been blessed with an interim Pastor who will start on Nov. 15th.

It seems we are all waiting for something. In anger, or grief, or excitement, or concern. Waiting is never easy, and often times it makes us weak. We focus on what we are waiting for and forget to live in the moment we are in.

“My Grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness”. 2 Corinthians 12:9

We have waited, and at times we felt weak, only to be blessed with the grace and power of Jesus to lead us to Pastor B. and he to us.

I am excited for this next chapter for us, and happy to be living it with all of you!

Keep in mind the virus is still rampant. Be safe!

Roxanne

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Daylight Savings Time Reminder

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00a on Sunday, November 1.  
Set your clocks back 1 hour before you go to bed.

**All Saints Day  
Sunday, November 1st**

During All Saints Day worship a candle will be lit for each of these loved ones who have left this earthly life. Family members are invited to come and light the candle for their loved one.

Roger Week

Judy Johnson

Eve Mester

Joanne Thompson



Thank you!

A BIG Thank You to our custodian, Lois Flug. During the Covid-19 pandemic closure Lois performed many of the deep cleaning tasks needed in the church. These tasks included cleaning the carpets throughout the church. It was a big job and the results are noticeable! Thank you from the entire congregation for all you do!



*Helping hands,*

Thank you for sharing your time and talents.

We appreciate all you have done to help us.

*Thank you for the donation to purchase supplies for the NER children. It is so thoughtful and nice!*



**Welcome Maci Jayne Gould!**

Maci Jayne was born at 9:26am on October 5, 2020  
She weighed in at 6lbs 5.9oz and measured 19" long

Proud parents:

Stephanie Eckman & David Gould

Grandparents:

Allan & Brenda Eckman,

Dean Gould, Dawn Schultz

Great Grandparents:

Carroll & Arlene Eckman, Margaret Jacobs, Robin Robbins,

David & Crystal Spect, Joyce Gould

Great Great Grandpa:


John Jacobs

## We are here to help !\$\$!\$


In keeping with its Biblical and charitable goals, Evangelical Lutheran Church, Babbitt, maintains a Helping Hand Fund to assist persons in our congregation and community in financial need. The administration of the Fund, including all disbursements, is subject to the exclusive control and discretion of the Congregation through it's Helping Hand Fund committee. The Congregation Council will appoint a Helping Hand Fund Committee consisting of at least three of the congregation's members.

If you are in need of financial help, you can call the church office, or send an email, or letter to the church, and request financial assistance. **All requests will be completely confidential.** Once your request is received, the 3-member committee will review your request in a timely manner, and contact you as soon as possible.


Examples of need include, but are not limited to, emergency food, emergency fuel oil, money to travel out of town for medical appointments or treatments, (gas and lodging), winter clothing and/or boots, emergency child care, medical supplies not covered by insurance, travel expenses for family emergencies, past due utility bills. These are just examples and any request will be respectfully reviewed and considered.



Every square has **4** sides.



Every triangle has **3** sides.



Every story has **2** sides.

### God's Creation Calendars

Thank you to all who have already purchased their 2021 God's Creation calendar! There are only 10 of these beautiful calendars left. They are available before/after worship and during church office hours. The cost of the calendars is \$7.00. Don't forget to also pick up a couple of the note pads for stocking stuffers! The large magnetic note pads are \$4.00 and the smaller note pads are \$2.00. Please place your payment in the Youth Group envelope provided. Checks should be made out to **ELC Youth Group**.

### **!Correction!**

Information in the November 2020 calendar is incorrect. The meeting time for Confirmation class has changed to 9:00am. The Confirmation class **will not** meet on November 11th and November 25th

### Free Books

Singing River Publications in Ely has given us 24 copies of a Christmas book written by Margaret Ann Philbrick and illustrated by Sarah Ellen McGreevy. They are in the narthex and are **FREE**. They are great for gifting!



### 2021 Altar Flower & Bulletin Sponsors

The 2021 Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsor sign up lists are in the narthex. The minimum donation for Altar Flowers is \$32 for each period and \$6 per week for the bulletin. Families who were signed up to sponsor flowers during the Covid 19 pandemic closure in 2020 have been moved to roughly the same dates in 2021. Your donation can be dropped off at the church office or placed in the offering plate. Please mark them "Altar flowers" or "Bulletin". Checks should be made payable to the Altar Guild.



**Prayer List**

***If you would like to have someone prayed for during worship or have updates for anyone on this list please call the church office at 218-827-2659. 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.***

Family of Mary Jo Wiermaa Godt

B J Hartfield

Merlin Solberg

Kathi & Jamie Eidsmoe

Barb Richtsmeier

Marlene Akkanen

Phil Lundgren

Michelle Putzel

Rob Swartz

Lorraine Huset

Rick & Pr. Dorothy Sand

Drew and family

LuAnn Carlson


Jay Sweet

Tony Zieska

David Lindgren

Ben Marks

Bryan McDonald



### Church Lawn Care

All able bodied members of the church are needed to volunteer for weekly snow removal (front entry walk and side ramp) at the church during the snow season. 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, November 28th.**

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 Oct 18)**

2020 Adopted Annual Budget	\$ 97,970
2020 Monthly Budget	\$ 8,164
2020 Budget thru November	\$ 89,804
<b>Current Expense Offering YTD</b>	<b>\$ 61,395</b>
<b>Mission Support Offering YTD</b>	<b>\$ 2,649</b>
<b>Total YTD Current Expense Offering</b>	<b>\$ 64,044</b>

\* Figures are unaudited and subject to adjustment.

