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### Evangelical Lutheran Church

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In recent days and months, a lot of U.S. news has included discussion about facts, alternative facts, falsehoods, lies, and truth. The news has reminded me of a Bible passage from the Gospel of John 15:37b-38:

Jesus said, “For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.’ Pilate asked him, ‘What is truth?’”

Even though times have changed in the last 2,000 years, it seems that some things never change. Pontius Pilate wasn't sure how he could tell what the truth was. Were the Jewish religious leaders telling him the truth— that Jesus was lying when he said he was the Son of God? Or were they speaking out against Jesus because he was a danger to their power? How could Pilate know what was the truth?

Jesus told Pilate (and us) that those who belong to the truth listen to His voice. And what have we heard through the voice of Jesus?

“Whatever you did to the least of these... you did it to me.” Matthew 25:40b

“Love one another as I have loved you.” John 15:12b

How can we know what the truth is? Listen to the voice of Jesus.

In Christ's love,

*Pastor Evelyn*

**January 31—Treasurer's reports due**

**February 2—Groundhog's Day Coffee An'**

**February 19—Annual Meeting and Brunch for Camperships & Day Camp**

**March 1—Ash Wednesday worship at Woodland Presbyterian**

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School classes start at 9:30am and are 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, February 19, 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!

### 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 VLM today.

### Contact Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry

[www.VLMcamps.org](http://www.VLMcamps.org)

[vlm@VLMcamps.org](mailto:vlm@VLMcamps.org)

800-331-5148 OR 218-666-5465

### Upcoming Scripture Readings.....

Feb	5	Matthew 5:13-20
	12	Matthew 5:21-37
	19	Matthew 5:38-48
	26	Matthew 17:1-9
Mar	5	Matthew 4:1-11
	12	John 3:1-17
	19	John 4:5-42
	26	John 9:1-41

### 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, February 25th. 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.

### Krazy Quilter's Groundhog Day Coffee An'



**Thursday, February 2nd  
8:30 am—10:30 am  
Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Fellowship Hall**

**See our quilts we have been working on!**

**Funds raised will be used to purchase quilting supplies**



**Quilts available for sale!**

## 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

Wednesday, February 1, 6:00 PM

### Circle Duties for February

Meeting Hostess— Dorcas  
Special Occasion—Esther  
General Worship—Esther

### Women of the ELCA

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Monday, February 13th, 6:00 PM

### CIRCLES

Wednesday, February 15th

### Altar Guild

Wednesday, February 8th, 1PM

### Attendance

January 1	26
January 8	43
January 15	47
January 22	32

### Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 22nd, 6:30 PM

### 2017 Budget & Current Exp. Offering\* (thru Jan 22)

2016 Adopted Annual Budget	\$85,781
2016 Monthly Budget	\$ 7,148
January MTD Offering	\$ 5,132
Current Expense Offering YTD	\$ 5,132
Designated Offering YTD	\$ 1,217
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$ 53
<b>Total YTD Current Exp &amp; Designated</b>	<b>\$ 6,402</b>

\* Figures are unaudited and subject to adjustment.



## **YOUTH EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Synod Sr. High Retreat March 3-5**

“Cardia Deo” is the high school version of Cragun’s Middle School Gathering. Join young people from across NE MN for a two-night retreat at Big Sandy Camp retreat center near McGregor. Bible studies led by LYO Board members, 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 bird registrations (\$120) should be given to Pastor Evelyn or Stan no later than Tuesday, January 31. Our parish churches will help with the registration costs. Pastor Evelyn and Stan will be going.

**Parish Youth Lock-in** at Hope Lutheran for grades 6-12 is being planned for March 17-18, (Friday-Saturday). Food, Games and Fun for all! Let Stan know if these dates DO NOT work for you!

Email [hopelutheranembarrass@gmail.com](mailto:hopolutheranembarrass@gmail.com), leave a phone message at 218-984-2037 or contact Stan Dow Jr. on Facebook!

**Sr. High Interfaith Urban Plunge April 7-8**, Join Laurentian Youth Leadership as we journey to Augsburg College in Minneapolis! Explore how interfaith friendships enrich our lives, asking “What in the cross of Jesus Christ leads us to one another?”

Open to youth in grades 9-12. Please have permission forms, a copy of health insurance cards, and a \$40 deposit to Pastor Evelyn or Stan by Wed March 29.

**Plus other local youth events to be planned!**

## **Confirmation Class Update**

Our Babbitt class has completed all the Small Catechism lessons. Because Pastor Evelyn has gotten behind on so many aspects of ministry, with much to do before Annual Meetings and Lent, we will not have any additional classes this school year. All students are encouraged to come to Lenten services.

