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It is often said that actions speak louder than words. As much as we value the words of Jesus, our faith and trust in Jesus can be strengthened when we remember his actions.

In the Gospels, we see Jesus loving all people. Jesus fed people who were hungry. He healed people who were seriously ill with both physical and mental illnesses. Our Lord welcomed people who were considered outsiders in his society—women, sick people who were unclean by Jewish Law, non-Jews, Jews who helped their Roman rulers, etc.

But even more, our faith can be strengthened by what Jesus did during the final week of his life. Jesus shared a holy meal with his followers, helping us all understand that he was prepared to sacrifice his body and blood for our sake. God's "suffering servant" endured torture and insult. Nailed to the cross, abandoned by most followers, Christ willingly gave his life for us. Those who loved Jesus laid his lifeless body in a tomb.

But that wasn't the end— Jesus rose from death, showing us that God's power reaches beyond the grave. Christ's resurrection shows us that God will indeed give us life eternal. Let us celebrate how God acted for our eternal blessing!

Living in Christ,

Pastor Evelyn

**“The cross was the pulpit
from which Christ preached his love to the world.”**

Saint Augustine

Upcoming Scripture Readings.....

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
May	7	John 10:1-10
	14	John 14:1-14
	21	John 14:15-21
	28	John 17:1-11

Lenten Schedule

March 29—at Woodland

Soup Supper, 5:30PM

Lenten Worship, 6:30PM

April 5—at Evangelical

Soup Supper, 5:30PM

Lenten Worship, 6:30PM

Holy Week

April 9— Palm Sunday

April 13—Maundy Thursday Passover Seder,
Embarrass Town Hall, 5:30PM

April 13—Maundy Thursday Worship,
Woodland Presbyterian, 6:00PM

April 14—Good Friday worship at BELC, 5:00PM

Good Friday worship at Hope, 7:00PM

Easter

April 16—Easter Sunday

Worship at 8:30 am

Easter Brunch at 9:30 am



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, April 2 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, April 22. 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

vlm@VLMcamps.org

800-331-5148 OR 218-666-5465

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 due to Lenten Wednesday.

The Spring Luncheon, originally scheduled for April 5th, has been rescheduled for May 3, at 11:30 AM.

Circle Duties for April

Meeting Hostess—no meeting
Special Occasion—Esther
General Worship—no meeting

CIRCLES

Wednesday, April 19th

Women of the ELCA

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Monday, April 10th, 6:00 PM

Altar Guild

Wednesday, April 12th, 1 PM

Attendance

February 26	46
March 5	43
March 12	51
March 19	47

Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 12th, 6:30 PM

2017 Budget & Current Exp. Offering* (thru Mar. 19)

2016 Adopted Annual Budget	\$92,753
2016 Monthly Budget	\$ 7,730
February MTD Offering	\$ 4,105
Current Expense Offering YTD	\$17,345
Designated Offering YTD	\$ 5,802
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$ 148
Total YTD Current Exp & Designated	\$23,295

* Figures are unaudited and subject to adjustment.



YOUTH EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

April 7-8, Fri-Sat - **Laurentian Youth Leadership Interfaith Urban Plunge in Minneapolis** for grades 9-12. \$40 registration plus food. Transportation 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.

Plus other local youth events to be planned!

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.



This Changes Everything - 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering

"By grace you have been saved...." Ephesians 2:8

June 27 to July 1, 2018, youth and adults from across our nation will gather in Houston, Texas for the ELCA Youth Gathering. Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service, and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

But first, we will start with the Synod Journey, June 23-26 in Galveston, TX, where we will begin our mission of helping others. We'll board charter buses in the Quad Cities and caravan with other buses from across Northeastern Minnesota Synod to Galveston Island. We also will worship, do service, and have great fellowship with the youth of the NE MN Synod.

All youth currently in grades 8-11 (2016-17 school year) can be part of this faith

experience. Group Registration begins Sept 15, 2017.

The cost for the 2018 Synod Journey and ELCA Youth Gathering will be roughly \$1,205, which includes transportation, lodging, Gathering registration, and some meals. With all meals, offerings, and spending money, the full cost should be no more than \$1,600 for June 23 through our return on July 2 (10 days).

This isn't a trip everyone will want to be part of, but I know several families in our parish that would like to give their youth the opportunity to be part of this event. We'll try to find fundraisers to help with the costs, especially looking for ways people outside our congregations can contribute.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Call or text 218-404-5303 or email eweston@luthersem.edu.

