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Many years ago, I became aware of "The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity," which is observed in January by many Christians around the world. It begins with The Confession of St Peter on January 18, and concludes with The Conversion of St Paul on January 25. These men had different backgrounds and perspectives, but both were called by our Lord Jesus to provide leadership for the faithful. They call us to pray always.

This year, during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, our nation will change leadership, when President Obama concludes his term and President-elect Trump takes the oath of office. Regardless of how (or whether) you voted in the last election, this is a time when all Christians can unite in praying for our new president, our nation, and the United States' leadership in our world.

I encourage us all to pray for Christian unity and for our new president, perhaps using this prayer from our ELW hymnal (page 77):

"Holy Trinity, one God, you show us the splendor of diversity and the beauty of unity in your own divine life. Make us, who came from many nations with many languages, a united people that delights in our many different gifts. Defend our liberties, and give those whom we have entrusted with authority the spirit of wisdom, that there might be justice and peace in our land. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our sovereign and our Savior. Amen."

United in Christ,

Pastor Evelyn

January 4th—Confirmation class resumes

January 8th—Sunday School class resumes

January 15&16—Confirmation Age Peer Ministry Retreat

January 31—Treasurer's reports due

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School resumes on January 8th. Class starts at 9:30am and is over at 10:30am. Sunday School is open to all children age 3 through 5th grade. Come and join us for Bible study, singing, games, and crafts. Members, friends and family are welcome.



Carefree Living Worship

Worship service will be held at 2PM on Sunday, January 8, 2017 at Carefree Living. If you are interested in helping in some way (reader, or serving coffee an'), please contact Jo Langan. All Carefree Living residents and their families, all church members and neighbors, all ages are welcome!

Ruby's Pantry—Sharing the Love of Christ through food

Ruby's Pantry will hold a food share distribution at the Babbitt Municipal Center on Saturday, January 28th. Registration begins at 9:30AM and distribution at 10:00AM. The cost is \$20. Bring two containers to carry your food share. Volunteers are always needed, no special training required; please come at 8:00AM.

Upcoming Scripture Readings.....

Jan	1	Matthew 2:13-23
	8	Matthew 3:13-17
	15	John 1:29-42
	22	Matthew 4:12-23
	29	Matthew 5:1-12
Feb	5	Matthew 5:13-20
	12	Matthew 5:21-37
	19	Matthew 5:38-48
	26	Matthew 17:1-9

CONFIRMATION



Confirmation class meets on Wednesdays at 2:30 PM. The 2016-2017 schedule is posted in the narthex.

Thank you from Pastor Evelyn...

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

I send my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you who contributed in any way to the amazing Christmas gift I received from you on Christmas Day. I am so grateful to serve you faithful people, and blessed again beyond my expectations.

I pray that the Lord will continue to bless us as we serve God together in the Babbitt area.

O come, let us adore Him,
Pastor Evelyn

Thank you for gifts for pediatrics floor!

On behalf of Ellen & Rick Pierce and Woodland Presbyterian Church, we want to thank all the members of Evangelical Lutheran for the Christmas gifts you generously provided for children on the pediatric floor of a Duluth hospital. I don't know who wrote the article in the Babbitt Weekly, but I am very sorry that your church was not mentioned. We hope to have your gifts mentioned in an upcoming newspaper.

Billie Rouse

KRAZY QUILTERS

The Krazy Quilters meet on Monday mornings at 9:00AM. New members are always welcome. We need cutters, assemblers, sewers, or just a willingness to help. If you have some spare time, just show up on Monday morning and join the fellowship.

Women of the ELCA

General Meeting

No Meeting

Circle Duties for December

Special Occasion—Dorcas

Women of the ELCA

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Monday, January 16th, 6:30 PM

CIRCLES

Wednesday, January 18th

Altar Guild

Wednesday, January 25th, 1PM

Attendance

November 27	35
December 4	45
December 11	49
December 18	53
December 24	120
December 25	32

Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 11th, 6:30 PM

2016 Budget & Current Exp. Offering* (thru Dec 25)

2016 Adopted Annual Budget	\$85,781
2016 Monthly Budget	\$ 7,148
December MTD Offering	\$ 9,239
Current Expense Offering YTD	\$87,194
Designated Offering YTD	\$18,697
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$ 6,109
Total YTD Current Exp & Designated	\$112,000

* Figures are unaudited and subject to adjustment.



YOUTH EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Jan 15-16—Confirmation-age Peer Ministry retreat at Camp Vermilion (MLK weekend) Registration is \$30 per person, which covers meals. LYLP's grant from the ELCA will cover housing and other retreat costs.

Mar 3-5, 2017—Cardia Deo (Synod Senior High Gathering) at Big Sandy Camp, McGregor. Cardia Deo is a retreat for high school youth in grades 9-12 and their adult leaders. As Christians, we are *Called, Gathered, Equipped and Sent* to be the Heart of God (*Cardia Deo*) in the world. Bible studies led by the LYO Board, servant learning, worship, mystery event, camp life, and an adult track led by the retreat chaplain all make this event a deeply meaningful, fun and faith-nurturing event. Early Registration cost is \$120 (postmarked on or before Feb 1, 2017. Standard Registration is \$140. Registration closes Feb 20, 2017 or when full so, please register early.

