

# E-Weekly

*Happy Valentine's Day!*

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A vibrant purple-themed poster for a bingo event. The word "BINGO" is written in large, colorful, bubbly letters at the top. Below it, a banner reads "BINGO". In the center, the text "Join us for Bingo at the Care Center Saturday Feb. 15 2:00 pm" is written in a purple, sans-serif font. The poster is decorated with various bingo-related icons: a gold trophy, a blue and yellow medal, a bingo card, and several colorful stars. At the bottom, the word "BINGO" is spelled out in large, colorful circles. The entire poster is framed by a decorative border of hearts and other patterns.

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## Last-minute gifts to sweeten Valentine's Day

Visit <https://goodgifts.elca.org> to give a life-changing charitable gift in honor of your loved one this Valentine's Day, and send an e-card or download a printable card to let them know!

Give online and find a selection of cards, including some special-edition Valentine's Day cards, <https://goodgifts.elca.org/valentines-day> to **download and print at home or to send via email.**

Make someone  
smile this  
Valentine's Day



Give a pair of goats (\$100),  
honeybees (\$20),  
a fruit-tree seedling (\$10) or  
a piglet (\$30)  
in honor of your valentine and help  
someone in our world overcome  
hunger and poverty.







THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 6:17-26

Jesus teaching crowds on a high plain  
by William Brassey Hole (1846-1917)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hfWiAiKxfNs>



The Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Committee is excited to host Rev. Emmy Kegler.

She is an ELCA pastor, currently on leave home with her family. She will be here in Grand Marais on February 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The RIC committee will meet with her on Saturday, to discuss our process with the church.

On Sunday, she will speak in church on the topic of what it means to be "*Welcoming*".

After the worship service, she will offer a workshop on "*How to Read the Bible*".

She is the author of two books "*One Coin Found*", and "*All Who are Weary*". You can read more about her on her website [emmykegler.com](http://emmykegler.com).

We hope you will join us on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> for the service and her workshop!



## For what shall we pray?

*“For what shall we pray?” is a weekly post inviting individuals, groups, and congregations to lift up our world in prayer. This resource is prepared by a variety of leaders in the ELCA and includes prayer prompts, upcoming events and observances, and prayer suggestions from existing denominational worship materials. You are encouraged to use these resources as a starting point, and to adapt and add other concerns from your local context. More information about this resource can be found [here](#).*

### Readings and Psalm

#### Jeremiah 17:5-10

*Blessed are those who trust the LORD, they are like trees by water*

#### Psalm 1

*They are like trees planted by streams of water.*

#### 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

*Christ has been raised, the first fruits of those who have died*

#### Luke 6:17-26

*Jesus speaks blessings on the poor and hungry; woes on the rich and full*

“What do you  
want me to do  
for you?”  
- Jesus Luke 18:41

#### Family Prayer Requests:

Katie, Parker & Sophia Slanga, Linda Zenk,  
Christy Buetow, Shae Lindholm, Vera Finn,  
Gene Erickson, Lynn & Craig Schulte,  
Rhonda Schulte, Joan Bieber, Emily Ulhorn,  
Bruce & Stacey Johnson; Stephanie Radloff;  
Hillary Freeman

#### Community Prayer Requests:

Robbie; Bella; Rhonda Silence, Mark  
LaKosky, Hank Ferland, Jack Anderson,  
Betty Jones, Carol Ann

### Prayer prompts:

For areas of the world impacted by ongoing war, conflict, or political instability, especially Ukraine, Gaza, and Bangladesh...

For Israeli and Palestinian hostages...

For all organizations whose mission and work centers on migrants, elders, those living in poverty, those seeking behavioral health services, foster care and adoption services, employment assistance, hunger relief, and other ministries of societal care...

For our nation, all who govern, and all leaders tasked with attending to the common good...

For healthcare workers and health research...

For those affected by flu, COVID, RSV, norovirus, and other heightened illnesses...

