



NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Marquette, Michigan

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E-Notes for July 31, 2016

The Season of Pentecost

QUOTE OF THE DAY

I Corinthians 13

"Love is patient, love is kind.
Love is not boastful or arrogant or rude...."

"Against all popular opinion, this is not a passage about romantic love, but about a radical communal love that enables individuals to imagine life in a community where unity and difference can co-exist. [It] helps our congregations envision a kind of love that can have such extraordinary power so as to create, sustain, and build Christian unity."

- Professor Karoline Lewis, www.workingpreacher.org, Luther Seminary, St. Paul

Conference Meetings Coming Soon!!

This is what we know so far. If your conference is not listed, please ask your Conference President to let the Synod Office know what your

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<u>Conference</u>	<u>Meeting Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
1	Sharon, Bessemer	10/16	?
2			
3	Shepherd of the Lakes, Sayner	10/09	2 p.m.
4			
5	Northland, Marinette	10/20	5 p.m.
6	First, Gladstone	10/09	4 p.m.
7			
8	Messiah, Marquette	9/17	10 a.m.

Conference meetings are meant to be a time to consider how congregations can partner together in ministry, a time to share ideas, and to elect new leadership. Your attendance is encouraged!!!



1517 - 2017 THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LUTHERAN REFORMATION

**"FROM CONFLICT TO COMMUNION"
Journeying Toward Shared Faith and Life**

**This event will facilitate discussion, prompt reflection,
and urge collective action that builds mutual
understanding and strengthens ties among diverse
expressions of faith.**

Sponsored by
Finlandia University and the Northern Great Lakes Synod

**September 25-27, 2016
at Finlandia University
Hancock, Michigan**

This conference is for clergy and interested lay people
and will feature presentations by
Bishop Alex Malasusa of the
Eastern and Coastal Diocese of the Evangelical
Lutheran Church in Tanzania
and
Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota
Historian Professor Dr. Mark Granquist.

**Worship
Panel Discussions
Key Notes
Workshops
Banquet**

Register online at
www.nglsynod.org/reformation

found **faithful**
in **little**
with **much**
with **all**
1 Corinthians 4:1-2

Faithful Finances

Coming Saturday, November 5, 2016

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12:30 - 3:30 p.m. ET
at Immanuel, Negaunee,
following the Sticky Faith Workshop.

For Financial Secretaries, Pastors, Council Members,
Bill Payers, and anyone who wants to learn about
Financial Best Practices for Congregations.

Led by the Synod Bookkeeper, Betsy Koski

More info at www.nglsynod.org.

Ad Campaign Update!

In the Advertising world, the success of a national campaign like McDonalds or Chevrolet is measured in something called "gross points," which is a figure that shows how many individuals have been reached. Such a campaign of these well-known brands would aim for 300 gross points. Our Ad Campaign has already surpassed that number. We measure in at 397 gross points! Yea!!

You may have seen the ads which are being broadcast toward the end and beginning of each month, and shared on social media. The website, www.churchisgood.org is receiving daily hits from unique/new visitors. The Facebook page also receives 5-10 new views a week.

In addition, congregations have updated their websites, created Facebook pages, updated their answering machines, and there is an increased awareness of being welcoming to the people who visit. We are more mindful of how the community sees us. All good things.

For our Ad campaign to continue as it has been designed, we still need about \$10,000 to buy air time, so that this campaign can fund the full 7 months, rather than end after only a few weeks.

If you're church hasn't already done so, please consider giving a gift to support this new effort to Witness.

Also, please send us a digital copy of the outside of your church building for the websites.

LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

+For our nation as we continue to discern who our future leaders will be.

+For Pastor Melinda Shriner and the congregation of Our Redeemer, Newberry as she is installed on Sunday, August 28th, at 2:30 p.m. ET Clergy are invited to vest. The color of the day is red.

+For Pastor-elect John Ansell as he is ordained into the Ministry of Word and Sacrament on August 21, 2016. He has been called to serve United, L'Anse. May God bless their new partnership!

+For the earth, where fire rages, send water; where flood waters rise, offer refuge; where winds destroy, recovery. Make us good stewards of all beauty and resources of the earth.





