



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

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### E-Notes for September 30, 2016

## The Season of Pentecost

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Luther told one dying man, 'God will not forsake you. He is not a tyrant who holds a good, crude blunder against you either, not even blasphemy when you are in distress, or denial of God, such as Peter committed and Paul too. Do not be distrubted by people to whom Christ is just a joke and a laughingstock...He who is within us is greater than he who is in the world.'"

from *Luther: The Reformer* by James Kittleson, p. 285

### 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.

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 educate congregations and offer opportunities to give at [www.elca.org/hunger](http://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!!**

<b><u>Conference</u></b>	<b><u>Meeting Place</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>
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!!!

has a Baldwin Organ for sale.  
Give them a call if you are interested.  
906-227-9115

## **TRANSITIONS**

- God bless Pastor Sally Wilke as she resigns from First, Dollar Bay and Grace, South Range to begin the adventure of retirement.
- We celebrate with Bethel, Cedarville and Zion, Allenville at the installation of their new pastor, Rev. Joe Daiker, on Sunday, October 23 at Bethel at 3:00 p.m. (ET). Clergy are invited to vest. The color of the day is red. All are welcome!
- We also celebrate with Bethany, Norway and Calvary, Quinnesec at the installation of their new pastor, Rev. David Johnson, on Sunday, November 6 at 1:30 p.m. (CT) at Bethany. Clergy are invited to vest. The color of the day is red, and All are Welcome!!



### **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 - 3:00 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).

## **MARKED!**

Sunday, February 26 at Eden, Munising  
Sunday, March 5 at First, Iron River

**Please note the date changes!**

Make plans now to attend  
with your Confirmation Youth,  
and to collect Health Kit and Love Bundle  
supplies in your congregation.

### **LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER**

- +For those battling cancer: grant them healing and peace.
- +For those who are caregivers: grant them strength and relief.
- +For those who are oppressed, fearful or angry: grant them a way forward.
- +For the work of your Spirit in our Synod, in our churches, in your Church. Call people to faith and make our congregations communities of welcome, blessing and meaning.





**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**

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**CORE**  
**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](http://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 \$250 per person 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.  
If you have sent in a deposit, the balance  
is also due by November 1.**

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# **LOOKING AHEAD**

## **Congregational Leaders Intensive**

**February 24-25, 2017**

**at Fortune Lake Camp  
Crystal Falls, MI**



**Effective leadership is important!  
Be equipped, learn new skills, deepen  
your understanding of what effective  
congregational leadership looks like.**

**Request a Thrivent Action Grant to  
help with expenses.**

**More details coming soon!**





# STICKY FAITH

Coming Saturday, November 5!

**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
- Pay at the door

**Give a boost to your Sunday  
School Teachers,  
Confirmation and Youth leaders, etc.!!!**

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**

**Handbell  
Choir  
Workshop**

**Bring Your Bells!**

**Bring Your  
Favorite Anthem!**

**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 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."**

## **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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