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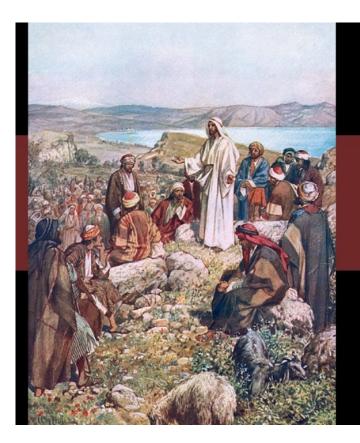


Last-minute gifts to sweeten Valentine's Day

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.





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 22nd & 23rd.

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.

We hope you will join us on Sunday the 23rd 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:

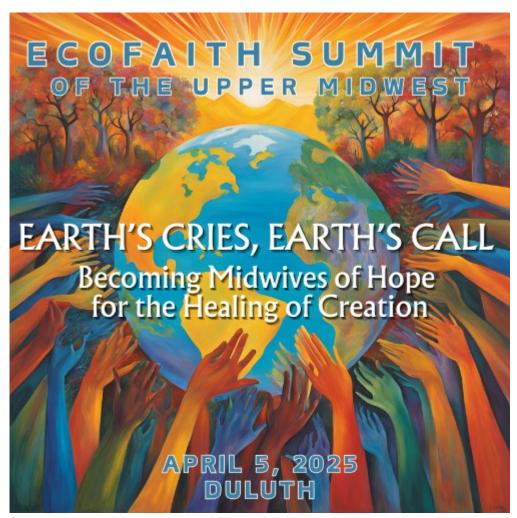
Luther said, "Nothing can be said here and about the part of faith and Holy Scriptures (in prayer) because there would be no end to what could be said. With practice one can take the Ten Commandments on one day, a psalm or chapter of the Holy Scripture the next day, and use them as a flint and steel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

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EcoFaith Summit 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

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