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### Evangelical Lutheran Church

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### Pastor Evelyn Weston

#### Pastor's Office Hours

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This Lent, we will be hearing from six “Silent Witnesses” about their connections with Jesus during Holy Week, when their paths crossed and they were forever changed. These witnesses will break their silence and share their faith stories with us.

Each one of us are witnesses to Christ, too. Our lives are forever changed when our Lord crosses our path. Are we silent about our faith experiences?

In my experience, every time I have an opportunity to tell others how God has helped me in big and small ways, it strengthens my own faith. It also has helped the person with whom I shared my faith experience.

During our Lenten services, discussion questions will be available that can help us talk about our life experiences, looking through the eyes of faith. Whether or not you're involved in our Lenten Faith Mentoring with a Confirmation student, you are welcome to use those questions to talk about faith experiences with someone else.

May God help each of us find new ways to move from “silent” to being “witnesses.”

In Christ,

*Pastor Evelyn*

“Being a Christian is less about cautiously avoiding sin than about courageously and actively doing God's will.”

*Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

### 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.



### Upcoming Scripture Readings.....

Mar	5	Matthew 4:1-11
	12	John 3:1-17
	19	John 4:5-42
	26	John 9:1-41
Apr	2	John 11:1-45
	9	Matthew 26:14-75, 26:1-66
	16	Matthew 28:1-10
	23	John 20:19-31
	30	Luke 24:13-35

### Lenten Schedule

March 1—at Woodland,  
Ash Wednesday Worship, 5:30 PM

March 8—at Evangelical  
Soup Supper, 5:30 PM  
Lenten Worship, 6:30 PM

March 15— at Woodland  
Soup Supper, 5:30 PM  
Lenten Worship, 6:30 PM

March 22—at Evangelical  
Soup Supper, 5:30 PM  
Lenten Worship, 6:30 PM

March 29—at Woodland  
Soup Supper, 5:30 PM  
Lenten Worship, 6:30 PM

### Carefree Living Worship

Worship service will be held at 2PM on Sunday, March 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!

### 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, March 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.

### 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.

[www.VLMcamps.org](http://www.VLMcamps.org)  
[vlm@VLMcamps.org](mailto:vlm@VLMcamps.org)  
 800-331-5148 OR 218-666-5465

**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.

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### 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 in March

#### Circle Duties for March

Meeting Hostess—None  
Special Occasion—Dorcas  
General Worship—None

#### Women of the ELCA

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Monday, March 13th, 6:00 PM

#### CIRCLES

Wednesday, March 15th

#### Altar Guild

Wednesday, March 8th, 1 PM

#### Attendance

January 29	28
February 5	38
February 12	41
February 19	46

#### Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 14th, 6:30 PM

#### 2017 Budget & Current Exp. Offering\* (thru Feb 19)

2016 Adopted Annual Budget	\$92,753
2016 Monthly Budget	\$ 7,730
February MTD Offering	\$ 4,729

Current Expense Offering YTD	\$10,375
Designated Offering YTD	\$ 3,141
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$ 53
<b>Total YTD Current Exp &amp; Designated</b>	<b>\$13,569</b>

\* Figures are unaudited and subject to adjustment.



## YOUTH EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

**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!

April 7-8, Fri-Sat - **Laurentian Youth Leadership Interfaith Urban Plunge in Minneapolis** for grades 9-12. \$40 registration plus food. Transportation (still TBD) will be supported by our ELCA grant. Hosted at Augsburg College (ELCA college). Spend time with youth from area churches. Learn about other faith traditions. Pastor Evelyn and Stan Dow, Jr. will be going. Let Pastor Evelyn know if you'll be joining us. Registration forms due by March 29th.

July 23-29, 2017 - **Laurentian Youth Leadership BWCA canoe trips** through Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry for grades 9-12. \$415 per person. Talk with Pastor Evelyn if you might be interested.

2017 **Confirmation Kick-off + Rachel Kurtz in Concert**— FREE! Wed Sept 13, location TBD. Come and be inspired by this wonderful Lutheran musician and speaker! Rachel has performed at several ELCA Youth Gatherings. Confirmation youth, high school youth, all ages are encouraged to come. Sponsored by Laurentian Youth Leadership. Pastor Evelyn will be driving.

June 27 –July 2 **2018 ELCA Youth Gathering “This Changes Everything”**. For youth currently in grades 8-11. Event is being held in Houston, TX. The travel dates for the NE MN Synod Journey June 22-July 2. Non-refundable deposit due in September.

## Confirmation Service Opportunities

Confirmation students are required to  
Some upcoming service opportunities:

- Ruby's Pantry, 4th Saturday of each month, 8am—noon+ (get 4+ hours each time).
- VLM Day Camp at BELC, Mon-Fri Aug 1-5, approx 9am-3pm (ends at noon on Friday). Students who have completed 8th grade can get 20+ hours in one fun week, helping the VLM counselors.

## 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.





**Council Meeting Minutes**

February 2017 Council meeting minutes were not available at publication time and will be included in the April 2017 Evangel.

**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.

**Volunteers Needed for Snow Removal and Lawn Care**

We are always looking for volunteers to keep the wheelchair ramp and sidewalk at the front entrance cleared during the winter months and to mow and trim the lawn during spring, summer and fall. Assignments are weekly. If you can assist with this please sign up in the narthex.

Women of the ELCA, Laurentian Conference

# 2017 Spring Gathering

## Caring for Creation

The Monitoring & Sustainability of  
Natural Resources at Voyageurs National Park.

Saturday, March 25, 2017

8:30am—2:00pm

First Lutheran Church

123 Wayside Lane,

International Falls, MN 56649

8:30AM Registration & Coffee An'

R.S.V.P. by March 20th to Aimee  
at 218-283-2208 between 9a-3p

Nursery Available

9:30AM Gathering Starts

Lunch donation—\$7



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>MARCH 2017</b>						
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**“Pray, and let God worry”  
*Martin Luther***

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