Pastor Evelyn



BELC DAY CAMP

AUGUST 7-11, 2017



FREE! GRADES K-5TH



SINGING & GAMES



BIBLE STORIES & CRAFTS



Tell your friends and family!



Remember to SMILE....

Serve others

Make Disciples

Invite All

Live in Hope

Embody Christ

Taken from the March 2017 Thrivent Calendar

Penny Collection

This year we collected \$157.47 for the Camp Vermillion Dining Hall and Retreat Center. Thank you to all who generously donated their loose change. Keep your pennies (nickels, dimes and quarters, too!) coming. Watch for the next recipient of our extra change to be posted by the penny jug in the sanctuary!

A BETTER TOMORROW, TODAY

In Bhutan, “Until the early ‘80s, people of all ethnicities were treated with respect.” Hasta Bhattarai says. When differences in language and tradition began to be soon as a threat those who practiced the customs and traditions of Nepal found themselves in harm’s way. Hasta remembers, “(Those in power) raped the women; people were beaten. They seized the bank accounts, the crops...they threatened us. We had to leave the country or face death.”

Hasta and his family fled, walking for days until they reached India. From there, they made their way to southern Nepal, where they lived in a refugee camp for 16 years.

In 2008, the Bhattarais had the opportunity to resettle in another country. They flew into Chicago’s O’Hare International Airport, with the help of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS), and ELCA World Hunger grant recipient.

The family was greeted by LIRS’ local partner, RefugeeOne, and members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Chicago. The congregation had been working closely with RefugeeONE3 to collect donations to cover the family’s first three months of rent and goods to furnish the family’s apartment.

RefugeeOne’s support continued as they helped the Bhattarais through case

management, immigration assistance and job placement. And through the years, Rita Schnell, a member of Holy Trinity, accompanied the family as the acclimated to life in the U.S.

Today, Hasta is a doorman at a prominent hotel in downtown Chicago. His wife, Chandra, recently earned a master’s degree in math and works as a tutor. The couple and their two sons have also moved into their first home.

Now fluent in English, Hasta helps other refugees navigate life in the U.S.—whether it’s overcoming the language barrier or cultural differences—so they, too, can adjust to their new home.

Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger have a lasting impact. Thank you for your commitment and for helping our church sow seeds today for a better tomorrow.

In the United States, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger support the work of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, work that is achieved through a network of 28 local organizations in 26 states, most of which are Lutheran social ministry organizations.

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May 2017 Evangel

The May 2017 Evangel will be available for pick up in the narthex on Sunday, April 23rd.



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April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Fifth Sunday in Lent 8:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion 9:30 AM Coffee An' 9:30 AM Sunday School 2:00 PM Carefree Living Worship	3 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Krazy Quilters meet	4	5 No WELCA General Meeting 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours 5:30 PM Soup Supper at BELC 6:30 PM Lenten Worship at BELC	6 8:30 AM TOPS	7 LYLP Interfaith Urban Plunge No Pastor's Office Hours	8 LYLP Interfaith Urban Plunge
9 Palm Sunday 8:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion 9:30 AM Coffee An' 9:30 AM Sunday School	10 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Krazy Quilters meet 6:00 PM WELCA Executive Board meets	11	12 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours 1:00 PM Altar Guild meets 6:30 PM Council Meeting	13 Maundy Thursday 8:30 AM TOPS 1:00 PM Carefree Living Communion 5:30 PM Passover Seder, Embarrass Town Hall 6:00 PM Worship at Woodland	14 Good Friday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours 5:00 PM Worship Service at BELC 7:00 PM Worship Service at Hope	15
16 Easter Sunday 8:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion 9:30 AM Easter Brunch No Sunday School	17 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Krazy Quilters meet	18	19 Circles meet 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours	20 8:30 AM TOPS	21 No Pastor's Office Hours	22 Ruby's Pantry in Babbitt 8:00 AM Volunteers 9:30 AM Registration 10:00 AM - 11:30 PM Distribution
23 Second Sunday in Easter 8:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion 9:30 AM Coffee An' 9:30 AM Sunday School	24 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Krazy Quilters meet	25	26 No Pastor's Office Hours	27 8:30 AM TOPS	28 NE MN Synod Assembly at Cragun's No Pastor's Office Hours	29 NE MN Synod Assembly at Cragun's
30 Third Sunday in Easter NE MN Synod Assembly at Cragun's 8:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion, Pastor Paul Buettnner preaching 9:30 AM Coffee An' 9:30 AM Sunday School	<h1>Alleluia!</h1>					

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

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

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