

## **Rev. Marilyn Loken**

Pastor Marilyn Loken (Elder) was appointed by Bishop Ough to the Weaver United Methodist Church in September of 2015. Pastor Marilyn came to us from New Zealand where she served Hills Community Church, a multi-denominational church on the South Island in the village of Mapua. She was also a supply pastor to two rural New Zealand churches and taught at Bishopdale Theological College in Nelson New Zealand. Previously she served as pastor at the Lanesboro United Methodist Church where she and her husband, Rod, also ran Shepherd's Rest, a retreat facility for clergy couples. She has also served churches in Wisconsin including Hayward United Methodist Church and Hudson United Methodist Church. She received her Master of Divinity degree from Bethel Theological College in St. Paul, Minnesota and her Bachelor's degree from Michigan State University.

Pastor Marilyn has been married to her husband Rod for 30 years and live in Wabasha. They have two children, two grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Marilyn and Rod enjoy travel, gardening, birdwatching, golf and anything nature-related.