



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

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E-Notes for August 31, 2016

The Season of Pentecost

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"In love, we are not even afraid of 'fate.' We are not afraid of being caught up, transformed, having the whole world made new for us...you are made new."

- Gerhard Forde, "Where God Meets Man," p. 66.

Stewardship Meetings

6 - 8 p.m. local time:

Three meetings held, five to go.

For all congregational leaders, lay and clergy!

Are you coming?

**Please let the Synod Office know - 906-228-2300 or
ngls@nglsynod.org.**

1. September 1 - Holy Trinity, Chassell

2. September 6 - Prince of Peace, Eagle River
3. September 12 - Emmanuel, Menominee
4. September 13 - Bethany, Negaunee
5. September 15 - Sharon, Bessemer

Conference Meetings Coming Soon!!

<u>Conference</u>	<u>Meeting Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
1	Sharon, Bessemer	10/16	3 p.m.
2	Holy Trinity, Chassell	10/09	3 p.m.
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
with a generous gift from Thrivent Financial**

**September 25-26, 2016
at Finlandia University
Hancock, Michigan
(note date changes)**

**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
Lectures
Workshops
Meals & Fellowship**

**Register online at
www.nglsynod.org/reformation**

TRANSITIONS

- God bless Pastor Sally Wilke (Grace, South Range and First,

Dollar Bay) on her retirement at the end of September.

- Congratulations to Ervin Sparapani from Bethany, Norway on his election to the ELCA Church Council.
- God keep our newest pastoral transitions:

Pastor John Ansell, serving at United, L'Anse

Pastor Melinda Shriner, serving at Our Redeemer, Newberry

Pastor Joe Daiker, serving at Zion, Allenville and
Bethel, Cedarville

Pastor Dave Johnson, beginning his work at Calvary,
Quinnesec and Bethany, Norway



Calling all Pastor-type Musicians!!!

The Synod Worship Committee is hoping to assemble an Ad-Hoc Band to accompany the Closing worship at next year's Synod Assembly. The band might also be asked to accompany Assembly Hymn singing during plenary times.

Synod Assembly is Sunday - Tuesday, May 21-23, 2017. Plenary sessions will be Monday and Tuesday (May 22-23) and the Closing worship will be Tuesday, May 23, at NMU.

Are you interested?

We are looking for drums, keyboard, guitar, another guitar, bass guitar, tambourine, flute, strings - whatever you've got!!!

Please contact Pastor Katherine at the Synod Office if you're interested!

Interested?



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.

Ad Campaign Update!

The Ad Campaign is going well. 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 \$8,000 to buy air time.

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 Bishop Alex Malasusa and our companion synod, the
Eastern and Coastal Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church
in Tanzania.

+For the hungry, the lonely, the hurting in our midst.

+For school teachers, students and staff. Help the schools teach
our young people to grow into happy, productive adults.

+For those who serve as police officers, fire fighters, or first
responders.





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 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

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!!**



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!!!

"Earth Care: A Faith Imperative"

Wisconsin Interfaith Power & Light's conference
at the St. Bernard Catholic Parish | Appleton, Wisconsin

Sunday - September 19, 2016

This event would be of interest to members of the Northern Great Lakes synod who are concerned about caring for God's creation and helping to bring about a more just, healthy, and sustainable future for all people. It is also directly relevant to the recent ELCA Churchwide assembly resolution vote to work toward a sustainable energy future.

We are offering a special registration rate for congregation teams -- \$50 for four or more persons from one congregation (normally \$15 per person). This rate is good until September 10, after which it increases to \$60. More information is at <http://bit.ly/2afNHe7> and you can register on-line at <http://bit.ly/2a6GRdz> or by calling [608-837-3108](tel:608-837-3108).



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

**Handbell
Choir
Workshop**

Bring Your Bells!

**Bring Your
Favorite Anthem!**

**Everyone
Welcome!**

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 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."**

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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Bishop**

