



**NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD**  
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## **E-Notes for August 15, 2016**

### **The Season of Pentecost**

#### **QUOTE OF THE DAY**

Bishop Elizabeth Eaton from her report at the 2016 Churchwide Assembly in New Orleans.

"I think it's important when we organize our work together that we understand that we are church first," said ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. "And we need to be clear that our lives are formed by word and sacrament, that we gather as the beloved children of God around the means of grace, that our lives are in Christ." [#ELCAcwa](#)

In an effort to focus on theology as that which defines and unifies all Lutherans, Eaton told the assembly she is calling this church to read the small catechism together from now until October 2017.

Focusing on being church together, Eaton said it is important members understand that church goes beyond the four walls of their congregations to include synods and the

whole of the ELCA.

"But it's not just the ELCA. We are part of The Lutheran World Federation where we are church together, with churches from all across the world. And we're not just Lutheran," said Eaton referring to the ELCA's six full communion partners.

"We just can't somehow ignore that we live in an interreligious culture right now and that we need to work together, particularly at this time in this country when there's so much fear of the other, particularly of people of other religious traditions," she said.

For the full article, go to <http://elca.org/News-and-Events/7851>. Bishop Eaton's full report can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0KhBWJKTmTc>.

## **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 Conference Meeting plans are.

<b>Conference</b>	<b>Meeting Place</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
1	Sharon, Bessemer	10/16	3 p.m.
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3	Shepherd of the Lakes, Sayner	10/09	2 p.m.
4	United, Crystal Falls	10/16	2:30 p.m.
5	Northland, Marinette	10/20	5 p.m.
6	First, Gladstone	10/09	4 p.m.
7	Zion, St. Ignace	10/02	4 p.m.
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**

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](http://www.nglsynod.org/reformation)**



### **Faithful Finances**

Coming Saturday, November 5, 2016  
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](http://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](http://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 \$9,000 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 Pastor-elect Joe Daiker as he is ordained into the Ministry of Word and Sacrament on August 21, 2016. He has been called to serve Bethel, Cedarville and Zion, Allenville. We pray God's blessings upon their partnership in ministry!

+For Pastor Dave Johnson as his time at Faith, Ishpeming comes to an end and he accepts a new call to serve Bethany, Norway and Calvary, Quinnesec. God be with all congregations who are in the midst of pastoral transition.





**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**  
**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 Special Visitor Tells All**



## **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!!**

## ***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



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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, [www.nglsynod.org](http://www.nglsynod.org).

**Application deadline is September 1, 2016.**

Women of the **ELCA** 

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.!!!**

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Check out [www.prayfaithfully.org](http://www.prayfaithfully.org)  
for weekly **"Breath Prayer"**  
and **Daily Devotions.**  
The synod website is [www.nglsynod.org](http://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](http://www.nglsynod.org) and use 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

**Make Checks to "Northern Great  
Lakes Synod."**

## **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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