## Sunday Worship Guide

### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

**Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One,

**we confess that we are not awake for you.**

**We are not faithful in using your gifts.**

**We forget the least of our siblings.**

**We do not see your beautiful image in one another.**

**We are infected by sin  
that divides your beloved community.**

**Open our hearts to your coming,  
open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,  
open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

Beloved, we are God's children,  
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through ✚ Jesus you are forgiven,  
by Jesus you are welcome,  
in Jesus you are called to rejoice!

Let us live in the promises prepared for us  
from the foundation of 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)**

**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, November 1, 2020**

**All Saints Sunday**

**Prayer of the Day: O God, generous and supreme, your loving Son lived among us, instructing us in the ways of humility and justice. Continue to ease our burdens, and lead us to serve alongside of him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**First Reading:** Revelation 7:9-17

**Psalm:** Psalm 34:1-10, 22

**Second Reading:** 1 John 3:1-3

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:1-12

**Sunday, November 8, 2020**

**Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prayer of the Day: O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**First Reading:** Amos 5:18-24

**Psalm:** Psalm 70

**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:1-13

**Sunday, November 15, 2020**

**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prayer of the Day: Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**First Reading:** Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

**Psalm:** Psalm 90:1-12

**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:14-30

**Sunday, November 22, 2020**

**Christ the King Sunday**

**Prayer of the Day: O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, 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:** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

**Psalm:** Psalm 95:1-7a

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 1:15-23

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:31-46

**Sunday, November 29, 2020**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**Prayer of the Day: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 64:1-9

**Psalm:** Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

**Gospel:** Mark 13:24-37



## 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\\_Rh2IqPfj31lig/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs74h1pTJ_Rh2IqPfj31lig/)

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

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

## Daily Blessing

Susie Larson

Christian Radio Personality, Author, Speaker

When life knocks you down, may you get back up again because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world! When your rogue emotions turn you upside down, may you find your footing again by standing on the truth of who you are in Christ Jesus. When your perspective dims because the clouds block the sun, may God Himself break through with a fresh perspective on His promises. Even here, right in this place, you are loved, called, cared for, and appointed to be a blessing to a world very much in need. May the changeable things in your life take a back seat to the unchangeable, never-ending love and faithfulness of God. You're blessed and God has given you a sturdy place to stand. Have a great day!

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

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

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

Absent: Nancy Mettler, Shanna Sundblad

Roxanne Sader opened the meeting with prayer.

Motion by Allan Eckman, second by Jo Langan to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented. Expenses for church property were clarified. Motion by Jo Langan, second by Allan Eckman to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

A. Painting the handicapped spots in the parking lot has been scheduled for the coming week.

B. A temporary repair has been done with the fire box.

C. A locksmith will be contacted to replace the lock on the front doors.

**New Business**

A. The Helping Hand Fund will be administered by a committee of three members from the congregation. Guidelines for its use will be established.

B. Cost estimates will be obtained to replace the current fire box.

C. Correspondence was shared.

D. An outreach event for the community on Halloween was discussed. A plan was developed.

E. The contract for the interim has been returned and signed by all necessary parties. Sunday, November 15, is scheduled as the first worship service.

F. Confirmation classes are scheduled to begin Wednesday, October 14, from 10am to 12:30 pm.

G. Motion by Jo Langan, second by Mary Muellerleile to ask Tom Ronning to fill the current empty seat on the council. Motion carried. Four council seats will be open at the 2021 Annual Meeting in February.

**Committee Reports**

Property: door lock and painting

Worship and Music: permission was requested and given to purchase a license to copy hymn lyrics into the Sunday bulletin.

Steward and Finance: none

Youth and Education: none

Outreach and Communication/Social Ministry: Halloween drive through

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 10, at 6:30 pm**

Motion by Jo Langan, second by Mary Muellerleile to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting concluded at 8:20 pm and together the Council prayed The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jo Langan

**Krazy Quilters**

The Krazy Quilters are at it again here at the church on Monday mornings at 9am. Masks will be worn but we will not be able to social distance. If you are not comfortable gathering for quilting you can pick up squares for sewing into tops or tied quilts for binding during church office hours or on Sundays after worship. Those who want to gather for quilting just need to show up! You do not need to be able to stay the entire time. Whatever time you can manage will be greatly appreciated. The quilters offer on the job training with patience and humor. There is work for everyone !



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 All Saints Sunday 2:00 AM Daylight savings time ends—set your clocks back 1 hour 8:30 AM Worship	2 Krazy Quilters meet	3 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours	4 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours 10:30AM Confirmation Class meets	5 8:00 AM TOPS meets 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours	6	7	
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29 First Sunday of Advent 8:30 AM Worship	30 Krazy Quilters meet	<h1>NOVEMBER 2020</h1>					

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