## **Lenten Series**

As in the past two years, we will experience the Gospel through drama this Lent. In this year’s series, we’ll hear from “Silent Witnesses” that were part of the events of Holy Week. Babbitt’s series will be on Wednesday evenings (shared with Woodland Presbyterian). Ash Wednesday is March 1 at Woodland. If you might be willing to do one of these dramatic monologues (script provided, no memorization necessary), please let Pastor Evelyn know.

## **Lenten Faith Mentors**

As we did two years ago, each Confirmation student will be paired with an adult who will be their Lenten Faith Mentor. Discussion questions will be provided. Students will receive credit for a sermon note each week— no writing required.



### 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.

### Blood Drive

Memorial Blood Services will have their mobile donation clinic at BELC on Wednesday, February 15th from 11am—5 pm. Contact Sylvia Hammer at 827-2594 for an appointment time. Your donations save lives!

### Chili Feed

Planning is underway to have a Chili Feed and not a Chili Cook-off as has been previously done. Tentative plans are to have the Chili Feed at Kell's Kitchen on February 26th from 4-7PM. More information will be printed in the Sunday bulletin as plans are solidified.

### VLM Day Camp at BELC



Save the date and spread the word! BELC 2016 Day Camp will be August 7-11. Day Camp is open to all children who have completed grades K-5 at the end of the 2017 school year. Be sure to let your kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews, friends and neighbors know about our awesome Day Camp. Day Camp is led by Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry staff. Activities include Bible study, singing, games and crafts.



### BELC Annual Meeting & Brunch

All confirmed members are encouraged to come to our Annual Meeting following worship on Sunday, February 19th. Be a part of the decision making process as we review 2016 and elect new leadership. Copies of the completed 2017 Annual Meeting report will be available in the Narthex on Sunday, February 12. A special brunch will be served following the meeting, with free will contributions to support Day Camp and Bible Camp camperships.

### 2016 BELC Treasurer's Reports

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

**Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry's Annual Meeting** - Sat Feb 4, at Camp Vermilion's new dining hall. Registration at 10:30am, Meeting at 11am. Lunch is provided. RSVP at 800-331-5148 or [vlm@VLMcamps.org](mailto:vlm@VLMcamps.org)



### 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. Assignments are weekly. If you can assist with this please sign up in the narthex.

**Council Meeting Minutes  
Evangelical Lutheran Church  
January 11, 2017**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Sader, followed by opening prayer.

Present were: Roxanne Sader, Edna LaFrenier, Shanna Sundblad, Donna Muellerleile, Allan Eckman, Lynette Huovinen, Barb Richtsmeier and Pastor Weston.

Absent was: Bud Fish

Motion by Lynette Huovinen, support by Edna LaFrenier to adopt the agenda. Carried.

Motion by Edna LaFrenier, support by Shanna Sundblad to accept the Secretary's Report. Carried.

Motion by Shanna Sundblad, support by Allan Eckman to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and place on file. Carried.

**Old Business**

Chili Cook off was discussed. Lynette Huovinen working with Kell's Kitchen to have a chili feed rather than cook off. All proceeds would go to the Babbitt Area Food Shelf which is administered through AEOA. Date is tentatively set for February 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Update on Pastor's Compensation Package and Adjustments for 2017 was presented.

**New Business**

Nominating and Audit Committees have been notified concerning the February 19<sup>th</sup> 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Evangelical Lutheran.

Pay schedule set for Secretary McKibbon and Janitor Lois Flug. Secretary McKibbon's title will be changed to Administrative Assistant. Motion made by Lynette Huovinen, support from Allan Eckman. Carried. Salary for Secretary McKibbon set at \$11.00 per hour and Janitor Flug at 12:00 per hour.

Budget for 2017 was presented and approved for presentation at the Annual Meeting for approval by Congregation.

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

Meeting for February will be Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

February Communion Assistant Shanna Sundblad.

February Usher Allan Eckman.

Motion to adjourn by Shanna Sundblad, support by Lynette Huovinen at 7:50 p.m. followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Muellerleile  
Church Council Secretary

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19 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany 8:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion 9:30 AM Annual Meeting and Brunch for Camperships & Day Camp No Sunday School 2:00 PM Carefree Living Worship	20 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Crazy Quilters	21 March 2017 Evangel Deadline	22 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours 6:30 PM Council Meeting	23 8:30 AM TOPS	24 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours	25 Ruby's Pantry 8:00 AM Volunteers 9:30 AM Registration 10:00 AM - 11:30 PM Distribution
26 Transfiguration Sunday 8:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion and Installation of elected leaders 9:30 AM Coffee An' 9:30 AM Sunday School 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Chili Challenge at	27 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Crazy Quilters	28				



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**“Pray, and let God worry”  
*Martin Luther***

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