For global neighbors, especially Canada and Mexico...

For ongoing earthquakes on the Greek island of Santorini...

For victims of the Guatemalan bus crash and their families...

### Prayer Focus for You:

**Luther said**, “Nothing can be said here and about the part of faith and Holy Scriptures (in prayer) because there would be no end to what could be said. With practice one can take the Ten Commandments on one day, a psalm or chapter of the Holy Scripture the next day, and use them as a flint and steel to kindle a flame in the heart.”

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# ECOFAITH SUMMIT OF THE UPPER MIDWEST

## EARTH'S CRIES, EARTH'S CALL Becoming Midwives of Hope for the Healing of Creation

APRIL 5, 2025  
DULUTH

EcoFaith Summit 2025  
Earth's Cries,  
Earth's Call

Becoming Midwives  
of Hope for the  
Healing of Creation

**Saturday, April 5, 2025**

at First Lutheran Church in  
Duluth and Online

9:30am - 5:00pm

(Free Childcare Provided)

**Bethlehem will cover Registration  
Costs and Mileage**

- Individual - \$30 • Carpool Rate - \$25
- Under 30 years old register free
- Livestream Registration - Free

**Will you become a  
Representative for  
Bethlehem?**

**The ever-increasing cries of creation in crisis could easily overwhelm us.**

Instead let them serve as a clarion call to help bring life out of potential death, to help give renewed birth to all creation, to all creatures including ourselves.

**Join in becoming midwives of hope and healing.** Like Shiphrah and Puah in the Exodus story, who defied Pharaoh and brought forth life in the midst of slavery and death, we know that every child, all life, all of creation is worthy of saving through defiance and courage. Their story births something in us. These midwives become our models. They call and sing to us from the pages of Scripture – 'Do likewise, O people, help bring forth life that staves off death.'

**Keynote speaker** Dr. Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, author, organizer, and theological ethicist, will lead us in naming the powers that are destroying the earth and introducing us to midwives of hope today.

**Special presenter** Dr. Kelly Sherman-Conroy, member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, dynamic storyteller, poet, scholar, and the first Native woman to earn a PhD in theology within the ELCA, she offers a groundbreaking blend of Indigenous spirituality and Christian teachings.

**The Summit will feature** compelling speakers, enlivening worship, informative exhibits, opportunities for networking, and an array of engagement sessions for giving birth to strong, creative action in our congregations, camps, campuses, and communities. Morning refreshments, fresh local lunch and celebratory final reception are included in the day.

**We need a Synod Representative to EcoFaith.**

**Will you become a Representative for Bethlehem?**

**Talk to Pastor Calvin if you have an interest in EcoFaith programs.**

<https://www.ecofaithnetwork.org/ecofaith-summit-2025>

# Community News!

I am walking 5K on Saturday, February 22 to raise money for the Gospel Mission in Duluth. This is the distance an average person walks per day to find a warming shelter. Please consider a donation to this organization. Thank you.

- Kris Hedstrom



**Walk a Mile in  
These Shoes**

[https://raceroster.com/events/2025/97617/miles-for-the-mission/pledge/participant/32847808?fbclid=IwY2xjawlZislleHRuA2FlbQIxmQABHbN36V0LrIGqdZ3JRcmkasP6pWM4MfM63--BG-FS1JNXdFKKz207P93uMg\\_aem\\_VHIL-T7xLvKLLulg8cEmog](https://raceroster.com/events/2025/97617/miles-for-the-mission/pledge/participant/32847808?fbclid=IwY2xjawlZislleHRuA2FlbQIxmQABHbN36V0LrIGqdZ3JRcmkasP6pWM4MfM63--BG-FS1JNXdFKKz207P93uMg_aem_VHIL-T7xLvKLLulg8cEmog)



**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**MARCH 5, 2025**

**5:30 MEAL, 6:00 WORSHIP, 6:30 CONFIRMATION**



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