Mar 31-Apr 2, 2017—LYLP Interfaith Plunge in the Cities (Senior High)

Cancer Benefit for Lisa Bissonette

A benefit Spaghetti Dinner for Lisa Bissonette will be held at the Timber Hall in Embarrass on Saturday, January 21, 2017 from 12PM –6PM. Lisa was diagnosed with locally advanced breast cancer and along with her family she is fighting with determination and grace; resolving to defy the odds and beat this disease. Raffle tickets are available for prizes such as a guided bear hunt, picnic table, gun, fire ring and much more. Cash donations are being taken at the Babbitt and Ely branches of the Ely Area Credit Union.

VLM Summer Camp Schedule

It just wouldn't be summer without a camp adventure at Camp Hiawatha or Camp Vermilion! The **2017 VLM Summer Camp schedule** is displayed on the bulletin board in the narthex. There is something for everyone! BELC Camperships are available.

VLM Camps are seeking college-aged young adults to serve on our summer staff!

If you or someone you know is interested have them contact us today.

Contact Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry

www.VLMcamps.org

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800-331-5148 OR 218-666-5465

Summer Learning Opportunity

Gustavus Adolphus College is taking applications for their June 24-30, 2017 *Gustavus Academy for Faith, Science and Ethics*. This week long program is designed to deepen the faith and strengthen the leadership capacities of the students in both church and society. 45 students with high academic and leadership potential will be selected to participate. Selected participants will also receive an invitation to the Nobel Conference in the fall of 2017. Scholarships are available. Applicants are limited to students who will have completed grade 9, 10 or 11 by June 2017. The application period ends on January 31. To apply please visit:

Gustavus.edu/chaplain/academy.



2017 Giving Envelopes

Please pick up your 2017 Giving Envelopes in the narthex. If you do not see your name please contact the church office.

Prayer List Management

Thank you to all who let us know when a friend or loved one needs our prayers! Here are a few things that you can do to help the office manage the Prayer List.

1. When filling out the prayer request card be sure to fill in the date of the request and your name.
2. Include how long prayer is needed. If you do not provide this information the person will be removed from the list after three weeks.
3. When the person's condition changes, please let the office know so we can remove them if they are better or extend the request for prayer if needed.

Thank you !

BELC Annual Meeting

The BELC Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 19th, following worship. All are welcome to attend and active confirmed members will vote on the budget and new council positions.

BELC Annual Report

All Treasurer's reports and other reports for the 2017 Annual Report are due in the secretary's office by 5PM on Tuesday, January 31st.. Blank forms are available during regular church office hours.



Volunteers Needed for Snow Removal

During the winter months we are blessed to have Negley's plow the parking lot as needed but we are always looking for volunteers to keep the wheelchair ramp and sidewalk at the front entrance cleared. If you can assist with this please sign up in the narthex.

Minneapolis Institute of Art presents

Martin Luther: Art and the Reformation.



Five Hundred years ago, one man took a stand that shook Europe and changed the world. Now you can see the story of Martin Luther and the Reformation brought to life through astonishing artworks and historical objects. Luther used art and the newly invented printing press to challenge Europe's leaders and spread a revolution of religious, cultural and societal change.

The exhibition runs from October 30-January 5. Call (612) 871-3000 or reserve your tickets online at artsmia.org/luther.

Hyatt Regency Minneapolis has partnered with the MIA for discounted rates. Enter code 18712 if booking online or ask for the Arts & Entertainment discount if booking over the phone.

**Council Meeting Minutes
Evangelical Lutheran Church
December 15, 2016**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President, Roxanne Sader, followed by opening prayer.

Present were: Roxanne Sader, Edna LaFrenier, Bud Fish, Donna Muellerleile, Lynette Huovinen, Barb Richtsmeier and Pastor Weston

Absent were: Shanna Sundblad and Allan Eckman

Motion by Edna LaFrenier, support by Bud Fish to adopt the agenda. Carried.

Motion by Lynette Huovinen, support by Edna LaFrenier to accept the Secretary's Report. Carried.

Motion by Edna LaFrenier, support by Lynette Huovinen to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and place on file. Carried.

Old Business

Six of the old tables in the fellowship hall have been purchased. There are four more for purchase.

The Special Congregational Meeting was held December 4, 2016, with 37 voting members present who unanimously voted for the passing of the Memorandum of Agreement with Hope Lutheran Church.

New Business

Date for annual meeting has been set for February 19th after worship with motion by Lynette Huovinen, support from Bud Fish. Carried.

Gifts of appreciation for Church Secretary, Donna McKibbon, Treasurer, Mary Kay Herring, Custodian, Lois Flug and Musician, Irene Hartfield with a motion by Bud Fish, support by Lynette Huovinen. Carried.

Executive committee to meet with Hope Lutheran to set the amount of Pastor Weston's salary and benefits for 2017.

Chili Cook Off was discussed. Lynette Huovinen to research options available.

Pastor's Report was reviewed as well as Committee Reports and accepted.

Meeting for January will be Wednesday, January 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Edna LaFrenier, support by Bud Fish, at 8:00 p.m. followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Muellerleile
Church Council Secretary



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion. Pastor Paul Buettner preaching 9:30 AM Coffee An' No Sunday School	2 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Crazy Quilters	3	4 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours 2:30 PM Confirmation Class	5 8:30 AM TOPS 1:00 PM Carefree Living Communion	6 No Pastor's Office Hours	7
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**“Pray, and let God worry”
*Martin Luther***

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