Mark Your Calendars!!
The Festival is Coming! The Festival is Coming!

Friday - Saturday, October 28-29
at First, Gladstone

Come for opening Festival Worship done up righteous!
Stay for a cornucopia of ideas and information.

The following workshops have been confirmed:

Faith Out Loud
Practicing Discipleship
World Hunger
What Can Thrivent Do for You?
Funding Your Efforts through Endowment
Stewardship Today
Constitutional Review - the Latest Amendments
Lutheran Social Services

For more information, contact Marybeth at 608-785-1234

**EFFECTIVE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA IN THE PARISH
What is a Reconciled in Christ Congregation?
Human Trafficking and What Can We Do About It?
Ideas to Mark the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation
Women of the Reformation
A Sneaky Visitor Tells All**

**We will have displays, door prizes, new ideas, and more.
Past Festival participants remarked on the positive
energy, the joy of being together, and the great sparks of
creativity that they brought back to their own
congregations.**

Don't Miss it!!

Pastors! Looking for a great Continuing Education opportunity?

Go to www.leadingwell.net
Grants funded by the Siebert Foundation

ROAD TRIP TO MINNEAPOLIS

THE BAD NEWS: While interest in going to Germany and Lutherland was high, many folks, for many reasons, were not able to go. So the Germany trip of September 2016 has been cancelled.

THE GOOD NEWS: You have the chance to see some of the history of the Reformation anyway!!

November 9-11, 2016

The NGLS is sponsoring a bus tour to Minneapolis to see an exhibit of artifacts and Luther-memorabilia sponsored by Thrivent at the Minneapolis Institute of Art.

Cost will be about \$250 per person based on double occupancy. This includes bus, hotel, most meals, and exhibit with guided tour.

Register by sending a \$100 per person deposit to:
Northern Great Lakes Synod
1029 N. Third Street, Suite A
Marquette, MI 49855

For a tentative schedule of events, check out our website!

**The bus holds 56 people.
Once it's full, it's full!!**

Always
being made
New.

The Campaign for the ELCA.

Always Being Made New Campaign

Thank you to all the congregations and individuals who contributed to the Always Being Made New Campaign for 2015! We now have almost \$5000 that is available for grants to our Northern Great Lakes Synod congregations for Barrier-Free Projects.

Grant applications to be considered for these Barrier-Free funds are now available on the Synod website.

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www.nglsynod.org.

Application deadline is September 1, 2016.



The WELCA Convention and Retreat is coming to Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp September 16-18, 2016. For more information, go to the Synod website, talk to your local WELCA representative, or call Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp. It's a great weekend of fellowship and Spiritual renewal. Don't miss it!!!



STICKY FAITH

Coming this November!

**To equip adults who work with
children and teenagers!**

- Deadline for registering - November 1st
- Register by calling the Synod Office
- Only \$5.00
- Hosted at Immanuel, Negaunee
- 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. ET
- Saturday, November 5, 2016
- Pay at the door

**Give a boost to your S.S. Teachers,
Confirmation & Youth leaders, etc.!!!**

Check out www.prayfaithfully.org
for weekly "Breath Prayer"
and Daily Devotions.
The synod website is www.nglsynod.org



**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 22, 2016**

**HANDBELL CHOIR
WORKSHOP**

For both the beginner and
advanced bell ringers,
seasoned and novice directors.

Come learn new
techniques, resources,
and more!

Featuring Lucas Wickstrom and
other local Bell Choir Directors.

Register by going to
www.nglsynod.org and use

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**Handbell
Choir
Workshop**

Bring Your Bells!

**Bring Your
Favorite Anthem!**

**Everyone
Welcome!**

At Bethel Lutheran Church
333 E. Ridge Street
Ishpeming, MI

Lunch Included
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.ET

Cost:
\$10 if registered by Oct. 14
\$20 if received after Oct. 14

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Paypal or print the flyer from the website, cut off and fill out the lower portion and send along with check to 1029 N. 3rd St., Marquette, MI 49855

www.nglsynod.org
906-228-2300

Direct questions to:
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- Rev. Katherine Finegan
Assistant to the Bishop

