



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

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E-Notes for September 15, 2016

The Season of Pentecost

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Luther's last written words are often remembered to this day: 'This is true, we are all beggars.' By the time Luther died, he and his fame were all used up. Nothing was left of him to boast in but his Lord, Jesus Christ."

- Steven Paulson, "Luther for Armchair Theologians" p. 208

The Always Being Made New Campaign **in the Northern Great Lakes Synod**

As we enter the second year of this campaign,
we thank you and we thank God for the generous
contributions toward the recipients of the 2015 year;

New and Renewing congregations,
Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, and Barrier Free Projects.

Please go to www.nglsynod.org to apply for a grant to
support your congregation's efforts to be barrier free.

In 2016, the Campaign is raising funds to support both ELCA World Hunger, and local efforts to address poverty and hunger. ELCA World Hunger provides a wealth of resources to education congregations and offer opportunities to give at www.elca.org/hunger. Many Northern Great Lakes congregations house or support local food pantries, clothes closets, week-end backpack meals.

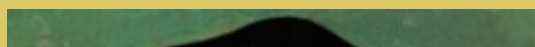
Please be generous! Funds raised in 2016 will be split evenly between ELCA World Hunger and grants made available to support local NGLS efforts to address hunger and poverty.

Let us join together to do God's work on a scale and scope that we could never do within our individual congregations.

Conference Meetings Coming Soon!!

| <u>Conference</u> | <u>Meeting Place</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Sharon, Bessemer | 10/16 | 3:00 p.m. |
| 2 | Holy Trinity, Chassell | 10/09 | 3:00 p.m. |
| 3 | Shepherd of the Lakes, Sayner | 10/09 | 2:00 p.m. |
| 4 | United, Crystal Falls | 10/16 | 2:30 p.m. |
| 5 | Northland, Marinette | 10/20 | 5:00 p.m. |
| 6 | First, Gladstone | 10/09 | 4:00 p.m. |
| 7 | Zion, St. Ignace | 10/02 | 4:00 p.m. |
| 8 | Messiah, Marquette | 9/17 | 10:00 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

- Our prayers are with Pastor Kristi Ursin on the death of her father.
- God bless Pastor John Ansell on his installation Monday evening, September 19th - United L'Anse at 6:00 p.m. Clergy are invited to process. Color of the day is red.



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!



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. Bishop Malasusa will be in our synod September 17-27, 2016.

+For those who gather at our Reformation Conference on September 25-26, 2016.

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

+For the peace of Syria, Iraq, and Afghanistan.



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
Wondering Creatively: Faith and Imagination
World Hunger - Poverty Simulation
What Can Thrivent Do for You?
Funding Your Efforts through Endowment
Lutheran Confessions
The ELW Revisited

Stewardship Today
Calling a Pastor - What is the Process?
Constitutional Review - the Latest Amendments
Expanding Your Congregation's Social Ministry
The Blessings of an Endowment Fund

Portico

How to Relate to Those Who are Suffering

Leading in Times of Change

Effective Use of Social Media in the Parish

What is a Reconciled in Christ Congregation?

Human Trafficking

Celebrating 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.

Check out the schedule at www.nglsynod.org to plan what workshops to attend.

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!!**

Sign up by November 1, 2016.

"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.

The registration rate for congregation teams -- \$60 for four or more persons

from one congregation (normally \$15 per person). 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



**Handbell
Choir
Workshop**

Bring Your Bells!



**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 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."**

**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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